

4-H Youth
Development
Program

4-H
News



WESTERN REGION

Spring 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

April

What-Horse Verifications Due at the 4-H office
When-April 1

What-Hampden County 4-H Fair Meeting
When-Monday, April 2, 7:00 P.M.
Where-91 E. Mountain Road, Westfield
How-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair book cover
contest entries due (theme: ROOTS)

What-Hampshire County 4-H Fair Auction
When-April 7-3:00, Viewing-4:00, Auction Begins
Where-Hopkins Academy, 131 Russell Street,
Hadley
How-Open to the Public

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association
Meeting
When-April 9, 6:30 P.M.
Where-600 Williams Street, Pittsfield
How-Open to all association members

What-Hampden County 4-H Horse Council
When-Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 P.M.
Where-Elm Pizza, 38 N. Elm Street
Who-Open to all 4-H club leaders

What-State 4-H Visual Presentations
When- Saturday, April 14, 9:00 A.M.
Where-Bedford Middle School, 99 McMahan Road,
Bedford

What-Deadline for the George L. Farley
Scholarship
Who-for a former MA 4-H'er attending (or
accepted for the 2018-2019 year) UMass Amherst
How-Go to
[http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-
doc-ppt/george_farley_scholarship_info_2016.pdf](http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/george_farley_scholarship_info_2016.pdf).

What-Franklin County 4-H Advisory Council
meeting
When-April 19, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Montague Police & Fire Station
How-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair, Inc. Annual
Meeting
When-April 19, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Misty Moonlight Diner, Pittsfield

What-State 4-H Teen Leadership Retreat
When-April 19 and 20
Where-Warren Conference Center, Ashland
How-Additional information will be available after
January 1st

What-Hampden County 4-H Advisory Council
Meeting
When-Monday, April 23, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Westfield Public Library
How-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Hawlemont Regional Conference
When-April 28
Where-Hawlemont Regional Elementary School,
Charlemont
How-Open to 4-H volunteers & youth. Additional
information to follow

What-State 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology
Contests
When-April 28
Where-Wheaton College, Norton
How-additional information will be available after
January 1st

What-State Horse Judging Contest
When-April 29
Where-TBA
How-additional information will be available after
January 1st

May

What-Beef & Dairy Verifications Due at the 4-H
office
When-May 1

What-Sixth Annual Spring Consignment Auction
When-May 1, 10:00 A.M.
Where-Berkshire County 4-H Fairgrounds, Utility
Drive, Pittsfield

What-Farm Equipment Auction
When-May 6
Where-Berkshire County 4-H Fairgrounds, Utility
Drive, Pittsfield
Who-Open to all

What-Hampden County 4-H Horse Council
When-Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 P.M.
Where-Elm Pizza, 38 N. Elm Street
Who-Open to all 4-H club leaders

What-Franklin County 4-H Advisory Council
meeting
When-May 17, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Montague Police & Fire Station
How-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-MA 4-H Dairy & Beef Academy
When-May 19 & 20, 2018
Where-Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton,
MA
How-go to <http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h> for
additional information

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association
meeting
When-TBA
Where-Pittsfield

June

What-Goat, Sheep & Alpaca Verifications Due at
the 4-H office
When-June 1

What-UMass Exploring Veterinary Science
Academy
When-June 2 & 3
Where-UMass Amherst
How-additional information to follow

What-Granby's 100th Anniversary Parade &
Celebration
When-June 10
Where-Town Center & Dufresne Park
Who-All 4-H Clubs: bring banners, animals, floats,
were 4-H shirts

What-Sunderland's 100th Anniversary Parade and
Celebration
When-June 16
Where-Town Center
Who-All 4-H Clubs: bring banners, animals, floats,
were 4-H shirts

What-Franklin County 4-H Advisory Council
meeting
When-June 21, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Montague Police & Fire Station
How-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Shelburne's 250th Anniversary Parade and
Celebration
When-June 16
Where-Town Center, 75 Mechanic Street
Who-All 4-H Clubs: bring banners, animals, floats,
were 4-H shirts

What-Explore UMass
When-June 24-26
Where-UMass Amherst
How- go to <http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h> for additional information

What-Franklin County 4-H Fair
When-June 30
Where-Heath Fairgrounds
How-Open to all

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association meeting
When-TBA
Where-Pittsfield

