



## 4-H NEWSLETTER FALL 2019

Are you shopping for 4-H items such as awards, clothing or other 4-H branded items?

Just a reminder-

Massachusetts 4-H is part of the Shop 4-H Affiliate Program. We receive 5 percent of the value of most items you purchase through Shop 4-H. *The only requirement is that you access Shop 4-H through this special link:*

<https://shop4-h.org?rfsn=1043080.05136>



### Welcome to the New 4-H Year!

The new 4-H year brings new opportunities for 4-H members to develop new interests, learn new skills and make new friends. We welcome back all returning members, families and volunteers. And, we send out a special welcome to all new members and volunteers.

Please read this newsletter carefully for information about how to re-enroll for the 2019-2020 year. You will also find important information about up-coming events and opportunities for the coming year. We publish newsletters quarterly; fall, winter, spring and summer.

As most of you are aware, Sherrie Guyott has retired as 4-H Director and Linda Horn has been appointed Interim 4-H Director. Linda is looking forward to her new role and would love to hear from you. You may reach her at [lrhorn@umext.umass.edu](mailto:lrhorn@umext.umass.edu) or at 413-577-0332.

As always, contact your local 4-H office if you have any questions!

### Annual Massachusetts 4-H Community Service Four Seasons of Giving

Each year 4-H clubs throughout Massachusetts conduct community service projects to benefit others. We have suggested service projects for each season. Clubs can earn incentive awards by participating in this effort. Go to [https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/state\\_community\\_service\\_project2019.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/state_community_service_project2019.pdf) for details.

New this year! The community service reporting link will be available for a three-week period of time at the end of each season. Watch your email for the link during that timeframe or check on the MA 4-H Facebook Page!

## What You Need to Know About Re-enrollment

Parents are encouraged to re-enroll all returning family members online in 4honline. Go to [ma.4honline.com](http://ma.4honline.com) or access it via a link on the Massachusetts 4-H website homepage. Paper forms are not required from re-enrolling members. The online re-enrollment process can be completed quickly and easily.

Before starting, please go to our website and print the instructions, “How to Re-enroll Through 4honline” found at [ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/4h-online](http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/4h-online). It is important to use the profile (account) already created for you and not create a new profile. Log in to 4honline using the email address you gave the 4-H office for the adult in your family (do not use the child’s email address). 4honline puts your entire family profile under one family email address. If you are unsure what email address you gave to the local 4-H office, contact them and they can provide it for you.

Each member is required to pay a \$50 participation fee. Re-enrollments will not be accepted in the 4-H office until the fee is paid. The fee is payable by check (payable to UMass 4-H) or by charging the fee. To charge the fee go to <https://umassexextensionbookstore.com/products/87>. Deadline for re-enrollment is November 30. After that date the fee for re-enrollment is \$100.

Here are a few more helpful hints:

- Please do not select “unsubscribe to broadcast emails”. We send a lot of important information via broadcast email such as the quarterly newsletter and program registration materials. This is not SPAM and we do not share email addresses with any other entity. Often when families call to say they are not getting our emails it is because they checked this setting in 4honline.
- Take the time to update project and club information. The projects roll over from the previous year. After age 8 youth should not be enrolled in a Cloverbud project. Make sure to list all project areas where you want to receive specific information and projects that the member intends to show at a fair.

Each year returning volunteers must also activate their volunteer status. There is no fee for volunteers.

## New Members Enroll Using Paper Enrollment Forms

All brand-new members must fill out paper enrollment forms. They are available under the “Forms” page of the 4-H website under “Member Forms”. The fee for a new member to join 4-H is \$50 payable by check to UMass 4-H. Or, if the parent prefers the fee may be charged by going to the UMass Bookstore at [umassexextensionbookstore.com/products/87](http://umassexextensionbookstore.com/products/87).

## Hold These Dates in 2020!

It’s not too early to start planning for your 2020 Visual Presentation. The new category list is posted on the 4-H website. The date for the 2020 **State 4-H Visual Presentation Day** is March 28.

The **State 4-H Rabbit Workshop** will take place on January 25 at the Blackstone Valley Regional High School in Upton.

## Important – All Volunteers, Members and Parents 4-H Policy, Guidelines and Procedures

As we start another 4-H year, please remember that all 4-H volunteers, parents and members must be familiar with and follow 4-H policies and guidelines. These can be found in the “About” section of the 4-H website at [ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/policy-guidelines](http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/policy-guidelines).

