Register for the 2021-2022 4-H Year
Thank you to those who have already reenrolled! For those who still need to, follow the directions below:

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.

Important Updates for 4-H Leaders and Members

4-H Record Books: (youth record books) are due on October 1 to each 4-H office for awards consideration. Record books may be mailed and postmarked by Oct. 1 or brought directly to the offices. If you have questions about where to bring record books for the Worcester, Norfolk or Bristol offices, please reach out to your 4-H Educator.

Safety Measures and precautions: UMass Extension 4-H not only requires everyone to wear a mask in any UMass building, including 4-H offices, but also for adult volunteers and youth members at 4-H club meetings or events. COVID guidance can change daily; following daily guidance of the CDC and UMass 4-H when holding 4-H club meetings is required. See below for more details. Thank you for helping to keep our 4-H members safe and healthy!

- Any 4-H club meetings or events held indoors: Masks must be worn by all participants and adults. All CDC/health guidance must be followed regarding social distancing at the time of the event or meeting.
- Any 4-H club meeting or event involving youth under 12: Masks must be worn by all participants and adults. Youth must be socially distanced according to CDC guidelines at the time of the meeting or event.
- Any outdoor 4-H club meetings or event: Masks must be worn by all participants and adults if youth under 12 are present. Youth must be socially distanced according to CDC guidelines at the time of the meeting or event.

Western Massachusetts 4-H Regional 4-H Horse Show Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Western Massachusetts 4-H Regional 4-H Horse Show committee is scheduled for September 28, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. This meeting will be held in an indoor horse arena. Please dress accordingly and bring a chair and facemask. The meeting will take place at River Ledge Farm located at 298 Cold Spring Rd Belchertown Ma.
The committee is eager to plan the best Regional 4-H Horse Show yet! This can be a successful program with the help of our committee and volunteers. There are some committee positions available. If you are interested in finding out more about available positions or to obtain information about the show, email your questions to jennalyn.sample@gmail.com by September 22. If interested in a position, we will add you to the ballot; floor nominations will be taken that evening as well.

If you would like a topic addressed at the meeting, send it to Jennalyn by September 22 so it can be included on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting. Spread the word about the meeting to any alumni, parents or volunteers you know of that might be interested.

**Online 4-H Volunteer Training**

Volunteers are welcome to attend the upcoming sessions of 4-H 101 to learn more about the UMass Extension 4-H Program. Click on this link to register [http://forms.gle/Tu5zru4u2FoA4q3Z6](http://forms.gle/Tu5zru4u2FoA4q3Z6). Or reach out to VaShon Hiltpold at vwallace@umass.edu with questions.

Sept. 22-The Organizational Structure and History of 4-H & Understanding the Culture
Sept. 29-Understanding 4-H Youth Development Delivery
Oct. 6-Life Skills and the Experiential Learning Model & Knowing and Using 4-H Curricula
Oct. 13-Starting 4-H Clubs
Oct. 20-Club Basics & Putting the Experiential Learning Model to Practice
Oct. 27-Conducting Club Meetings & Planning the 4-H Club Year
Nov. 3-Marketing 4-H Clubs & Recruiting, Training and Recognizing Volunteers
Nov. 10-Recognizing 4-H'ers Accomplishments & Making Action Plans

**Animal Science Programs**

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

**Upcoming Zoom Animal Science Meetings:**

**September 20 – 7pm – League of Protein Producers**

**The Big E, West Springfield, MA – September 17-October 3.**

Website – [www.thebige.com](http://www.thebige.com)  If you plan to visit the Big E, UMass 4-H members will be competing in contests/competitions on the dates listed below – stop by and say hello!

**Saturday, September 18 – 4-H Day at the Fair**

UMass 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 – UMass 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 – UMass 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

**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 UMass Extension 4-H website at [https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/clubs-programs/animal-science-program/horses](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.
Horse Chat! HOLD THE DATE.
All horse leaders, parents and members are invited to our first Horse Chat on October 14th at 7pm. We will review what opportunities are available to both leaders and youth. How to get involved in your local horse or state councils. We will cover the New England 4-H Horse Rule Book and resources that can be borrowed from the 4-H offices as well. Please email Carrie Sears if you are interested in attending at ccsears@umext.umass.edu

**CHANGES:**
**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. Deadline is October 1st - for entry information contact Nancy McCarthy at nmccarthy@umext.umass.edu

**Science News for Students**
If you are interested in reading about up-to-date news happening in the science world then check-out Science News for Students, an on-line resource that covers animal science, genetics, ecosystems, human science, technology and much more. Check it out at https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/

