



## 4-H NEWSLETTER WINTER 2020

Welcome 2020! Happy New Year to all of you! We have many exciting programs planned this winter and spring for 4-H volunteers and members. Winter Workshops are also open to all 4-H family members, siblings and parents. There is something for everyone. Check out the list of upcoming programs on page 2 of this newsletter.

In addition to information about upcoming programs, this issue includes application details about camperships, the Farley UMass Scholarship, news from the 4-H Foundation and other important information. Be sure to read carefully and contact your local 4-H staff with any questions that you have.

### It's Time to Think About Summer Camp!

Yes, it's cold and snowy outside now but it is time to sign up for summer camp. Sign up ASAP to have the best chance of getting the week(s) of your choice. 4-H camps include Camp Howe in Goshen, Camp Leslie in Georgetown, Camp Middlesex in Ashby and Camp Marshall in Spencer.



The 4-H Foundation is happy to be able to offer camperships to the 4-H camps to all currently enrolled 4-H members. For details go to

<https://www.mass4hfoundation.org/images/forms/2020-Campership-Application.pdf>. The deadline to apply for one of the 4-H Foundation camperships is March 31.

### Deadline for Re-enrollment Was November 30

The deadline for re-enrollment has passed so we are reminding members that missed that deadline but still want to re-enroll that the fee is now \$100. This fee can be charged at the UMass Extension Bookstore site; [umassextensionbookstore.com/products/87](http://umassextensionbookstore.com/products/87). The only amount that can be charged on this site is \$100. Any new member that owes \$50 must send a check payable to *UMass 4-H* to their local 4-H office along with the required membership forms.

## Check out our Exciting Programs for 2020!

**4-H Regional Winter Workshops** are scheduled for:

- January 25 at the St. Williams Church School Building in Tewksbury
- February 1 at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole
- February 1 at Hopkins Academy in Hadley

All 4-H volunteers and enrolled members and their siblings and parents are invited to attend one of these fun days of learning and sharing. These programs are held in three locations around the state and you may participate in the one that fits best into your family's schedule. Pre-registration is required or recommended, depending on the location that you select; go to the 4-H homepage or events section at [mass4h.org](http://mass4h.org) for details and registration information.

**The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual State 4-H Rabbit Workshop** takes place on Saturday, January 25 at the Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School in Upton. Information and registration forms are found at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/events/2020-massachusetts-4-h-rabbit-workshop>.

**Massachusetts 4-H Blue Ribbon Calf Sale** will be held on March 21 at the Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield. Go to [www.blueribboncalfsale.com](http://www.blueribboncalfsale.com) for more information or check out *Massachusetts Blue Ribbon Calf Sale* on Facebook.

**State 4-H Visual Presentation Day** is March 28. Details on the event location will be released soon. The 2020 Visual Presentation Category list is found at [http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/vp\\_category\\_list\\_2019-2020.pdf](http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/vp_category_list_2019-2020.pdf).



Teens (who will be in grades 7-11 for the 2020-2021 school year) should hold June 21-23 for **Explore UMass** on the UMass Amherst campus. Some exciting new tracks are planned! Just a reminder that many applications for county financial support and 4-H program scholarships are due by April 1 so be sure to check with your county office for details.

Hold the dates of July 3-5 for the **Regional 4-H Horse Show** at the Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton. The show is open to all New England 4-H youth. The entry book will be posted on the 4-H website early this spring.

**The Massachusetts 4-H Dairy and Beef Academy and Goat Workshop** happen on June 6 and 7 at the Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton.

June 13 and 14 are the dates of the **UMass Exploring Veterinary Science Academy**.

## Four Seasons of Giving – Statewide 4-H Community Service Project

We hope that your club is participating in our twelfth annual service project. What exciting projects are your club conducting? Please help us to summarize our state results by reporting your club's community service work through the online survey. This year, the survey will only be open for a three-week period at the end of each season. You will receive a link to the survey from your 4-H office each time the survey opens. If you don't want to do the survey on-line you may call your local Educator or send him/her an email with the results. Please make sure your club results are counted!

