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:

Support with 4honline Enrollment – Zoom meeting Thursday Oct 1 at 7PM
Join 4-H Educator Meg McDermott to review the new look of 4honline 2.0, how to re-enroll, find club rosters, and more. This is an opportunity for parents, volunteers, and youth members to ask questions about the 4honline enrollment program. Contact Meg for the link at memcdermott@umass.edu

4-H 101:
4-H Club Leaders, Advisory Council and Board Members are invited to attend this zoom for 4-H volunteers. This series has for separate series of 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 4th. 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: Thank you to those who took part if the survey! If you did not have a chance to participate, the survey closes today on September 25. We look forward to reviewing your answers and planning some programs that you have asked for. The link is live through September 25 at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MVG9VDF

Financial Reports:
Time is running out! 4-H Online is opening and your club or group financial form must be turned in so you can re-enroll! The IRS filings must be submitted to the IRS site by November 15! Those that do not file for three years will lose their tax exempt status and not be a subsidiary 4-H group with UMass. 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.

Quick Updates

Record Books: This year, 4-H Record books will be due for judging at a later date! Please watch for more details about how to submit your records in next week’s NewsBlast.

Read about 4-H in the UMass CAFÉNews: https://ag.umass.edu/news-events/highlights/umass-extension-dives-into-digital-deep-end
Massachusetts 4-H Foundation Online Auction

Do you have:
- A **special skill** you can share and teach?
- A beautiful artistic piece you've made if you're creative?
- An **extra retail gift card** lying around?
- High-tech product, wine basket, or spa service?

Then consider donating any one of these items to Massachusetts 4-H Foundation's **online auction to be held November 1-15**.

Due to this year’s financial squeeze of typical donors like restaurants and theaters, we need donations!

**How to Donate - 3 Easy Options:**
1. Make an **auction donation online**.
2. Email your donations to: **lflanagan@mass4hfoundation.org**.
3. Mail or drop off your **auction items to**:
   Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, 1671 Worcester Road, Suite 403, Framingham, MA 01701

Contact **Laurie Flanagan, Executive Director**, if you have any questions, Phone 508-881-1244.

---

**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.

There is still time to purchase your 2020 Mars Base Camp Challenge Kit from National 4-H at [www.shop4h.org](http://www.shop4h.org). Family kits are available at $15.95.

Families who take part in the 2020 STEM Challenge in October may qualify for a reimbursement from Massachusetts 4-H for your purchase! To obtain a reimbursement, you will need to meet the following criteria:
- Be fully enrolled for the new 2020-2021 4-H Year by November 30. This includes all fees being paid
- Conduct the 2020 STEM Challenge using the kit in your home.
- Submit a photo or two of your family and 4-H member(s) conducting some portion of the experiment
- Complete a short survey
- Submit your invoice for the cost of the kit. Shipping will not be reimbursed; only the cost of the kit.

---

**NEW Online Programs**

**NEW: SET Virtual Program**
Lauren DuBois, Springfield Educator and Kim Pond, State SET Educator, have teamed up to lead a Bitmoji classroom with a focus on Science, Engineering and Technology. During the month of October, they will be providing weekly activities that connect with the 2020 SET Challenge "Mars Bound" for an out of this world experience!

The Kick Off will take place during National 4-H Week starting October 5th. We hope you will join them in the interactive classroom. The classroom will be open to 4-H youth of all ages; however, the content and hands-on activities will target youth in grades 4 through 7. There will be 4 main activities offered each week of the month. In addition, there will be supplemental activities, videos and challenges to try. Watch for our "Moo the dog Mascot" to make an appearance. To register: email Lauren DuBois at [ldubois@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ldubois@umext.umass.edu) to let her know you are interested. Once registered you will receive the google classroom code on Monday, Oct. 5th, 2020.
Animal and Agricultural Storytime - Tuesdays at 11:30AM - Live on Facebook
Come listen to an agricultural or animal story live on Plymouth County 4-H Facebook page each Tuesday. https://www.facebook.com/plymouthcountyma4h

