Welcome to the New 4-H Year!
4-H members and adult volunteers need to reenroll via 4honline.

1. Log in and re-enroll all members and adult volunteers in your family by visiting v2.4honline.com (You can also find a button for 4honline on the homepage of our website.)
2. All current 4-H members and volunteers already have a profile. If you do not remember the email you used to register your family or it has changed just let your office know and it can be updated or sent to you. Also check to see that your Code of Conduct is completed.
3. Please check your projects and clubs listed.
   a. Only list a project once (Select the club associated best with that project)
   b. You cannot be in the same project area in two different clubs, counties or states.
      For example: Sally is in a General Science club and a Rabbit Club. She can do community service and leadership in both clubs, but if doing Leadership as a project should select the one that works best. She may decide to do Rabbits, Veterinary Science and Leadership in the Rabbit Club, but would not also list them in her General Science Club.
4. Once you re-enroll follow the direction on accessing the "Membership Payment" portion for MA 4-H to complete the process.
5. If you have new family members to add or are new to 4-H reach out to the local office for the required paperwork and process. (You can find your local office at the end of the newsblast.)
6. There are some resources under 4honline in the "about" section on our website, but also watch for upcoming zoom sessions and open houses.
7. *NOTE: If you do not see your club listed it is likely that their end of year reports are still in process of getting submitted and approved so check with the leader. or local educator. Clubs should not be meeting until their materials are submitted and they are approved for the new year.

Online 4-H Volunteer Training
This nine part 4-H 101 series will be held on Zoom starting on September 15 on Wednesday evenings. Discussions will focus on methods of delivering 4-H programs and managing 4-H clubs. Resources that will be shared include "Introduction to Youth Development", "The Essentials Elements", and "Understanding 4-H Culture". Participating in 4-H 101 will allow volunteers and parents to meet and share ideas for enhancing 4-H Club programs. Current 4-H volunteers and parents are all welcome to join the sessions

Dates to mark are: September 15-November 3, 7:00-8:00 P.M. Click on this link to register: http://forms.gle/Tu5zru4u2FoA4q3Z6

Contact VaShon Hiltpold at vwallace@umass.edu with questions.

Making the Connection: Home Schooling & 4-H
Join this program connecting Home School and 4-H! Participants will get a chance to learn all about the UMass Extension 4-H program, hear from 4-H volunteers that conduct home school programs, learn about 4-H curriculum, and hear from 4-H members that are home schooled. See how 4-H and home schooling can connect with joining or creating clubs and taking part in programs. To register, go to: https://bit.ly/2XP9rd9

The Information Session will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 7:00 PM on Zoom

ANIMAL SCIENCE
Contact Carrie Sears with any questions or to register for any of the events below at ccsears@umext.umass.edu

September 13 – 7pm - League of Protein Producers

The Big E, West Springfield, MA – September 17-October 3.
Website – www.thebige.com

If you plan to visit the Big E, UMass 4-H members will be competing in contests/competitions on these dates; go and say hello!
Saturday, September 18 – 4-H Day at the Fair
MA 4-H Dairy members will be competing in the Mallary Arena 1
9:00am – Quiz Bowl
5:30pm – Grilled Cheese and Milk Shake Contests

September 27th – MA 4-H Beef youth will be exhibiting their project steers and selling them in the Mallary Arena 1
10:30am – Steer Show
6:00pm – Beef Sale

October 2nd – MA 4-H Sheep and Goat members will be competing in educational displays, demos, judging, quiz bowl and lamb burger cook-off.
11:00 am - Skill-a-Thon -Mallary - Ring #3
1:00 pm - Quiz Bowl -Mallary Arena 1
3:00 pm - Lamb Burger Cook-Off -Mallary Ring #3

Goat Contests – To be held in the Mallary Complex
9:30-11:00 am - Dairy Goat Judging Contest
11:00am - Judging Educational Displays
11:00 – 3:00pm – Demonstrations

October 3rd - MA 4-H Dog youth will be at the fair in the Mallary Arena 1
9:30-11:30 am - 4-H Dog Showmanship
12:00-3:00 pm - 4-H Dog Obedience

Resource Materials for 4-H Horse Leaders and Members
The New England 4-H Horse Rulebook along with other resource materials for knowledge contests and shows is available on the MA 4-H website at
https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/clubs-programs/animal-science-program/horses

The New England 4-H Horse Rulebook is our main resource to help leaders if their members have questions regarding tack or even if they plan on holding a horse show. Also on the page is a list of certified 4-H judges, Show Steward/Manager Report, Insurance Requirements for Horse Events plus resources for Hippology, Horse Bowl and Horse Judging contests.

We will be holding in October. Zoom sessions going over the horse program, materials and answer any questions that you may have. Watch next week’s Newsblast for details.

Topsfield Fair 4-H and Open Horse Show
Entries are open for this fun show that is being held on October 9, 2021 at Topsfield Fair in Topsfield, MA. Entry information - https://www.topsfieldfair.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/4-H-and-Youth-Horse-Show-Handbook-Entry-Form.pdf

“The Year Without a Summer: 4-H Projects in a Pandemic”

4-H members who participated in the Spinning Stories pilot program will have their art and writing submissions printed in UMass Extension 4-H’s first literary magazine. Each 4-H member who is published will receive a complimentary copy! The magazine will be available during National 4-H week in October. Watch for your chance to order one.

Career Exploration Series
The UMass 4-H Career Exploration Series is a virtual Zoom series that brings youth and professionals together. Presenters discuss what their job REALLY entails, what it took to get where they are now, and maybe some opportunities that may have happened along the way. Youth can either talk directly with the presenter or put their comments or questions in the chat box!

| September 22 | Joyce Ward, Director
Juan Valentin, Education Program Advisor
United States Patent & Trademark Office, Department of Education |
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**UMass Extension 4-H Fall Community Service Program Kickoff September 16**

The statewide UMass 4-H Program community service project kicks off on September 16! This will be the first of 3 community service initiatives this year; each initiative will last for a period of four months. The focus of the first initiative will be Youth Mental Health and will take place from Sept - Dec 2021.

Each of the three initiatives will include a Zoom kickoff event which will have a speaker who is an expert in the field for that initiative, ideas to get you started in your community, and a tie into Head-Heart-Hands-Health! Throughout each four month initiative our program will have a variety of IMPACT/SPIN programs and UMass 4-H CES presentations that will also connect with the theme. Join us for the first session of this initiative focusing on Youth Mental Health on **Thursday, September 16, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**. To register for the kickoff event, go to: [https://bit.ly/3ec9Qff](https://bit.ly/3ec9Qff)

4-H clubs or members can still plan and conduct their own community service projects!

**UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information:**

The State and Western Massachusetts 4-H office is located at 100 Venture Way, Suite 334, Hadley MA 01035
The Northeast 4-H office is located at UMass Mt. Ida Campus, Halden Hall, 100 Carlson Avenue, Newton MA 02459
The Plymouth County 4-H office is located at 44 Obery Street, Plymouth MA 02360
The Barnstable County 4-H office is located at PO Box 367, Barnstable MA 02630
The Worcester and Walpole offices are currently moving and will be relocating to Auburn!

It is best to reach out to your local office by email. Phone numbers are available at the 4-H Website

All those visiting UMass facilities, including 4-H offices, are required to wear face coverings. This applies to vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals. Face coverings must be worn in all indoor public spaces, including entries and exits to buildings, meeting rooms, restrooms and in all shared offices and work areas. Thank you for your cooperation!

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