**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!

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<td>Joyce Ward, Director Juan Valentin, Education Program Advisor</td>
<td>Joyce is the Director of the Office of Education for the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Her work includes providing educational experiences for K12 educators and students that integrate knowledge of invention, innovation, entrepreneurship, and STEM. Her office encourages the creation and protection of intellectual property. Juan Valentin is an Education Program Advisor in the Office of Education at the United States Patent and Trademark Office where he is responsible for the development and implementation of educational projects of national and international scope, with a particular emphasis on directing and coordinating the development of STEM, design-thinking, or invention-focused projects infused with intellectual property (IP) concepts.</td>
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<td>October 6</td>
<td>John Crocker Director of School Mental Health &amp; Behavioral Services, Methuen Public Schools Founder &amp; Director, Massachusetts School Mental Health Consortium (MASMHC)</td>
<td>John Crocker is the Director for the Methuen Public Schools Counseling Department. Mr. Crocker founded the Massachusetts School Mental Health Consortium (MASMHC), a group of approximately one-hundred and fifty school districts across Massachusetts committed to advocating for and implementing quality and sustainable school mental health services and supports.</td>
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<td>October 20</td>
<td>Mara Breen, PhD Associate Professor of Psychology Mount Holyoke College</td>
<td>Mara Breen is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Mount Holyoke College. She holds a B.A. from Hampshire College and a Ph.D. in Cognitive Science from MIT. She teaches courses in Psychology, Neuroscience, Linguistics, and Music Cognition. In her research, she uses brain imaging methods to explore how the musical aspects of language (pitch and rhythm) help children learn to read.</td>
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<td>November 3</td>
<td>Richard Harper, PhD Extension Associate Professor of Urban &amp; Community Forestry University of Massachusetts, Amherst</td>
<td>Richard W. Harper, PhD, is an Extension Associate Professor of Urban &amp; Community Forestry @ the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Rick is a Past-President of the International Society of Arboriculture - New England Chapter (NEC ISA) and is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist. He currently teaches courses in urban &amp; community forestry and human dimensions of natural resources and administers an applied integrated research and extension program in urban forestry. He received his Ph.D. in Forest Resources-Arboriculture from UMass, an MS in Entomology from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. He is a recipient of ISA’s ‘Early Career Scientist’ award and the ‘Public Education Award’ from Tree Canada.</td>
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<td>November 17</td>
<td>Young Min Moon Department Chair and Professor Department of Art, College of Humanities and Fine Art UMass Amherst</td>
<td>Born in South Korea, Young Min Moon immigrated to Canada when he was sixteen. After being in a hard rock band for a few years as a lead guitarist, Moon heard a ‘calling’ when he encountered van Gogh’s paintings in a library. He gradually shifted his main interest from music to art. After finishing his college in Toronto, he obtained his master’s degree in California. After working as a coordinator for a large international exhibition in Gwangju, South Korea, he moved to Cambridge, MA to work as a teaching assistant for a former professor in</td>
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California, who got a job at Harvard. Although his years at Harvard were pretty miserable, he learned a great deal about the art of teaching.

After a number of years of being confused, Moon eventually got a full-time teaching job in Florida and worked hard to become a good teacher. After he moved back to the northeast, he started writing about art. When he published his first book, Moon became known as a critic and expert in contemporary Korean art. While he was honored to be recognized as a writer, his art took a backseat. For years Moon tried to bring a good balance between his own art, writing, teaching, and being a parent.

Over the past three decades Moon has had some successes in his art, but he also had many failures and rejections. But he doesn’t let failures and rejections affect him very much. He keeps on making paintings, while writing and teaching. Moon is a painter at heart and feels happiest when he begins a painting. Recently he has been painting the motif of a low dinner table full of delicious foods for ghosts of ancestors. He is a professor and chair of the department of art at UMass Amherst.

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than $14 million nationally through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally. Funds received by Massachusetts 4-H are dedicated to teen programming throughout the state.

Visit a store near you during this fall’s campaign. Tractor Supply stores are located in Belchertown, East Wareham, Fairhaven, Gardner, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Hanover, Holbrook, Ipswich, Leicester, Leominster, Millbury, Millis, North Adams, Orange, Pittsfield, Plympton, Southampton, Southwick, Sturbridge, Swansea, Tauton and Westborough.

Dates for the 2021 Paper Clover Campaigns are: October 6-17

UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information:

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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