What to do with All those 4-H Ribbons? October 15th 7 pm
Join us to see ways to show off your ribbons from 4-H, and your project animals. Pre-register by email. 774-404-7020 or acampora@umext.umass.edu. Instructors: Cathy Acampora and Lauren Dubois

Let's Get Cooking - October 19-30 M,W,F 4:30-5:30 pm
6 Week basic cooking program $25 Learn about kitchen safety, tools in the kitchen, oven baking, reading a recipe and more. Each week you will be given a shopping list so you can cook along. Pre-Registration required by Oct 1 Register at https://plymouthcounty4h.org/4-h-lets-get-cooking Instructor: Harley Anne Hamilton

Animal Science Programs:

New England Goat Trivia Contest – Thursday October 1 at 7PM
A reminder that Monday, September 28th is the deadline to sign up for the October 1st Trivia Contest. Youth need to sign up in advance. Please contact Carrie Sears at ccsears@umext.umass.edu with any questions.

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.

Rabbit Advisory Zoom – October 6 7pm – Contact Carrie Sears for the link

Livestock and Pets – Weeds & Plants to Beware of!
Do you know how to identify weeds and plants, especially if they are poisonous to animals? Here are two resources for you to check-out on your own to see which ones can harm your pets and livestock

• https://poisonousplants.ansci.cornell.edu/php/plants.php...
• https://poisonousplants.ansci.cornell.edu/dogs/index.html

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

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.

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](https://www.ngsslifescience.com/science.php/science/biology_lesson_plans_animal_science)

---

**Story Mapping**

There is still time to sign up and learn how to make a Story Map! 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](https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/96479528417) Meeting ID: 964 7952 8417

---

**Career Exploration Zoom Series**

Talk with an expert and find out what it takes to become involved in specific careers. This popular series will take part every other week. 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, your name, club/school, County. Please add the state you live in if outside of Massachusetts!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>OCTOBER</th>
<th>7</th>
<th>Ron Schreier, NFL</th>
<th>Senior Audio Mix Engineer, NFL Films</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
|         |   | 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.  
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.  
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. |
| OCTOBER | 21 | Alexander Daugherty, J.D. | 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.  
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. |
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

State 4-H Office: Linda Horn, Interim Director lrhorn@umext.umass.edu
Carrie Sears, 4-H Animal Science Program Manager – ccsears@umext.umass.edu
Kim Pond – 4-H SET Program Manager – kima@umext.umass.edu
Deb Comeau – State 4-H Administrative Assistant – dcomeau@umext.umass.edu

Western MA (Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden and Berkshire Counties):
Tom Waskiewicz, 4-H Educator – waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu
Angelica Paredes, 4-H Educator – angelica@umext.umass.edu

Southeastern MA (Bristol and Norfolk):
Meg McDermott, 4-H Educator – memcdermott@umass.edu
Kim Henderson, Administrative Assistant – khenders@umext.umass.edu

Central MA (Worcester County):
Meg McDermott, 4-H Educator – memcdermott@umass.edu
Martina Jasiewicz, Administrative Assistant – mjasiewicz@umext.umass.edu

Northeastern MA (Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk):
VaShon Wallace-Hiltpold, Acting 4-H Educator – vwallace@umext.umass.edu
Pam LeFave, Program Assistant – plefave@umext.umass.edu
Debbie Beaubien, Administrative Assistant – debbieb@umext.umass.edu
Nancy McCarthy, Program Assistant – nmccarthy@umext.umass.edu

Plymouth County:
Molly Vollmer, 4-H Educator: mvollmer@umext.umass.edu
Valerie Schell, 4-H Educator: vschell@umext.umass.edu
Cathy Acampora, Administrative Assistant: acampora@umext.umass.edu

Barnstable County:
Judy Vollmer, 4-H Educator: jvollmer@barnstablecounty.org
Dawn Johnson, Administrative Assistant: dawn.johnson@barnstablecounty.org

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.