July

What-Deadline for the State 4-H Photography Contest
How-go to http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/state_photography18.pdf for additional information

What-Regional 4-H Horse Show
When-July 6-8
Where-Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton
How-additional information to follow

What-Hampshire County 4-H Fair
When-July 7
Where-Cummington Fairgrounds
How-Open to all

What-Hampden County 4-H Fair
When-July 28
Where-Big E Fairgrounds
How-Open to all

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association meeting
When-TBA
Where-Berkshire County 4-H Fairgrounds, Utility Drive, Pittsfield

August

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association meeting
When-TBA Where-Pittsfield
What-MA State 4-H Dairy Show
When-August 3-5, 2018
Where-Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield, MA
How-additional information to follow

What-State 4-H Horse Show
When-August 3-5
Where-Big E, W. Springfield
How-additional information to follow

What-Entries Due-Berkshire County Youth Fair

What-Berkshire County Youth Fair Set-up
When-August 17, 3:30-6:30 P.M.
Where-Berkshire County 4-H Fairgrounds, Utility Drive, Pittsfield

What-Exhibit Hall entries due-Berkshire County Youth Fair
When-August 15-16
Where-Berkshire County 4-H Fairgrounds, Utility Drive, Pittsfield

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair
When-August 18
Where-Pittsfield 4-H Fairgrounds
How-Open to all

What-Steerage Rock Riders 4-H and Open Show
When-August 19
Where-J&J Auction Acres

September

What-State 4-H Fashion Show
When-September 15
Where-Big E, W. Springfield
How-4-H'ers, 7 years+. Details to follow

What-National 4-H Dairy Conference
When-September 29-October 5
Where-Madison, WI
How-go to <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/animal-science-program/beef-dairy>

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From Berkshire County 4-H

Berkshire County VP's were a lot of fun!

Congratulations to all the youth who came out and participated in Berkshire County 4-H Visual Presentations!! We had a wide range of topics covered and many even took the challenge of Extemporaneous Speaking!! You should all be very proud of yourselves. A special **Thank You** to those who helped make the day happen; Bill Chandler, and David Motta. In addition, we must not forget to thank the Boys & Girls Club of Pittsfield that allowed us to host the event at their building. Though every youth did an amazing job, four youth were recommended for the Big E and States! Nominees are: Fiora Caligiuri-Randall, Faith Motta, Hope Motta, and Charlotte Tuper!

Do You Belong on Stage?

The Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association would like to extend an invitation to any 4-H'er or group of 4-H'ers who would like to perform during the Berkshire 4-H Fair. Contact the 4-H office and let us know what you would like to do and how long you would need and we will work with our events scheduler to help you shine! Dancing, singing or even magic tricks.

Legislative Visits

This has become a staple of the 4-H year. Some of you have gone out to legislator's offices, and that has been great, but you do not have to – invite them to one of your club meetings! If you have a legislator coming to one of your meetings, please contact Angelica in the 4-H office before the meeting, so she can supply you with a folder of information to give to the legislator. Also, as always, do not forget to take great pictures and share them with Angelica and with the Mass 4-H Foundation, your club could apply for a "Legislative Awareness Award" and earn money from the Foundation!

Scholarships

Berkshire County has limited scholarship money for 4-H events and camps. If you are interested, call or email the office to receive a form. 413-448-8285 or angelica@umext.umass.edu

Berkshire 4-H Tech Wizards

The Berkshire 4-H Office is pleased to announce it has applied for and received a grant to implement **Tech Wizards** as a part of the 4-H National Mentoring Program for an eighth year! There will be sites in Pittsfield, Adams, and North Adams. The 4-H Tech Wizards engages youth in a tiered mentoring program with science, technology, engineering, art, & math education, and after-school tutoring (topics vary based on group interest). During the year, youth engage in an intensive series of experiential, hands-on learning activities with real world applications. These programs will be continued into the summer. At the same time, parents of the students are offered the assistance and education they need to support their children in their educational achievement. Three key principles are infused into the 4-H Tech Wizards program including small group mentoring, community service, and extensive cultural outreach.

Berkshire County

4-H Fair Cover Contest "ROOTS"

The Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association would like to invite youth 5-18 to enter our "Premium Book Cover Contest".

