



Massachusetts 4-H Program

September 18, 2020

The UMass Extension 4-H E-NewsBlast is sent to all 4-H families and volunteers throughout the state. Each county 4-H office may add information that is specific to that county or region. Unless otherwise noted, all virtual programming is available to 4-H members throughout the state, not matter where you live or what club or group you belong to!

For 4-H Volunteers:

4-H 101:

4-H Club Leaders, Advisory Council and Board Members are invited to attend this new opportunity designed just for 4-H volunteers. This series is divided into four series, each containing four lessons. Series one starts on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00pm, and continues weekly through Tuesday October 27. The topics in each series are listed below.

To register contact VaShon Wallace, vwallace@umext.umass.edu or Tom Waskiewicz, waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu by October 1st. You will receive the Zoom link once you register. Feel free to share this information with other 4-H volunteers.

Series 1: Elements and Structure of 4-H- Begins October 6

Lesson 1 Introducing Youth Development – October 6

Lesson 2 The Essential Elements of 4-H Youth Development – October 13

Lesson 3 The Organizational Structure and History of 4-H – October 20

Lesson 4 Understanding the Culture of 4-H – October 27

4-H Volunteer SURVEY: Did you receive your survey link by email? We want to hear from you! What do you need to help you hold a virtual club? Take a few minutes to complete our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MVG9VDF>

Financial Reports:

All 4-H group, club, council and fair financial reports and annual IRS filing MUST be submitted to your local 4-H office before you or your club can re-enroll for 2020-2021! Need help? Contact your local 4-H educator. All forms can be found at https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/annual_club_report_and_financial_form_0.pdf

Club Leader New Year Information: All 4-H Club Leaders should be receiving an email letter with procedures for the 2020-2021 4-H Year. Be sure to read it thoroughly, some procedures have changed for this year! Contact your local educator with any questions or if you did not receive the email.

National 4-H Week October 4-10

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK RESOURCES AVAILABLE: National 4-H Week will give 4-H the chance to celebrate and promote Extension's role in providing opportunity for all kids and families. This year's theme for National 4-H Week (October 4-10) is Opportunity4All. Visit the [4-H Marketing Online Resource Center](#) to download the promotional toolkit. View the [Informational Webinar Recording](#) held on August 26 to learn more.

Animal Science Program Information

Rabbit and Cavy 4-H Survey

The Rabbit Advisory would like your input into the 2021 MA 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop as well as other classes that you would like to see offered. Please take a few minutes to take the survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJ8ZLVD>

Thank you on behalf of the committee.

Horse Academy – November 2020

Due to national in-person horse contests being cancelled, virtual educational workshops will be held in their place from November 1-19, 2020. This is a great opportunity to learn from national judges and coaches and to help you prepare for future state and national horse contests. The Horse Academy is being sponsored by the National 4-H Roundup Committee.

IMPORTANT: The State 4-H Horse Advisory has generously offered to pay the registration fee for youth and volunteers plus coaches who want to participate in the workshops. Workshops range from \$5-\$10. **Please email Carrie Sears at ccsears@umext.umass.edu by September 26th** if you plan on participating and your workshop choice(s) since it will be a first come – first served basis. The deadline for registering is October 12th, but we want to make sure to have a list of approved youth prior to this deadline. Youth need to be active 4-H members or currently reenrolling.



HORSE ACADEMY

Register by October 12 by visiting
<https://tinyurl.com/HORSEACADEMY>

HORSE JUDGING <i>Virtual Practice Contest</i> Contest - Nov. 1-7, 2020 Feedback provided by Dec. 1, 2020 Open to Senior 4-H members only. \$10 Online Registration Fee	COMMUNICATION CONTESTS <i>Ask the Judges Panel Discussion</i> Nov. 5, 2020 7PM EST \$5 Online Registration Fee
HIPPOLOGY CONTEST <i>Tips & Tricks Panel Discussion</i> Phase Strategy Videos - Nov. 1-7, 2020 Panel - Nov. 12, 2020 7PM EST \$5 Online Registration Fee	HORSE BOWL CONTEST <i>Competitive Edge Panel Discussion</i> Nov. 18, 2020 7PM EST \$5 Online Registration Fee

Please join us in this virtual educational opportunity for youth (ages 13 & up), coaches, volunteers, and Extension staff, to promote knowledge gain, growth, and success in our national level contests!

On-line Quiz Bowl Platform

Clubs have the opportunity to practice knowledge questions on-line by using the free platform - Buzzinlive <https://buzzin.live/> Up to 8 players can participate via Zoom. Easy to use and no limits on the amount of times you can play.

