Online 4-H Volunteer Training

This nine part 4-H 101 series will be held on Wednesday evenings on Zoom. 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.

The series takes place from 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

Photo Challenge – View all the photos entered!

Thank you to all 4-H members who participated! Go to this link to view all photos entered:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1jyce6T8r9ExtCwkQYgi9I6ETWsWlsYjkbL_zVprwXo/edit?usp=sharing

ANIMAL SCIENCE

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

Zoom Meetings:
September 7 - 7pm – Big E Review with Goat Teams
September 8 – 7pm – Big E Review with Dairy Teams

STEM Majors for Students Who Want to Work in Animal Science!
It may surprise you that there are many more career paths for animal science majors available other than veterinary science.
https://www.teenlife.com/blogs/stem-majors-work-animals

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 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 intellectual property. |
development of STEM, design-thinking, or invention-focused projects infused with intellectual property (IP) concepts.

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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.

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

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

Pen Pal Project

The 4-H members in this project have shared some information about Alabama, Idaho, New York, and Pennsylvania. Below you will find some interesting information about Massachusetts.

- The name Massachusetts is derived from an Algonquian name "Massachusett" meaning "near the great hill." This refers to the Blue Hills of South Boston
- Massachusetts inventions include
  - Basketball in 1891, in Springfield
  - Volleyball in 1895, in Holyoke
  - The telephone, Boston - 1st phone call on 3/10/1876
  - The Fig Newton, named after Newton, MA 1891
  - Chocolate Chip cookies in 1930 at the Tollhouse Restaurant in Whitman, MA
- Massachusetts was first in the United States with:
  - 1st subway system, Boston, 1897
  - 1st public green space/city park, Boston Commons, 1634
  - 1st chocolate factory, Boston
- Longest name of any geographic feature in all of the United States is
  - Lake Webster in Webster, MA is actually Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg
  - This name is from the Loup language, an Algonquian language
    - Translated into "Fishing Place at the Boundaries—Neutral Meeting Grounds"
    - Another translation is "lake divided by islands"
- Official state cat - the Tabby Cat, est. 1988
- In Lincoln, MA there is a "Ponyhenge" made up of old rocking horses and horse toys.
  - Ponyhenge is known to periodically change its layout seemingly from nowhere!
- Odd laws still in existence in Massachusetts
  - It is a crime to deface a milk carton
  - At a wake, a mourner is to eat no more than 3 sandwiches
  - It is illegal to scare a pigeon
- In 1681 a law was revoked that made it a crime to celebrate Christmas in Massachusetts

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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!

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!

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

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