



# 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/>

Archived editions can be found at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h>. The NewsBlast is sent to family emails unless specific requests are made.

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## 4-H Financial Reports

Due dates are approaching 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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## 4honline Updates

Summer is here and fair season is in full swing! We will be doing some maintenance on the 4honline database during the summer. During that time, the 4honline database may not be available for member enrollment, but youth members and leaders can still access club or individual information. 4honline will reopen for member enrollment on October 15 for the new 2022-2023 4-H year! If you know of anyone who wishes to join during the summer, reach out to the local 4-H office or educator.

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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)

## 4-H Volunteer Serv-Safe Training

Last minute registrations are being taken for the UMass Extension 4-H ServSafe training at the Auburn office on **Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 9AM-1:30PM**. The training will be conducted by a certified trainer from Barnstable County Extension. Those attending are required to study prior to attending. There will be a review session and exam on August 2, 2022.

The August 2 session is free; however the required instruction book is \$70.00. Half of the book cost will be reimbursed by the 4-H Foundation. Instructions will be provided for this at the training. There is a potential that your county Fair board or Advisory council may cover the remainder of the cost. It will be up to each person to reach out to their local council or board.

Contact Meg McDermott at [memcdermott@umass.edu](mailto:memcdermott@umass.edu) by June 30<sup>th</sup> with any questions.

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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!

#### Franklin County 4-H & Open Horse Show – Contact Angelica Paredes

- Saturday, July 30, 9 AM start (Secretary's Booth open at 8 AM)
- Apple Creek Farm, 850 Old Wendell Rd., Northfield, MA
- Link: <https://bit.ly/3OdqWsx>

#### 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

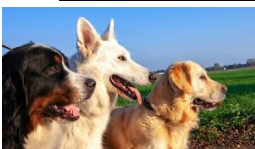
The 72nd Annual Worcester County Fair will be held at the Felton Field in Barre on Friday, August 26th-Sunday, August 28th. The fair book, which includes all entry forms is on the UMass Extension 4-H website. This fair is open to all enrolled Massachusetts 4-H members. Entries are due August 8th to the 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 and American Kennel Club (AKC)



The AKC is offering a variety of opportunities for 4-H dog project members. Youth who have a pure bred or a dog of many breeds can obtain a junior handler number and a Canine partner or Purebred listing number at no charge. Once a 4-H member has these, they can begin participating at AKC events, earn titles on their dog, and earn points in the AKC Junior Recognition program. Explore more at <https://www.akc.org/>

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## 4-H Day Tickets at the Big E



Eastern States Exposition celebrates both 4-H and FFA on September 17, the first Saturday of the fair. 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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## Scholarship Opportunities

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

**The Big E Morris Scholarship** – due postmarked by *August 1*. This scholarship opportunity is open to a UMass 4-H member who has been an active participant in UMass sponsored 4-H shows or activities at the Big E for at least one year. The completed Application packet must be postmarked by August 1 to be considered. Completed applications are sent to the State 4-H office. See more at

[https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/big\\_e\\_morris\\_scholarship\\_2021.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/big_e_morris_scholarship_2021.pdf)



**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)

**Scott S. Robinson 4-H Scholarship** - Due postmarked *August 19*. This \$500 scholarship is for 4-H Members who have been active in Berkshire County 4-H for at least three years and is awarded by the Robinson family. View more details at [https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/berkshire\\_county\\_scott\\_s\\_robinson\\_4-h\\_scholarship\\_0.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/berkshire_county_scott_s_robinson_4-h_scholarship_0.pdf)

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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 & Events

August 5-7 – State 4-H Dairy Show – Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield 9:00am-4:00pm daily

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

### Poultry Activities Survey

This summer, due to the Avian Influenza outbreak, all in-person 4-H poultry shows have been cancelled. In place of an in-person poultry show, we are exploring online alternatives. We would like your input on holding a virtual poultry show and on other possible poultry competition alternatives that we can offer in addition to the ones offered at your county 4-H fair. We would like to have your feedback, please take a few minutes to complete the survey at: <https://forms.gle/AoRJQmqVJu6drv7e7> Thank you!

### Eastern States Exposition – New England 4-H Goat and Sheep Show

The New England 4-H Goat and Sheep Show packets are now on-line at: <https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/packets> Eligible youth must be 12 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and have verification forms on file on their project animals. Youth must stay the three days of their respective show. Youth are also eligible to be junior leaders, you do not bring an animal but help with the show. Exhibitors will be housed in the dorms this year plus meals will be provided free of charge.

#### Dates:

- Dairy Goat 4-H Show – September 29-October 1
- [https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=TheBigE&f=DairyGoatPkt2022\\_final.pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=TheBigE&f=DairyGoatPkt2022_final.pdf)
- Sheep 4-H Show – September 30-October 2
- [https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=TheBigE&f=4H\\_SheepPacket\\_final\\_07-1-22.pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=TheBigE&f=4H_SheepPacket_final_07-1-22.pdf)

- Health Form – [https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&f=05ag4hhealthcard-1\(1\).pdf&rid=TheBigE](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&f=05ag4hhealthcard-1(1).pdf&rid=TheBigE)
- Photo Release Form - [https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=TheBigE&f=2021\\_NE\\_4-H\\_Photo\\_Release\\_Form.pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=TheBigE&f=2021_NE_4-H_Photo_Release_Form.pdf)

### **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)  
We hope to see you at the show!

### **Big E New England Center Friday September 16**

UMass 4-H is looking for a few teen members to deliver activities at the New England Center on September 16. You will be trained to work at two different stations:

1. Military Appreciation – Work with the public to create cards for military personnel. All materials will be available; you will provide the public with information and assist them with the process.
2. Help deliver a Science Activity – there will be two or three science activities that will rotate throughout the day: Spin art, Scratch Jr or Solar Beads. All materials will be provided.

Teens interested should contact Kim Pond for more information by **July 31**; an instructional zoom will take place prior to the event. Adult supervision is also required. All who attend will receive an admission ticket and parking pass to the Big E for September 16.

### **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.

### **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

Linda Horn, UMass Extension 4-H Program Director [lrhorn@umext.umass.edu](mailto:lrhorn@umext.umass.edu)

Carrie Sears, 4-H Animal Science Program Manager – [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu)

**Western MA:** Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden and Berkshire Counties

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Lizmarie Ulloa, Urban 4-H Program Assistant - [llopezortiz@umext.umass.edu](mailto:llopezortiz@umext.umass.edu)

**Central and Southeastern MA:** Auburn 4-H Office: 7 Midstate Drive, Suite 102; Auburn MA 01501

Bristol and Norfolk Counties:

Cynthia A. Bushey, 4-H Educator – [cabushey@umass.edu](mailto:cabushey@umass.edu)

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State 4-H STEM Program Manager:

Kim Pond – 4-H SET Program Manager – [kima@umext.umass.edu](mailto:kima@umext.umass.edu)

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**Barnstable County:** Box 367, Barnstable MA 02630

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