Animal Science Resource:

Check out the NGSS Biology site for animal science and biology activities. Link

is https://www.ngsslifescience.com/science.php/science/biology_lesson_plans_animal_science

New England Goat Trivia Contest – Thursday October 1 at 7PM

Take part in this opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their dairy goat knowledge! Open to all New England 4-H members; recommended for youth 12-18 years old. Trivia Questions will be generated from the American Dairy Goat Association Website and Cornell 4-H Dairy Goat Resources. Questions about this event can be sent to Jen Cushman at jennifer.cushman@uconn.edu.

- Register by creating a Student Account on Quizizz by following the sign up at <https://quizizz.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360027855392-Signing-up-as-a-student> Pre-registration is required!
 - Once you have you an account and user name, register by September 28th at https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3f10nPTZ0pf5bzD
 - Watch your email for the quiz code which will be sent on September 29th to the email provided during registration.
 - Log on by 6:50pm on October 1st to participate.
 - Latecomers will not be able to join.
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Story Mapping

The 4-H Across America Teams have been very active the last three months! It has been great seeing all the creative ways our thirty-two teams have explored 4-H programs in different places around the country. Now you can learn to put your experiences into a presentation to share with others in a new and exciting way!

If you have ever made a PowerPoint, you can create a Story map. In a Story Map you will make an interactive presentation with a map, points, pictures and much more. Story Maps can be used for presentations in school, as a VP, and in other creative ways! Kim Pond will be holding an "Introduction to Making Story Maps" Zoom on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 P.M. Come check it out and see how easy it can be to create your Story Map. No registration is required.

During National Geography Week, November 15-21, MA 4-H will host a virtual map gallery of all completed Story Maps. This is open to any 4-H'er or volunteer who would like to learn about how to incorporate Story Mapping in their project area. The possibilities are limitless.

Time: Sep 29, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/96479528417>

Meeting ID: 964 7952 8417

Learn New Baking Skills!



As summer comes to a close and children begin their school year, we're excited to share the joy of learning to bake with them, too. Our video series, Baking with Kids, is a great way to incorporate science, math, and reading into their learning, and the results are quite delicious. Follow along as a baking instructor and her daughter teach you and your 4-H members how to make flaky, hot empanadas, from your own home kitchen. Watch different videos at Kingarthur.com or go right to this link: <https://www.kingarthurbaking.com/videos/baking-with-kids>

Career Exploration Zoom Series

Talk with an expert and find out what it takes to become involved in specific careers. This popular series is moving to every other week format. The next session will be held on October 7th.

Upcoming speakers are highlighted in the chart below. Everyone is welcome to attend, no matter your age or project area, Invite a friend to attend too; all are welcome ! To obtain the Zoom link, contact Angelica Paredes at angelica@umext.umass.edu with: session date, youth name, club/school, County. Please add the state you live in if outside of Massachusetts!

OCTOBER	7	Ron Schreier, NFL	<p>Senior Audio Mix Engineer, NFL Films Ron has worked in recording studios, mixed live concerts, designed sound systems and is currently working as a senior audio engineer for NFL Films. His recent assignments include mixing Good Morning Football on NFL Network and Hard Knocks on HBO. He has won three Emmy awards and has been nominated eight times.</p> <p>Ron started as a freelance studio recording engineer, transitioned to live sound and location recording. Using his network of clients, he landed freelance work at NFL Films and two years later was offered a full-time position. This will be his 19th season as a full-time audio engineer at NFL Films.</p> <p>Along with discussing his career path, what the true meaning of a "dream Job" is; it's not what you think. He'll also discuss working in the Film and Television industry and the importance of finding work that meets all of your life's expectations.</p>
OCTOBER	21	Alexander Daugherty, J.D.	<p>Probation Officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Dr. Daugherty has worked as a Probation Officer for 23 years. His first 18 years were as a juvenile Probation Officer; currently he supervises adults on probation for criminal charges. In his role as Probation Officer he takes part in every aspect of a person's involvement with the courts, from paperwork to home visits to court appearances. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Alex teaches classes in Criminal Justice.</p>

		Prior to working in the court system, he worked on legal issues within several different facets of housing, from title searches to adjudicating over housing disputes.
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4-H Office Contacts:

The 4-H Program is operating and available to answer questions. Reach out to your local office by email. Phone numbers are available at the 4-H Website at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/office-locations-contacts>

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Massachusetts 4-H is an extension program at the University of Massachusetts. UMass 4-H follows the Massachusetts Governor's regulations for the re-opening of the state as well as the governance of the University of Massachusetts. Although guidelines for numbers of people who can gather have relaxed a bit for the state, the University guidance still states that no in-person 4-H meetings or activities are to take place at this time. This means our clubs and groups still may not meet in person. We will continue to monitor the situation and will allow in-person club meetings and activities to occur when university guidelines have been completed. We hope that your groups will continue to meet virtually and use some of the many programs, contests, and links that we have to offer online.



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