What you need to know:

- The "premium book" is the book youth will look through to enter the 4-H Fair.
- This book will be distributed throughout Berkshire County and the Pioneer Valley.
- Approximately 250 copies will be distributed.
- The winning image will also be on the on-line version of the premium book.
- Posters advertising the fair may also display the winning artwork.
- THERE IS A THEME THIS YEAR... ""

What you win!

- The winning entry will win \$20.
- Your drawing will be put on the cover of 250 books.
- A press release stating your name, age and the town in which you reside will be released to the newspaper.
- Your original drawing will be displayed, with other entries, the day of the fair in the

Exhibit Hall. (Special attention will be drawn to the winning entry.)

RULES

1. Youth must be between the ages of 5-18 to enter the contest.
2. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 4th, and sent to:
 - 4-H Office, 78 Center St., Ste 205, Pittsfield, MA 01201
3. All entries must be on white paper and fit in a 6" H X 7.5" W area and be easily photocopied.
4. There **MUST** be a 4-H clover on the entry. The clover cannot have anything on top of it, or going across it. You may place the clover on other things – but nothing on it.
5. The winner will be notified by June 1st.

All entries will be displayed the day of the Fair. Youth may retrieve their entries at 5:00pm the day of the Fair (August 18, 2018). Any entry not retrieved the day of the fair will be disposed of.

Love Your Pets

Submitted by the Sheffield Whinnies
Love your pets, The Sheffield Whinnies of Berkshire County did just that, They decided that in the month of February, which is the shortest month of the year, they were going to set up donation boxes at various locations, collect pet supplies, and donate them to the Eleanor Sonsini Animal Shelter in Pittsfield for their annual Community Service project. They dropped boxes off at six different locations, along with the town Schools, and to make the project fun for the Undermountain elementary they offered a pizza party to the class that donated the most, in which the pre-K and K grades won with 69 items. The Sheffield Whinnies acquired a truckload of donations and dropped off all the donations to Sonsini animal shelter on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

The Sheffield Whinnies upcoming event:
Sheffield Whinnies are hosting their 2nd annual vendor/craft Fair (fundraiser) May 5, 2018 11am-

4pm at Bogies 935 Main St. Great Barrington, ma. The Sheffield Whinnies will continue to look for vendors/crafters to join them. For application requests email: sheffieldwhinnies@yahoo.com

From Pioneer Valley 4-H (Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire)

Hampden County Save the date 4-H Field Trip

At the request of 2017 participants, we will once again return to the Bronx Zoo since it large enough that they will be able to see new areas of the zoo. The trip will take place on Saturday, October 13th. The Hampden County 4-H Fair Association will pay for the cost of the bus. Participants will be responsible for admission costs. More details coming later.

Hampden County 4-H Fair Photo Entries

As you begin to take photos to exhibit at area fairs, please be award that there are specific regulations for exhibiting photos at the Hampden County 4-H Fair. All entries must be photos 5 inches by 7 inches with an 8 by 10 mat, No mounting on paper, posterboard or cardboard will be accepted. Plan ahead to blow up your photos and mat them.

Thank You

As we move into fair season, we need to remember to thank the many volunteers who serve on each of our 4-H Fair Associations and work year-round to plan and prepare for these fairs. A lot of time and effort goes into getting ready for each fair for months before the fairs actually occur. There are also many volunteer youth and adults who serve as superintendents and judges during the fair and assist with set-up and take-down. As you visit the 4-H fairs this summer, take time to say thank you to these wonderful volunteers. These groups are also always looking for additional volunteers to assist with the fairs so be sure to sign up at the fair if you have time to donate to help plan the 2018 fairs.

Hampden County Camperships

4-H members planning to attend 4-H Camp Howe, 4-H Horse Camp or any of the UMASS or livestock camps may apply for partial camperships from the Special 4-H Fund. Contact the 4-H Office for applications.

Support 4-H Fairs!

All 4-H'ers are eligible to enter and the volunteers who plan and support the fair are anxious to have exhibitors participate. Fair Books will be on the 4-H web site or available from the 4-H Office so save the following dates and exhibit or visit one of these fairs.

Franklin County 4-H Fair-June 30-Heath Fairgrounds

Hampshire County 4-H Fair -July 7-
Cummington Fairgrounds.

