Upcoming 4-H Calendar of Events

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4-H Record Book Program

We Need You!
Are you interested in scoring this year’s 4-H Record Books?

If you missed the Record Book judge training and are still interested in scoring the newly updated record books, please reach out to Cynthia Bushey.

Did You Miss the 4-H Records Program Training?
If you missed our training and would like to see the recorded training video, please click here. Contact Cynthia Bushey with any questions.

Plymouth County Start Your Records Workshop
Come on into the Plymouth 4-H office and learn how to start your records. We will start our summary records, learn about the project records and more!
November 29th 6-8 PM
4-H MEMBER’S RECEPTION
VIA ZOOM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023, 7-8:30 PM
HOSTED BY
THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE 4-H TEEN AMBASSADORS

Join the State 4-H Teen Ambassadors as we welcome members to the 2023-2024 4-H year! Meet members from across the state during an engaging Zoom session. Play some GET-TO-KNOW-YOU games, learn a little about 4-H, and just have fun!

OPEN TO ALL MASSACHUSETTS 4-H MEMBERS
PARENTS AND GUARDIANS JOIN TOO

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY
NOV. 15, 2023
TO REGISTER FOLLOW THE LINK
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
4-H EXTENSION EDUCATOR VA SHON HILTPOLD AT
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Paws for Thought Dog Chats

We are hosting interesting speakers in the world of dogs for all 4-H members and volunteers. They will happen the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-8 pm on Zoom. To join in, sign up here: https://forms.gle/oCJTSrWVerVTM8MKA

**November 14th** Learn about the difference between service dogs, emotional support dogs and therapy dogs and about the different types of therapy dogs. You might want to have your dog certified to provide comfort for others. Learn how!

**December 12th** Dog Cognition Study: Learn about exciting dog research projects going on through Boston College and their new research project on Dingoes. What is it like to work with canine behavior research?

**January 9th** Learn more about breeding dogs. What are the tests required. What do you need to do? How do you manage a litter of puppies and the responsibilities of being a professional breeder?

**February 13th** Dog Anatomy: Learn all about the dog anatomy- a great class for those interested in showing their dogs at fairs and the Big E.

On the Case with Dr. Jonathan Samuelson

Like an autopsy in human medicine, a necropsy allows veterinarians to glean a wide range of information about a deceased patient. What steps are involved in performing a necropsy? And why would a necropsy be needed? Dr. Jonathan Samuelson, an anatomic pathologist at the University of Illinois Veterinary Diagnostic Lab has the answers.

Hold the date of **November 30th at 7:00 PM** for a Zoom with former MA 4-H dairy alum, Jonathan Samuelson, DVM – University of Illinois – Champaign – Clinical Assistant Professor and Head of VDL Histology. Dr. Samuelson will be discussing his path to vet school and how he chose to specialize in the field of Histology.

Join the meeting using this link: https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/92960096416 Contact Carrie Sears with questions.
The MA 4-H Horse Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY

Congratulations to our team members and coaches.
A great time with exciting results!

See details and results below! The 2024 county and regional contests will be starting soon, so if you want to try-out for states, you will need to register for these contests. Contact your 4-H leader or county 4-H educator for details and dates. You must be an enrolled 4-H member for the 2023-2024 4-H year to participate.
Teams

**Communications Team** – *Coach:* Darlene Welch  
*Members:* Elizabeth Tripp, Susan Barrows, Emma Pannone and Eva Hourigan

**Horse Bowl Team** – *Coach:* Rose Blomgren  
*Members:* Cade Jones, Devon Cerone, Sophia House and Hannah Wolman

**Hippology Team** – *Coach:* Cait Beachell Robinson  
*Members:* Vera Hollowell, Samantha Nappi, Hannah Swanson and Norah Wilson

**Horse Judging** – *Coach:* Heather Almodovar  
*Members:* Sophia House, Reid Cragg, Irellyn Bradley and Kaelyn McLoughlin

Results

**Hippology**

- **Written test:** Team 3rd
- **Stations:**  
  - Hannah Swanson 9th
  - Team 4th
- **Horse Judging:** Team 10th
- **Team Problem:** Team 4th

**Communications**

- **Speech:** Suzie Barrows 7th
- **Individual:** Lizzie Tripp 2nd
- **Team presentation:** Eva Hourigan & Emma Pannone 4th
- **Overall:** Team 2nd – Reserve National Champions

**Horse Judging**

- **Halter:** Team 9th
- **Reasons:** Team 6th

**Horse Bowl**

- **Overall:** Team 5th

**National 4-H Poultry Conference**

Coach Debbie Seale will be taking three team members to compete in the National Poultry Bowl Contest in Louisville, KY in November. Team members: Claire Turpel, Margaret Turpel and Zackery Zawalski.

**Best of luck!**

Contact Carrie Sears at ccsears@umass.edu with any animal science questions.
STEM Programs & Updates

Summer of Science Youth Leader for the “Explore UMass” Program

We are seeking Summer of Science (SOS) Youth Leaders to join the Committee that is planning and running the 2024 Explore UMass Program!

From June 23-25, 2024, Explore UMass participants will stay overnight at UMass Amherst and explore an area of interest alongside educators and experts in the field! Details will be shared as the Committee plans and the program gets closer.

SOS Youth Leaders are a group of selected young people, between the ages of 15 and 18 who serve as members on the Explore UMass Committee. SOS Youth Leaders assist in planning, implementing, and overseeing the Explore UMass program. The SOS Committee is a youth-adult collaboration that meets once a month in the evening on a conference call to plan the event. SOS Youth Leaders lead the Sunday “Welcome to UMass” which is an hour of group building activities that help participants get to know each other. Other responsibilities during the program include: making announcements, assisting with room checks, keeping track of their assigned group of participants and always modeling good character and behavior.