## Planning to Run a 4-H Food Booth?

Any 4-H banquet, food booth or grill that is run by 4-H for fundraising or any other purpose must have at least one person at the concession who is ServSafe certified. To find a list of courses go to [www.servsafe.com/home](http://www.servsafe.com/home) and click on "View Products" to access a list of on-line courses for food handlers. Another option is to do an internet search for ServSafe courses in your area. Partial scholarships (usually one half of the cost) are available from the 4-H Foundation, through 4-H Director Linda Horn. Go to [www.ag.umass.edu/mass4h/forms-applications/volunteer-forms](http://www.ag.umass.edu/mass4h/forms-applications/volunteer-forms) to get the application. Click on "Application for Funds to Support Workshops" and follow the instructions.

## Do You Want to Perform on Stage at the Big E?

Massachusetts 4-H takes over the New England Center stage for two days of the Big E. 4-H members love the opportunity to perform or present their Visual Presentation live, on stage, for Big E fairgoers. We select 4-H members for this opportunity at the nine county/regional Visual Presentation events held across the state. If a member receives a Big E Quality Ribbon then he/she is eligible for this opportunity and will be notified by mail of the required orientation meeting in June. For detailed information see

[https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/big\\_e\\_quality\\_what\\_does\\_it\\_mean\\_2020.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/big_e_quality_what_does_it_mean_2020.pdf). If you are a performer and sing, dance or play an instrument and would like to perform on the New England Center stage, please contact Linda Horn ([lrhorn@umext.umass.edu](mailto:lrhorn@umext.umass.edu)) before May 1. **Attending one of the three scheduled June orientation sessions is required for all presenters.**



## Call for STEM Ambassadors for the Summer of 2020

If you will be a high school graduate age 18 or older and have some background/experience/interest in STEM you may want to apply for a paid internship as a 4-H STEM Ambassador this summer. You would work with a team of STEM Ambassadors and be supported by 4-H Educators to teach children, ages 7-13, STEM concepts using hands-on, experiential 4-H activities. Teams will be based in 4-H offices around the state including Amherst, Plymouth, Newton, Walpole and Worcester. Watch the 4-H website this spring for application details or contact Kim Pond at [kima@umext.umass.edu](mailto:kima@umext.umass.edu).

## Exciting New Option to Complete 4-H Records!

New this year 4-H members can manage their records online at Recordbookapp.com. The creators of 4honline and FairEntry have created this system so you can use your 4honline account to access Recordbook. In addition, it is mobile friendly so you can record all your activities on the go!

To get started:

1. Go to Recordbookapp.com
2. Click "Get Started"
3. Enter your 4honline login information

If you have any questions, just click the Help/Chat button at the bottom right of the screen on Recordbookapp.com and their team will be happy to help you out. You will also notice they have links to training videos throughout the Recordbook to help you know what to do on each page. If you would like to watch a training video or access a Help Sheet you can find these resources and more in the Help Center at <http://recordbook.zendesk.com>.

We think you will really enjoy using the new Recordbook system! Plan to record your experiences right away as you attend meetings and events this year and participate in community service and leadership activities. If you enter your events and activities as they happen when it comes time to turn in your records all you will need to do is print them. What could be easier than that?



## George L. Farley Scholarship

4-H is pleased to offer the George L. Farley Scholarship to a former 4-H member attending (or accepted for the 2020-2021 year) UMass Amherst. The application deadline is April 30 but we encourage you to get your application in early. For details go to [http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/george\\_farley\\_scholarship\\_info\\_2019.pdf](http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/george_farley_scholarship_info_2019.pdf).

## Got Questions on Crops, Dairy, Livestock or Equine?

Check out the UMass Crops, Dairy, Livestock and Equine website for fact sheets and a listing of workshops offered. Go to <https://ag.umass.edu/crops-dairy-livestock-equine>.

## National 4-H Dairy Conference Application

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is a leadership conference for 4-H dairy project members held in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The intended outcomes are to promote and sponsor an educational program that will provide a better understanding on the operations involved in the production, processing, marketing and use of dairy products, as well as related areas. The conference allows youth to increase their understanding of the dairy industry, learn about vocational and professional career opportunities, and practice good citizenship and group participation.