Hampden County 4-H Fair & Horse Show - July 28th - Mallary Complex and outdoor horse arena. Entries due July 19th.

Berkshire County 4-H Fair - August 18th -
Berkshire County 4-H Fairgrounds.

The Hampshire County 4-H Fair Auction

This will be held Saturday, April 7th at Hopkins Academy, Rt. 9, Hadley. This is the major fundraiser that makes our Hampshire County 4-H Fair possible. This auction features a wide variety of items including - plants, household items, animal supplies, a wide variety of gift certificates to area businesses plus much, much, more! Each 4-H club is asked to help in this important fundraiser by donating a "theme basket" or other item/s. To view the many items offered, arrive at 3:00 on April 7th. The auction bidding will begin at 4:00 P.M.

This year, again, a special club challenge is offered by Quabbin Valley Auction. Your 4-H club can win up to \$250 by collecting donations for the auction.

All items collected by your club will be totaled based on the value they bring in at the auction. The club that has the highest total will receive \$250. There will be a second place award of \$125 and a third place of \$75.

The 2018 Hampshire County 4-H Fair

This fair for the entire family returns to the Cummington Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 7th. The fair catalog will be available on the mass4h.org web site and on the Pioneer Valley face book page. Look for it in early May.

Exhibit a Pumpkin at the Big E!

Use your imagination and decorate a pumpkin and exhibit it in the Farmarama Building at the Big E. You may grow or purchase a pumpkin to decorate. Entries are due the end of August. Go to the Big E website for complete information (thebige.com then agriculture then Native Produce). Youth who have grown their own Big Pumpkins or Squash may also enter the Youth Giant Pumpkin Contest on September 15th. Pre-entry is required. Information is also available on the Big E website. Hope to see you there!

Hampden County Scholarships

We are fortunate in Hampden County to have two scholarships available for 4-H members attending two or four year colleges:

Special 4-H Fund - Money earned at the 4-H Apple Booth during the Big E makes these scholarships possible. Contact the 4-H Office for an application.

Hampden County Improvement League

A volunteer organization which supports agricultural education, this group offers scholarships to 4-H members and youth pursuing careers in agriculture. Contact Sue Wright 413-786-1432 for an application

Camp Howe

The focus of Camp Howe is to foster understanding and appreciation of individual differences. Camp Howe offers lessons in diversity that campers don't even realize they are learning because they are having so much fun making new friends, discovering the wonders of nature and gaining independence. It truly is a camp for all youth!

We offer camp in one or two-week sessions for a total of seven weeks of summer camp for your camper. One and two-week campers live together based on age. One week sessions are given a number and two week sessions are given a letter. All sessions begin on Sunday, except Day Camp which begins on Monday.

For campers who have finished 6th grade and entering 7th grade we consider an in-between age and can be registered into either the Junior or Teen depending on what the parents think the child is emotionally ready for. Please call us if you would like more information about the differences of the program.

Listed below are our session dates and rates for the summer of 2018. The tuition listed includes everything except the optional teen adventure trips. Each camper will receive a free Camp Howe T-shirt. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 for each week that a child is registered is due upon registration. The balance is due four weeks before the beginning of the camper's session. Registration completed after June 1 must include full tuition.

Resident One Week Sessions (includes free T-Shirt)

JUNIORS

- Overnight (1st grade to 6th grade) \$515.00
- ECHO Overnight (campers with special needs 1st grade to 6th grade) \$675.00

TEENS

- Overnight (7th grade and above) \$530.00 (include a trip either rock climbing or skeet shooting)
- ECHO Overnight (campers with special needs 7th grade and above) \$675.00

Dates

- Session 1: Sunday July 1 through Friday July 6, 2018
- Session 2: Sunday July 8 through Friday July 13, 2018
- Session 3: Sunday July 15 through Friday July 20, 2018
- Session 4: Sunday July 22 through Friday July 27, 2018
- Session 5: Sunday July 29 through Friday August 3, 2018
- Session 6: Sunday August 5 through Friday August 10, 2018
- Session 7: Sunday August 12 through Friday August 17, 2018

Scholarships

To all GRADUATING SENIORS residing in Berkshire, Hampshire, or Franklin Counties:

This is your invitation to apply for one of the four \$500 scholarships awarded by the Hillside Agricultural Society, sponsor of the Cummington Fair. Your acceptance at any accredited two or four year college makes you eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted before May 1, 2018, and must include:

1. Letter stating your financial need, community service, future plans, and personal background.

2. Official transcripts of your scholastic records.
3. Three letters of reference, one of which must be from a person not associated with your school.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of these additional credit may be given to any applicant who plans a career in any phase of agriculture, who come from an agricultural background, or who has volunteer and/or has exhibited at the Cumington Fair.

