



# UMass Extension 4-H Program

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Email NewsBlast

The UMass Extension 4-H E-NewsBlast is sent to all UMass 4-H families and volunteers. Unless otherwise noted, all virtual programming is available to 4-H members everywhere, no matter where you live or what club or group you belong to! Check these sites and your local county Facebook page for more details and for updates to programs: <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h> and <https://www.facebook.com/Mass4H/>

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## 4-H Financial Reports

It is time for clubs, advisory councils, and fair boards to turn in their annual financial report. Find information on the 4-H website here: <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/volunteers/financial-management-insurance-reports> Still confused or need assistance? Contact your local 4-H educator to arrange a time to meet or talk.

Why are financial reports required? All 4-H clubs and groups are subsidiaries of UMass. The University requires an accounting of all departments, colleges, and groups, including 4-H clubs. The IRS also requires that each club or group files with them annually. Your 4-H office will file with the IRS for any club or group that has under \$50,000. Those with more than that amount must file the 990EZ form themselves. Proof of filing must be sent to the 4-H office.

Returning clubs and groups will be activated in 4honline and allowed to resume once the financial forms are received and approved. Those that do not file will not be allowed to open and may be subject to having their charter revoked.

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## Change to the 4-H Year!

Our 4-H year will now begin on October 15 rather than September 1. Several leaders and youth members have provided input that helped us reach this decision, including:

- There are many activities and fairs in September and the beginning of October in which 4-H members participate such as The Big E and Topsfield Fair. This new date allows members to include these activities in their current 4-H year.
- National 4-H week occurs during the first full week of October. This is a great end to one year and the start of the next!
- Those submitting record books for award consideration now have until October 31 to turn those in to their local 4-H office. The new date provides you with more time to get those items completed.

The 4-H member fee will remain at \$40 per youth. Fees for the 2022-2023 year can start being submitted in mid-September. Don't delay; remember that you cannot participate in any scheduled activities or programs such as winter forum, visual presentations or other workshops until you are re-enrolled and your membership fee is paid.

Club, advisory, fair and other 4-H affiliated group financials are currently due; the date for submission has not changed for financials. This is based on the University's fiscal year of July 1-June 30. Thanks to those who have already submitted.

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## Congratulations – National 4-H Congress Delegates!

Congratulations to our UMass 4-H delegates who will travel together to Atlanta, GA from November 25-29, 2022 to participate in National 4-H Congress!

**Susan Barrows**--Worcester County

**Sophie Gustafson**--Essex County

**Eva Hourigan**--Norfolk County

**Maxfield Moyer**--Plymouth County

**Davian Pagan**--Hampden County

**Harrison Sachs**--Middlesex County

**Elizabeth Scalera**--Worcester County

**Claire Turpel**--Essex County

For over 100 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this national 4-H flagship event. Our UMass 4-H delegates will meet and network with about 1000 youth from all over the United States and its territories during this youth leadership development conference. CONGRATULATIONS!

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### Animal Science Programs

Contact Carrie Sears with any questions or to register for any events below at [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu)

#### Animal Science Meetings, Workshops and Events

August 14 – Big E 4-H Dairy Goat Delegates & Chaperones Meeting – 7:00pm Zoom

August 15 – Regional 4-H Horse Show Meeting – Hadley 4-H Office – 6:30pm

#### The Regional 4-H Horse Show

The show has been moved to September 10 & 11 at the Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton. Check out the new website with the entry book at: [www.regional4horse.com](http://www.regional4horse.com)

#### New England 4-H Animal Shows at The Big E

4-H youth will compete with their livestock, dogs and horses starting on September 16- October 2, 2022. For a list of Big E Ag Events, check out <https://www.thebige.com/p/agriculture/ag-daily-schedule> We hope to see you at the fair!



**4-H Day Tickets:** 4-H Day at the Big E is held on Saturday, September 17. The state 4-H office receives a limited number of tickets to give out to registered 4-H members and registered 4-H volunteers to attend for free on that day! If you are interested in requesting tickets, you must complete the form found here:

[https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2022\\_4-h\\_day\\_big\\_e\\_ticket\\_order\\_form.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2022_4-h_day_big_e_ticket_order_form.pdf)

Members and volunteers must have been registered and enrolled in a club or group by July 1 for this opportunity. Contact Martina Jasiewicz with any questions at [mjasiewicz@umext.umass.edu](mailto:mjasiewicz@umext.umass.edu)

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### Field Trips and Presentations

Is your club or group planning to hold a 4-H demonstration, presentation, or activity at Tractor Supply, JoAnn Stores or somewhere else other than your 4-H fair? Do you plan to take a field trip with your club? Check in with your local 4-H educator to be sure they know your plans. It is important that we have information about clubs conducting fundraisers or going somewhere outside of their regularly scheduled meetings or activities. Thanks for the help!