Policy and guidelines found on the “About” page include:

- 4-H Policy for Clubs, Members and Volunteers
- Cloverbud Guidelines
- Guidelines for Parents and Adults

Important resources found on the “Volunteer” page:

- Financial Management Information
- Youth Club Officer Guides
- Liability and Insurance Coverage
- Information about the accident/medical coverage for all members and volunteers
- Overnight Chaperone Guidelines

Horse and fair guidelines found on the “Horse Program” page under “Horse Show Resources”:

- Horse Show Rulebook
- 4-H Fair and Animal Show Safety Guidelines

## National Youth Science Day – It’s a Game Changer!

Designed by Google and West Virginia Extension Service, *Game Changers* teaches kids how to use computer science to create games, solve problems and engage with topics they care passionately about. The activities, including games and puzzles, are designed to show how computer science is relevant across industries and careers. It’s perfect for first-time and beginner coders ranging in age from 8 to 14.

Each 4-H office has kits with the curricula and resources needed to conduct the activities. Contact your local 4-H office for more information or to arrange to borrow a kit.



## Summer STEM Ambassador Program Needs You!



Massachusetts 4-H completed a third year of summer programming conducted by STEM Ambassadors in the Springfield, Worcester, Framingham and Quincy areas. The theme for this summer was aerospace and the participants, ages 6-11, participated in fun learning activities based on that theme.

All 4-H members and alums, ages 18 and older, are encouraged to apply for a job as a STEM Ambassador next spring. This is a paid position and one that will give you great experience teaching young people about science and technology.

For more information, contact Kim Pond, 4-H Science Coordinator at [kima@umext.umass.edu](mailto:kima@umext.umass.edu).

## Support for 4-H Volunteer Training

The 4-H Youth Development Program supports the training and development of 4-H volunteers. While volunteers are encouraged to attend workshops and conferences that 4-H offers, the 4-H program cannot provide training in all subject areas that volunteers need. To support volunteers in obtaining the skills and knowledge they need to improve their volunteer roles or obtain required certifications (such as ServSafe certification for volunteers running food booths) funds are available for partial reimbursement. These funds are provided by the 4-H Foundation and administered by Interim 4-H Director Linda Horn. To apply for funding, go to the "Volunteer" page of the 4-H website and click on "4-H Volunteer Application for Funds to Support Workshops/Conferences/Training Sessions".

## 4-H Horse Program Resources for 2019-2020

It's time for horse project members to start preparing for the Horse Bowl, Hippology and Horse Judging contests. The state Round-Up competition is generally held in late April and local competitions take place from November through February.

For a complete list of sources, go to [http://aq.umass.edu/sites/aq.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/reference\\_materials\\_2018.pdf](http://aq.umass.edu/sites/aq.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/reference_materials_2018.pdf).

Please note there is a new source, "Horse Smarts". Generous support from the MA 4-H Foundation allowed us to provide a copy to every 4-H office.

## 4-H Equine Seminar Coming Saturday, November 23

All 4-H members, family and volunteers with an interest in horse are invited to attend the 4-H Equine Seminar, made possible through the support of the Massachusetts State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation. The cost of this day-long event, including lunch, is \$20 per person with a family maximum of \$50. It will take place at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole.

A variety of great workshops are planned including equine nutrition, clicker training, equine massage, saddle fitting, equine therapies, vaccines, teeth and basics of horse bowl and hippology. This is just a partial list. There is something for everyone! For detailed information and registration forms go to the 4-H website homepage.

## News from the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

### Online Auction

The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation is busy gearing up for its annual online auction which kicks off on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. There are many great items available for bid including tickets to CoCo Key Water Park, a stay at the Charles Hotel, passes to Kings Bowl America, a gift certificate to Wegmans and much more! New auction items are welcomed!

[Click here](#) for more information about the auction.



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### 4-H May be Coming to a Highway Near You!

In an exciting marketing development, Massachusetts 4-H will be promoted outdoors this fall, on billboards in a few major market areas. We are fortunate to reap the benefits of a partnership between the National 4-H Council and the Outdoor Advertising Association of America. If you see a 4-H billboard, snap a picture and let us know!

Visit our website for latest foundation information: [www.mass4hfoundation.org](http://www.mass4hfoundation.org)

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