Shortly after May 1st, the Scholarship Committee will meet and evaluate all applications. Winners will be personally notified and schools will receive an announcement that can be included at their graduation exercises or awards assemblies. Actual payment of the award will be made to the student after satisfactory completion of the first semester of college.

Money for these scholarships is earned from the dining room and the food concessions at the Cumington Fairgrounds during the Fourth of July horse and ox drawing contests. Scholarship winners are requested to assist in whatever capacity they are able during this event and are not otherwise asked to repay their scholarship.

Fully completed applications must be sent to me prior to May 1st. Late or missing information could result in disqualification.

Go to <http://cumingtonfair.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ScholarshipApplication2017.pdf> for complete details.

April is National Volunteer Month

Thank You to our Volunteers and Collaborators!

4-H volunteers serve as club leaders, short-term program facilitators, Advisory and Program Council members, judges, fundraisers, food booth coordinators, chaperones, coaches and more! Through these volunteers, we were able to reach over 25,000 youth last year with positive youth development. Volunteers are the heart of the 4-H program, selflessly donating their time to support and mentor youth. Please take the time in April (and throughout the year) to thank a 4-H volunteer!



Regional VP Day

Fantastic Farmers 4-H Club members shine at the Pioneer Valley Visual Presentations Day at Hopkins Academy on March 10, 2018.

Incredible Clovers 4-H Club

Mrs. Louise Butler's annual 4-H Caroling and handing out ornaments at the Healthsouth Rehab Center in Ludlow, MA.



Science Experiments

Incredible Clovers 4-H Club members observing Mr. Louise Butlers' science experiments.



Seek & Discover Workshop

Seek & Discover 4-H Club presents Paracord Survival Bracelets for third year at the WMass 4-H Winter Workshops at Hopkins Academy in Hadley, MA on January 20, 2018.



Dakin Shelter Workshop

Seek & Discover 4-H Club visits Dakin Humane to deliver donations and interact with homeless animals at the shelter in Springfield, MA.



Steerage Rock Riders 4-H Club

The Steerage Rock Riders 4-H and Open Horse show has been rescheduled to August 19th at J & J Auction Acres due to conflict with the new State 4-H Horse Show date. The club members fabricated sweater beds to donate to TJ O'Conner Animal Shelter along with dishes, cleaning supplies and food. The Steerage Rock Riders club is interested in planning a trip to a destination and would like to partner with other clubs. They are still in the discovery aspect but would like to see that happen in the spring. They are also planning an Earth Day activity.

Seek & Discover 4-H'ers Meet Senator Lesser

Senator Eric Lesser hosted a meeting with the Seek & Discover 4-H Club from Belchertown. Senator Lesser cited the leadership and citizenship skills that our 4-H'ers develop through their experiences in clubs and councils, as well as their work ethic, explains 4-H Educator Tom Waskiewicz, he is a "big fan" of 4-H. Kaitlyn Park asked, "What does a Senator do?" JenaRose Zawalski was curious how Eric Lesser became a Senator. Senator Lesser excitedly shared some of the things he does and his involvement with the communities he serves, such as, Belchertown. His passion began with saving his teachers' jobs and going door to door for his cause. Seek & Discover 4-H Club members: Zackery Zawalski, 13, Dylan Cominoli, 12, Kaitlyn Park, 12, Skyler Park, 12, JenaRose Zawalski, 9, all from Belchertown, Kearny LaFlamme, 8, from Ware, 4-H Educator Tom Waskiewicz, Seek & Discover 4-H Club Leaders Jen and Jeff Zawalski, Co-leader Heather Truelove, and parent Katie LaFlamme had a great opportunity to meet with Senator Eric Lesser at his District Office in East Longmeadow on March 12, 2018.



