



## UMass Extension 4-H Program

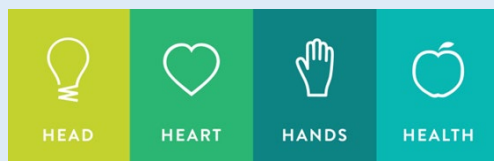
October 27, 2023

### Upcoming 4-H Calendar of Events

Date	Title	Time & Location	Registration, Contact Info, or Zoom Link
10/28	Westford Community Blood Drive (sponsored by Middlesex Cty 4-H Advisory)	First Parish Church 48 Main Street Westford, MA 01886	visit RedCrossBlood.org & enter Westford to schedule an appt.
11/1	Record Book Judge Training	Zoom 7:00 PM	<a href="#">Registration Required Here</a>
11/3	Barnstable County Re-enrollment Event	Barnstable County Fairgrounds 6:00-8:00 PM	<a href="mailto:sandi.shepherdgay@capecod.gov">sandi.shepherdgay@capecod.gov</a>
11/4	Franklin County 4-H Pumpkin Smash Fundraiser	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Hager's Farm Market Shelburne Falls, MA	
11/4	Homeschoolers Open House	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Miller Hall 100 Carlson Ave, Newton, MA	<a href="https://bit.ly/4-H-homeschool-2023">https://bit.ly/4-H-homeschool-2023</a>
11/8	CES: Marissa Guidoboni	Zoom 7:00-8:00 PM	<a href="https://bit.ly/4-HCES11-8-23">https://bit.ly/4-HCES11-8-23</a>
11/14	Paws for Thought Dog Chat	Zoom 7:00-8:00 PM	<a href="https://forms.gle/YqjkEVAPQaxsh8Vx6">https://forms.gle/YqjkEVAPQaxsh8Vx6</a>
11/18	MA 4-H Dairy Advisory Potluck	11:00 AM Hadley Office 100 Venture Way	<a href="mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu">ccsears@umext.umass.edu</a>
11/19	4-H Members' Reception	Zoom 7:00-8:30 PM	<a href="https://bit.ly/4-HRec11-19-23">https://bit.ly/4-HRec11-19-23</a>
12/13	MA State 4-H Horse Advisory	Zoom 7:00 PM	<a href="mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu">ccsears@umext.umass.edu</a>

### Approaching Deadlines

Event/Application	Deadline	Link or Contact Info
Record Book Judge Training Registration	10/29	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/SwjNbTUspY">https://forms.office.com/r/SwjNbTUspY</a>
Ignite Summit Application	10/31	<a href="https://forms.gle/A8tn2UfRMn9mbaDBA">https://forms.gle/A8tn2UfRMn9mbaDBA</a>
National 4-H Conference Application	10/31	<a href="https://forms.gle/c6Hf3BYWqEo5DLLP7">https://forms.gle/c6Hf3BYWqEo5DLLP7</a>
Club Community Service Seasons of Giving Report	10/31	<a href="mailto:kima@umass.edu">kima@umass.edu</a>
4-H Foundation Club Grant Application	10/31	<a href="#">Application link</a>
Record Books due to Regional Offices	10/31	Contact your regional office with questions.



### Community Service

Club Leaders, please get your community service reports in by October 31<sup>st</sup>. You should have received an email from your Educator with the link. If you missed it or it may have gone into a junk/spam folder, please reach out to your local Educator.

## 4-H Record Book Program

### Wrap up Your Records!

**NOTE:** Youth Records should reflect project work from 10/15/2022 through 10/14/2023.



Record books are **due to Regional 4-H Offices no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> for the 2022-2023 4-H year.**

If you are mailing your records, they must be postmarked by 10/31/23.

Please check out the [website](#) for more information and to download the record book project packets and instructions. Use the [scoring rubric](#) to guide you as you gather your record book materials and write your 4-H Story. Reach out to your regional office if you need a green record book cover.

Youth submitting records for the 2022-2023 year, **which are due October 31<sup>st</sup>**, may choose to use the new records forms/process or the old one. New forms are available on the website and old forms can be requested from your regional 4-H office.

# We Need You!

## Seeking 4-H Record Book Judges

Are you interested in scoring this year's 4-H Record Books?

Please [register here](#) for the Zoom training being held **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM via Zoom**. All adults interested in scoring records will need to attend a training session. **The deadline to register for one of these judge trainings is October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Please fill out the registration form even if neither of these dates work for you, so that we will know you are interested in judging. Reach out to [Cynthia Bushey](#) with questions.



## Did You Miss the 4-H Records Program Training?

Our new Record Keeping program has launched! If you missed our training and would like to see the recorded training video, please [click here](#). Contact [Cynthia Bushey](#) with any questions.

# National 4-H Trip Applications **DUE TUESDAY**



**Attention 4-H Teens!** Massachusetts 4-H will be sending delegates to both the Ignite Summit from March 13-17, 2024 and to National 4-H Conference from April 19-24, 2024.. Enrolled 4-H high school aged youth may apply to the National Ignite Summit, National 4-H Conference, or both. If a youth is selected for both opportunities, they will need to choose which one they would like to attend because they cannot attend both in the same year.

**Applications are now open** and are due October 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information about applying for Ignite, reach out to [Kim Pond](#). For more information about applying for National 4-H Conference, reach out to [Cynthia Bushey](#).