Requirements: Applicants must have completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade (age 15 and older), completed three years in the 4-H dairy project area, have not attended the Conference in the past and provided significant leadership in the dairy project at the local level.

Find the application at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/animal-science-program/beef-dairy>. Application deadline is March 15.

## 2020 Big E Information for Dairy and Beef

***The Big E has new mandatory health requirements for dairy and beef cattle.*** Now is the time for your 4-H members that own cattle or lease from farms/individuals that do not have a Premise ID to obtain one from the MA Division of Animal Health. The contact person is Carry Shulock-Sexton who may be reached at 617-626-1797.

The Big E is going to require the 840 button tags (has your premise ID on them) in 2020. ***There will be no exceptions made.*** Once you receive a premise ID you may order the button tags from your breed association, NASCO or PBSAnimalHealth. The Allflex 840 ID tags (round button tag) is required. This can be read by a scanning device. You will also need to have the animal's RFID Tag on your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health charts) along with a registration number and tattoo (if you register this way) so the inspector can identify your heifer with both the registration paper and health chart.



***Remember to enroll your beef steer prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> if you plan to show at the 2020 Big E 4-H Beef Show.*** The Big E 4-H Beef forms can be found at <https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/packets>. You must contact Carrie Chickering Sears prior to February 1 in order to receive your steer's eartag. Entry deadline is February 10. This is the absolute deadline. Please contact Carrie if you plan to show a steer. The heifer entry form (online) is due May 1.

***Youth interested in attending the New England Dairy Show at the Big E must attend the Massachusetts 4-H Dairy Show in order to qualify.*** The show will take place at the Franklin

County Fairgrounds in Greenfield July 31-August 2. The entry book will be on 4-H website this spring.

**Contact Carrie Chickering Sears with any questions that you have about any of these items.** Carrie may be reached at [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu) or at 413.545.5302.

## Due Dates for Animal Project Verification Forms

### New Requirement in 2020 for Dog Project Verification Form

Enter your Animal Project Verification through 4honline! Project verification forms must be received in your local 4-H office by the required deadline.

Horse - required only for those showing at the Big E – April 1

Beef and Dairy – May 1

Goat, Sheep, Alpaca – June 1

NEW REQUIREMENT - Dog – June 1

To enter your animal project verification form online go to your 4honline profile and login, then click on the animal tab just to the left of the enrollment button. For horse verification, you must complete all fields and then upload front and side view pictures. Uploading the Coggins is optional. Make sure to do this early so that you allow time for technical glitches. No exceptions will be made to the deadline date.

## Congratulations to the Upton Hoofbeats Teen Leaders



We are proud to announce that the Upton Hoofbeats Teen Leaders have won the Computer Science (CS) Pathways Teen Leader Challenge. This competition is sponsored by National 4-H Council and Google. The teens have been recognized for their activity in Massachusetts advancing computer science learning in the community.



# Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

FOSTERING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*Check out these opportunities offered to 4-H members and clubs by the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation.*

4-H Camperships Applications are due by March 31st. [Download the form](#) on our website.

Grant Opportunities for Clubs Check out all of the [grant opportunities](#) for 4-H clubs and 4-H members made possible by the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation!

[4-H Publicity Incentive Program](#) 4-H Clubs can receive \$50 for each published, unique, newspaper article that mentions their club name.

[4-H Club Matching Grant Program](#) We offer a matching grant program to 4-H Clubs that organize a fundraising activity or event to raise money for their club or community.

[4-H Club Grants](#) 4-H clubs and program councils may apply for grants for special projects or needs that the group has that support educational programs and 4-H priorities.

[Legislative Awareness Awards](#) The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation offers a grant to any 4-H club that educates and informs their legislator about the 4-H program.

[Kent Lage Leadership Award](#) Two scholarships are awarded annually to 4-H members or alumni who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. Applications are due March 15.

Visit our website for application forms and more information: [www.mass4hfoundation.org](http://www.mass4hfoundation.org)

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