Horse Judging Clinic

A Horse Judging Clinic with Kelsey Keathly and Dylan Dombrowski will be held April 14, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at 400 Main Road, Chesterfield. It is hosted by the Hampshire County 4-H Cavalry Horse Club. Kelsey is a 4-H alumni from New York. In 2012, she won the 4-H Eastern National Horse Judging competition, the first person ever from New York to accomplish this. Kelsey is also a 2017 Cazenovia College graduate and an accomplished APHA and PtHA amateur exhibitor.

She has extensive experience as a scribe and ring steward. Dylan is a 2016 Cazenovia graduate, where he found much success in intercollegiate competition. Dylan represented IHSA at both the AQHA World Show and NRHA Derby, where he took third and fourth place, respectively. Dylan specializes in reining, scribing many large NRHA sanctioned shows. For more information, contact Kelli Wainscott at 413-695-8343. From 1:00-3:00 P.M. Chris St Cyr of NH will facilitate an Essential Oils Workshop.

Horse Power 4-H Club

This photo is from Dec. 5th when 4-H members of the Horse Power 4-H Club delivered a \$1430 check to Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton.



Hampden County Horse Power 4-H Club's Busy Year

Hampden County Horse Power completed several community service projects over the winter months:

- On December 5th, they presented Cooley Dickinson Hospital with \$1430 for their Cancer Care Fund. This fund goes directly to the patients, such as to help them purchase wigs, assistance with cab rides or babysitting to go to treatment, equipment they may need so they can stay at home comfortably, and so forth. Club members raised funds from donations they collected for an annual trail ride fundraiser they hold each fall to coincide with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

- Prior to the holidays they collected and delivered winter coats for a drive sponsored by the Burlington clothing store at the Holyoke Mall.
- They spread 4-H awareness and fundraised for club activities, emergency first aid supplies, and animal rescues at Tractor Supply in Southampton. They hand-decorated horseshoes and made dog treats to sell.
- They also delivered holiday horseshoes and handmade cards to veterans at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, and returned after the holidays to assist with Bingo Night.

The surprisingly warm temperatures over the February school vacation week came just in time for

Mt. Holyoke's Hunter/Jumper schooling show. It was a great way for members who could attend to practice in the show ring before the spring season gets underway. It was also a great day for everyone – horses and human – to soak in some much needed sunshine! A focus of our monthly club meetings has been on expanding our horse knowledge. Members are taking turns researching and presenting on a variety of topics. Thus far, we have learned about parts of the horse/bridle, types of bits, horse teeth

and muscle systems, with more presentations to come this spring!



Horse Power 4-H Club At Tractor Supply

Horse Power members promoting 4H and fundraising at Tractor Supply in Southhampton, MA. (This was the first shift, many members took turns helping throughout the day.)



Steerage Rock Riders 4-H Club

The annual Steerage Rock Riders 4-H and Open Horse show has been rescheduled to August 19th at J & J Auction Acres due to a conflict with the State 4-H Horse Show date. Also, our club members fabricated sweater beds to donate to TJ O'Conner Animal Shelter along with dishes, cleaning supplies and food. Our club is interested in planning a trip to a destination and would like to partner with other clubs. We are still in the discovery aspect but would like to see that happen last spring. The club is also planning an earth day activity.

Upcoming Fairs

Littleville Fair is August 3-5
15 Kinnebrook Rd., Chester, MA 01011
Phone: 413.667.5107
Admission: \$7.00; children under 12 free

Westfield Fair is August 17-19th

Near 161 Russellville Rd., Westfield, MA 01085
Phone: 413.562-3001

Time: Friday 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Admission is \$8.00; Seniors: \$6.00; 12 & Under free with paid adult admission. Free parking.

2018 4-H Ambassadors

Please join me in welcoming the new Pioneer Valley Region 4-H Ambassadors:

Julianna Applegate
Ellie Gelinias
Brooke Griswold
Allison Kotowski
Lana Krol
Parker Krol
Chloe Macaluso
Caitlynn Tippet
Zackery Zawalski

4-H Ambassadors are members who have achieved high standards of excellence in their 4-H program or project work, in citizenship, and in leadership.

This program provides ambassadors with opportunities and experiences to enhance their knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations in leadership, citizenship, communications and public relations, scholarship, and related areas of interest and need.

Ambassadors will engage in 4-H marketing and promotion efforts and in managing the Pioneer 4-H image to ensure compatibility with our vision, mission, and values.