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### Upcoming 4-H Events and Fairs through August

Be part of these events or just come for a fun day out!

#### Plymouth County 4-H @ Marshfield Fair – Contact Molly Vollmer

- August 19-28; open to 4-H members
- 60 South River Street, Gate E; Marshfield MA

#### Berkshire 4-H Fun Day & Youth Fair – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Contact Angelica Paredes

- Open to all youth 5-18
- Saturday, August 20
- Berkshire 4-H Fairgrounds, Pittsfield, MA
- Register to be emailed the book directly! Link: <https://bit.ly/3xWzxuq>

#### Worcester County 4-H Fair - Contact Meg McDermott

The 72nd Annual Worcester County Fair will be held at the Felton Field in Barre on Friday, August 26th-Sunday, August 28th. The fair book, which includes all entry forms is on the UMass Extension 4-H website. This fair is open to all enrolled Massachusetts 4-H members. Entries are due August 8th to the Auburn 4H Office. Please reach out to Meg McDermott at [memcdermott@umass.edu](mailto:memcdermott@umass.edu) with questions.

#### Middlesex County 4-H Fair – Contact Heather Thibodeau

- August 26-28
  - Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds, 55 S. Chelmsford Road, Westford MA
  - Open to all 4-H members
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## 4-H at Home Science

Humans aren't ready to explore the farthest reaches of space just yet, but we're getting closer. Explore a variety of activities and interactive videos with astronaut Isabella Hernandez and learn how to grow food in space, how to operate a lunar terrain vehicle, and see firsthand what it takes to live and work among the stars. Go to <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/> and click on Space Exploration.

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### National Aviation Day - Friday, August 19, 2022

The National Aviation Day is a United States national observation that celebrates the development of aviation. The holiday was established in 1939 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who issued a presidential proclamation designating the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday to be National Aviation Day. ([Wikipedia](#)). Here is what you might do to celebrate National Aviation Day:

- **Visit a museum in person or virtually:** Start here- <https://airandspace.si.edu/anywhere>
- **Check out the 4-H Aerospace Curriculum or Rockets Away & sign out the rocket launcher** from your local 4-H office
- **National Youth Science Day Kits "Drone Discovery" or "Rockets to the Rescue"** are available at your 4-H office
- **Have a paper airplane contest/challenge**
- **Wright Brothers:** <https://joyofmuseums.com/museums/united-states-of-america/washington-d-c/national-air-and-space-museum/the-wright-flyer/>

For more museum tours visit: <https://joyofmuseums.com/>

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### Scholarship Opportunities



Several scholarship application deadlines are approaching! Find opportunities at this site: <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/youth/awards-scholarships>

**Connie Agrella Scholarship** - Due postmarked *July 31*. This \$500 scholarship is given to a Bristol County 4-H member in their senior year of high school or currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The applicant must be an active member of the Bristol County 4-H program for at least 3 years. For additional information see [https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/connie\\_agrella\\_scholarship\\_information\\_and\\_application.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/connie_agrella_scholarship_information_and_application.pdf)

**The Scott Robinson "My Four Son's" scholarship** application is due September 30, 2022. This scholarship is open to any youth that has been a 4-H member in Berkshire County for at least 3 years. The purpose of this scholarship is to help further education, therefore can be applied toward college, a training, or certificate program. Previous winners can apply, but preference will be given to those that have not won in the past.

The application can be found at: <https://bit.ly/Berk4Hscholarship>

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### 4-H Foundation Annual Golf Tournament – September 12

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirley Kane Memorial Golf Tournament for 4-H is on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please consider playing, sponsoring, or volunteering for this fun day! We are also interested in 4-H youth attending that are available that day to share about their 4-H experience. Over 20 years the golf tournament has raised almost \$800,000 for 4-H programs in the state.

**Volunteer!** Not interested in playing but want to volunteer? We could REALLY use some help the day of the event. You can sign up to volunteer for a specific job through this survey or just let me know that you'll volunteer wherever we need help that day and we'll assign you a spot. [Click here for the volunteer sign up options](#)

**Sponsor!** if your advisory council, club or if you are part of a company or organization that would like to sponsor- please click the link below to learn more about sponsor opportunities.

**Play!** Looking to spend the day on the links? Bring a friend!

Click here for sponsor and play registrations: <https://www.mass4hfoundation.org/events/golf-tournament/>

Questions? Please contact Carrie Myers, [cmyers@mass4hfoundation.org](mailto:cmyers@mass4hfoundation.org)

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## 4-H Game Design Challenge

Have you thought about making your own game to enter in a fair, or to submit in the 2023 UMass 4-H STEAM FESTIVAL? Here is an outline to help you begin or continue on your already started project. There are several phases to this process!