[IGNITE  
Application Form](#)

[National 4-H  
Conference  
Application Form](#)

Click [here](#) for a preview of the Ignite application questions.

Click [here](#) for a preview of the 4-H Conference application questions.



## 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](mailto:kima@umass.edu) or mailed to: Kim Pond, 4-H SET Liaison, 7 Midstate Drive, Suite 102, Auburn, MA 01401

Just for the fun of it

# 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Take part in this new 4-H year's challenge! Each month a new photography challenge will be issued in the NewsBlast! Your mission, if you should choose to accept it, is to take photos based on that month's challenge and submit them by the following Wednesday. Photos will be featured in future NewsBlasts, state 4-H Facebook posts, and wherever we can brag about our amazing 4-H members! Up to 2 photos can be submitted each week per person – we know that it can be difficult to choose, but we know you can do it!

**One BIG rule – no pictures of people. This is to avoid any issue with photo releases so that we can share the pictures.**

This month's challenge:

## Something New to Me

Examples new discovery, new interest, new hobbies, or location

Submit photo(s) taken by: **Monday Nov. 6th**

Submit photo(s) via email along with Name and Region to: Va Shon Hiltbold at

[vwallace@umext.umass.edu](mailto:vwallace@umext.umass.edu)

put in subject line Photo Challenge



## Welcome to the New 4-H Year!

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 will 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 beginning or they may complete a paper enrollment packet (available at regional offices). New 4-H members need to complete paper enrollment forms.

**Thank you to all who joined a 4-H Re-enrollment event in the past couple of weeks!** There is one more event, coming up the first week of November. See details below:

### Barnstable County 4-H Re-enrollment Day at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Drop by to celebrate the new 4-H year and grab some 4-H swag!

Contact [Sandi Shepherd-Gay](#) with questions.



# 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.

## Am I Allowed to Enroll in More than One Project?

4-H juniors and seniors may enroll in more than one project. They will need to declare a primary club and will compete as a member of that club's county in all contests and events. They may only participate in a particular project club once (example: can only belong to one goat club). Cloverbuds only enroll in the Cloverbud project.

## Why Can I No Longer See All Project Areas for Cloverbuds?

We have learned there exists some confusion about the [Cloverbud policy](#). Cloverbuds can only register in the Cloverbud project regardless of their areas of interest. For 2023-2024, project selections in 4honline are restricted based on the age of the youth, meaning that Cloverbuds can only register in the Cloverbud project.

## 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.



# UMass Extension 4-H Career Exploration Series via Zoom



## Marissa Guidoboni Senior Instructor, Canine Companions Northeast Region, Medford, NY Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 7:00 PM ET

*Imagine being able to help give someone independence! Many people live safer, more independent lives because of their Canine Companions.*

*An accredited service dog trainer does so much more than just train dogs!*

- Teach puppy classes
- Interview service dog candidates
- Work with volunteer puppy raisers
- Teach team trainings
- Train dogs to perform over 50 tasks!
- Match dogs with clients....and more!

*Come learn how Marissa became an instructor through the apprentice program that Canine Companions offers, and an overview of how the service dog program works.*

Connecting  
youth with  
professionals



**OPEN TO ALL**

Register:  
<https://bit.ly/4-HCES11-8-23>



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# 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  
<https://bit.ly/4-HRec11-19-23>**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
4-H EXTENSION EDUCATOR VA SHON HILTPOLD AT  
[vwallace@umext.umass.edu](mailto:vwallace@umext.umass.edu)**



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## Animal Science Programs & Updates



### Paws for Thought Dog Chats



Learn about different dog related topics! On the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00-8:00 PM, we will be having a dog chat on Zoom.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** we will be having people on to talk about therapy dogs/service dogs. Sign up here <https://forms.gle/YqjkEVAPQaxsh8Vx6>



### 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.







**The MA 4-H Horse Teams travel next week to compete  
in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY.**

Three of the teams competed two weeks ago at the Northeast Roundup held in VT.

**Results**

Horse Bowl: First Place  
Horse Judging: First Place  
Hippology: Second Place

**Congratulations and good luck at Nationals!**

**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

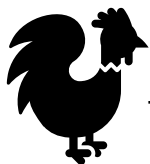
**Hippology Team – Coach:** Cait Beachell Robinson

**Members:** Vera Hollowell, Samantha Nappi, Hannah Swanson and Norah Wilson

**Horse Judging – Coach:** Heather Almodovar

**Members:** Sophia House, Reid Cragg, Irelyn Bradley and Kaelyn McLoughlin

**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](mailto:ccsears@umass.edu) with any animal science questions.

## STEM Programs & Updates

### 2023 Power Protectors STEM Challenge and the 2024 STEAM Festival

**Have you checked out this year's STEM Challenge?**  
**Are you rolling it out in your club?**

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!

[https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/news/pdf/kim\\_steam\\_festival\\_2023.pdf](https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/news/pdf/kim_steam_festival_2023.pdf)

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](mailto:kima@umass.edu)

## 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. The next round of club grants ends October 31<sup>st</sup>. Apply here: <https://www.mass4hfoundation.org/for-families-clubs/grants-and-awards/>



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# UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information

## **State 4-H & Western MA Office:** *Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, & Hampden Counties*

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