Click here for more information

Teen Leaders must be involved in 4-H to apply. Your application should include a cover letter and/or resume and include your interest, past participation and leadership experience.

Applications can be emailed to kima@umass.edu or mailed to: Kim Pond, 4-H SET Liaison, 7 Midstate Drive, Suite 102, Auburn, MA 01401

2024 STEAM Festival

We will have several classes for you to enter your projects in the 2024 STEAM Festival!
Grab those pictures and write a description to enter your creations.
Note that some entries have a video requirement.

A FEW Ideas:

- The 2024 Shoebox Float theme is “MY Super Power”
- Enter your Hideout Designs
- Make your designs into a 3-D model
- Create a gadget for a super hero
- Upcycle something you have around
- Create a Scratch superhero game or Environmental PSA

We will be updating the 2023 book but take a look and start planning!

Do you want to conduct a short-term STEM project with your club or others? Several options and kits are available such as electricity, rocketry, 3-D printing, and coding. For more information contact Kim Pond at kima@umass.edu
4-H Photography Challenge

Theme:
Something New to Me

Puppy sitting at GOFI
Submitted by Catherine, age 12
from Thunder Hill Canine Encounters

See details below to submit a photo for the next challenge due November 20th
The New 4-H Year is Underway!

The 2024 4-H year has officially begun! All youth and adult volunteers are required to re-enroll each year if they plan to continue participating in 4-H. **Re-enrollment is open for all clubs whose financial reports have been accepted by regional offices. Club leaders who have outstanding reports, please submit them ASAP.** Returning members and volunteers may re-enroll in 4honline or they may complete a paper enrollment packet (available at regional offices). New 4-H members need to complete paper enrollment forms.

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**Re-enrollment FAQs**

**When Do I Enroll?**

After 10/15/23, 4-H members and volunteers can log into 4honline and re-enroll.

**Why Do I Need to Enroll?**

Both 4-H youth members **and** volunteers need to re-enroll each year to be covered by 4-H accident insurance and to participate in any 4-H program. Click [here](#) for more information on how to navigate re-enrollment in 4honline.

- **Members:** To be fully enrolled to participate in club meetings and events you must be re-enrolled and have paid your membership fee or have an approved waiver. If you need paper copies of the enrollment or fee waiver forms, your regional office can email or mail them to you.
- **Volunteers:** There is no fee for volunteers to re-enroll, but you must update your contact information and agree to the current 4-H policies via the re-enrollment process.

**What if I Have Never Re-enrolled Online or Forgot How to Do It?**

- If you are a current 4-H member, you already have an account/profile. This was set up by your local office when you enrolled for the first time with your paper enrollment forms.
- If you have not logged in and set your password, now is the time to work with your office to make sure you are all set to log in.
  - **Forgot your email associated with the account?** We can look up the email used to register. Do **not** set up a new account. Contact us.
  - **Forgot your password?** You can request one or the office can trigger action for a new password and send you a temporary one. Contact us.

**Where Do I Pay?**

Even though 4honline has an embedded payment portal, as a UMass Amherst program, we use the University payment portal, instead of the 4honline payment feature. Therefore, when enrolling in 4honline, you **MUST** select Non-electronic/check payment, even if you plan to pay electronically with a credit card.

- If paying by check, mail to your regional office and they will enter your payment information into the system.
- If paying by credit card, use the [UMass link](#) and offices will get notified when your payment gets processed.

**How will I know I am done with the enrollment process?**

Once both enrollment information and payment are processed, the office will approve your membership and send you confirmation that your enrollment is complete.

**What if We are a Current 4-H Family and Want to Enroll a New Member?**

If you have new members in your family, you will need to complete a paper packet for them. Contact your regional office for a paper enrollment packet.

**What if I Want to Enroll for the First Time as a Volunteer?**

Those interested in becoming new volunteers can reach out to their regional office for an application packet and to register for an onboarding orientation Zoom session.

**Why Should I Stay Subscribed to Receive Emails?**

Please stay subscribed. If you select “Unsubscribe” from email, you will not get NewsBlasts, reminders of events, or relevant project/program specific information except in the case of critical information when that needs to go out to all families. The biweekly NewsBlast is the main source of consistent information regarding upcoming programs and registration information/deadlines. We also use the database to provide information to select groups for opportunities based on age and project specific events.
Community Service

Is your club interested in supporting youth affected by the fires in Hawaii?

Maui County 4-H clubs are focused on supporting the youth that are currently living in hotels on the island. They are looking for activities to do and this is an area where 4-H shines! They are coordinating a delivery of messages and activities (coloring books, worksheets, cards, games, etc.) to deliver as part of our holiday community service. Please consider making a contribution that would be extra special for the youth in Maui this holiday season.

For those who feel crafty, you might want to create a Zen tangle or mandala that could be shared as a coloring page and you could then also enter it into the MA 4- STEAM Festival.

The Maui County 4-H staff need to have contributions no later than 12/8, so if your club is interested, please reach out to Kim Pond for the address and more information.

November is Military Family Appreciation Month

Contact Kim Pond to explore ways to honor Military families throughout the month.

Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

Does your Club Need Some Extra $$$?

The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation provides direct support to enrolled 4-H clubs and program councils in Massachusetts in the form of club/council grants. These grants are available for special projects or needs that the group has that support the educational program and 4-H priorities. Each 4-H Club is eligible for one grant per calendar year. Apply here: https://www.mass4hfoundation.org/for-families-clubs/grants-and-awards/
UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information

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