### READY, SET, DESIGN- Iteration 1:

During this phase, your goal is to come up with an idea for a new game. The game can be a board game, a card game, or a dice game (or a combination of the three). During the first iteration, you need to create the concept of your game. Does your game have a storyline? What age is it for? Who would like to play your game? How many people can play it at once? Is it a competitive game or a cooperative game? What is the logic behind your game? The game can be as simple or as complicated as you would like it to be.

Requirements for iteration 1: In order to get your new game off of the ground, you need to make a pitch to the fictional game company to get the backing you need to design and produce your game. To do so, you need to create a pitch, a design sheet, and a business card.

**The Pitch** should be 3 to 5 sentences, written as if you were selling your game to a publisher. It should be a Quick synopsis hook on why they should publish your game. Provide enough information to a publisher to get you in the door and have them look at your game as a possible product in their line. This is a short elevator pitch, with key facts and what makes it special. This is not the time to explain all of the rules. You are giving an overview of the game, so the publisher can figure out if they would like to get more details. During the pitch you give the publisher a sell sheet. You can create your pitch in writing or share it in a 20-30 second video.

**The Sell Sheet** is a one-page advertisement for your game. This is a flyer that shows the publisher why your game is special. It should be an artistic version of your elevator pitch. Make something that will catch the eye of your publisher and future customers.

**The Business Card** will tell the publisher a little more about who you are. You can put your personality into this! The card can be either business card or index card size for this challenge.

For more information or all the steps now contact Kim Pond [kima@umass.edu](mailto:kima@umass.edu) and watch for a future game meet up for people to share/ask questions. Feel free to check in or share any and all of your steps/iterations for feedback and giveaways.

**Games and computation thinking** <https://www.facebook.com/MA4HSET/videos/542963933308267/>

To learn more about the **UMass 4-H STEAM Festival** and some sample game designs visit:

[https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/news/pdf/steam\\_festival\\_2021.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/news/pdf/steam_festival_2021.pdf)

### THE GAMES BEGIN – Iteration 2

During this stage, you are making a prototype of your game. You need to:

- Refine the rules: How do you play the game?
- What will your game look like? How will you design the art? What are the rules of play? What ages is your game appropriate for? What is the ultimate goal of the game? Do players work together or compete against each other?
- Using Cardboard, cardstock, or other household materials, design the first prototype of your game. When you submit Iteration 1 materials you will receive some game components, including dice, a spinner, some figures, etc. Decide which of these you will use in your game.
- Have people play your game at least three times. What do you need to change to make your game better? What are your favorite parts of your game?
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### THERE ARE GAMES AFOOT – Iteration 3

This is the redesign phase of the game, where you take what you have made and make it better! Take the things you learned and adapt! Is there a part of your game that is hard to understand? Is the number of players right? Are the rules too easy or too hard? Is your game fun to play? Get advice from your game players and adjust rules if needed.

### TO MARKET, TO MARKET – Iteration 4

Now it is time to make your final product! Take everything you learned from each iteration and create your final game! Enter your project into a local fair if a class is available and consider entering your final product into the 2023 STEAM Festival where your submission will be judged on Creativity, Playability, and Fun by a panel of secret judges! More information on the submission of your final project will be in the STEAM festival handbook.

Here are some games submitted into the past STEAM Festival:



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## UMass Extension 4-H Program Safety Precautions

4-H clubs and groups are able to meet with no mask restrictions at this time. Individuals are welcome to wear masks at their own discretion and without question. Masks are recommended for individuals or anyone in their household who have a weakened immune system or an increased risk for severe illness. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated and boosted should also continue to wear masks indoors.

We encourage everyone to respect the choices that individuals will make about their own masking. The university also recognizes that COVID-19 presents a fluid public health situation, and we may need to require face coverings in the future should guidance change. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting health, safety and wellbeing within our 4-H community.

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## 4-H Staff Changes

The UMass Extension 4-H Program director, Linda Horn, will be retiring on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Linda has been working with the administration team at the Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment as well as with Educators Kim Pond and Carrie Sears to ensure a smooth transition. Starting on October 16, Meg McDermott will step into the role of interim director. She will be working closely with Kim, Carrie, and the rest of the 4-H team while the University conducts a search for a new director.

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

Be sure to contact the office or person you plan to meet with prior to visiting to ensure the office is open. Thank you.

**State 4-H Office:** 100 Venture Way, Suite 334; Hadley MA 01035  
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