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Plymouth County Extension 4-H Program

Plymouth County 4-H News and Notes – Winter 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February

- February 3 Winter Workshops, Norfolk Agricultural High School
- February 6 Plymouth County 4-H Visual Presentation Training, Plymouth
- February 16 Plymouth County 4-H Visual Presentation Training, Hanson
- February 20 East Middleboro 4-H Town Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Clubhouse
- February 24 4-H Poultry Workshop Day Norfolk Agricultural High School
- February 26 Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 PM, Plymouth, MA

March

- March 3 Plymouth County 4-H Visual Presentation Program, 9 AM, Kingston Intermediate school ******* NOTE this is a location change**
- March 20 East Middleboro 4-H Town Committee Meeting, 7 PM, Clubhouse
- March 24 MA 4-H Blue Ribbon Calf Sale and Clinics - Big E Fairgrounds, MA
- March 26 Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 PM, Plymouth, MA
- March 27 Massachusetts Ag Day at the Statehouse, Boston, MA

Coming in April...

- April 14 Massachusetts 4-H Visual Presentation Day, 10 AM, Bedford, MA
- April 1 4-H Campership Requests Due to PCE Office
- April 1 4-H Robery Scholarship Applications Due to PCE Office
- April 15 4-H Sunflower Contest Materials Available to 4-H Clubs
- April 14 State Visual Presentation Day, Bedford
- April 14 Plymouth County 4-H Embryology Program Egg Orders Due
- April 19/20 Massachusetts 4-H Teen Leadership Retreat
- April 24/25 Plymouth County 4-H Embryology Program Egg Pick up Dates
- April 28/29 State Horse Round-up
- April 11-22 Paper Clover 4-H Fundraiser at Tractor Supply, Plympton, Wareham, Hanover

Reminder!

Please make sure to check the Plymouth County 4-H website for up to date information.

Visit: www.plymouthcounty4h.org

Snow and Inclement Weather Policy

Due to early storms already this season, we would like to remind 4-H members and volunteers to check the 4-H Facebook page for the most up to date information on 4-H cancelations. We will try to cancel events as early as possible if bad weather is predicted. If possible phone calls will be made for county wide events. 4-H Leaders will determine if it is necessary to cancel club meetings.

4-H Babysitting Courses

Plymouth County Extension is pleased to announce that we have several 4-H Babysitting Courses offered in multiple communities year round. Participants will get a certificate and business card. Learn about the business of babysitting, childcare, nutrition, safety and more! Please see www.plymouthcounty4h.org Babysitting page for sign up info.

2018 Winter Workshops

All 4-H members, leaders, parents and families are invited to join Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth County's 4-H for our annual 4-H workshop series! It will be a day of fun-filled, educational, hands-on learning activities for all ages and interests.

This year the Winter Workshops will be Saturday, *February 3, 2018 held at Norfolk County Agricultural High School*, 400 Main Street (Rt. 1A), Walpole, MA.

If there is a severe storm, we will cancel the event; there is no snow date. In the event of bad weather, call the Norfolk County 4-H Office at 508-668-9793 and listen to the machine for instructions. Remember that everyone must make their own decisions about whether the roads are safe to travel on based on local conditions and their personal feelings!

Visit the Plymouth County Website for registration forms:

www.plymouthcounty4h.org

Plymouth County 4-H Visual Presentations

4-H Visual Presentations will be held Saturday, March 3rd at 9 AM at Kingston Intermediate school, Kingston, MA. ****** NOTE: *location change***

Plymouth County 4-H Visual Presentation Trainings

Many members say that conquering the fear speaking in public is the greatest accomplishment of their 4-H life. We can show you how at our 2 VP trainings this year.

February 6 at the Plymouth County 4-H office, 6:30 PM

February 16 at First Congregational Church, Hanson, 6:30 PM

Please RSVP to attend either of these events 774-404-7020

State 4-H Visual Presentations

Massachusetts 4-H Visual Presentations will be held on April 14th at Bedford Middle School, Bedford, MA. If you are selected to attend states, more information will be mailed to you before the event. We will also need volunteer judges for this day. Judges must arrive by 9 AM for training at states. Please contact Molly if you want to judge at State VP Day.

Massachusetts 4-H Horse Bowl

Tractor Supply



Horse Bowl and Hippology

The 2018 State 4-H Horse Roundup will be held on April 28th and 29th this year. The Hippology and Horse Bowl contests will be held on Saturday April 28th, Location to be determined. The Horse Judging contest will be held on Sunday April 29th at Hillside Meadows Equestrian Center in Grafton, MA.

All contests include a junior and senior division. Senior contests will be used to determine members of our 2018 state teams that will participate at the National 4-H Horse Round Up in Louisville, Kentucky in November. 4-H members who are attending will get more details through their team coaches as they become available.



4-H Sunflower Contest Help

The Plymouth County Extension Office will be offering the popular 4-H Sunflower contest again this spring. We are looking for help from 4-H Clubs to assemble the packets that get delivered to schools and other youth in Plymouth County. This is part of an educational program where youth learn about plant science and then complete the project by entering the 4-H Sunflower Contest at the Marshfield Fair in August.

Please contact Valerie at vschell@umext.umass.edu to learn more about how your 4-H Club can participate in some community service by helping us out! It will only take an hour or so of time for a club to assemble several packets for youth.

Tractor Supply is again running the 4-H Paper Clover fundraiser from April 11-22 at all Tractor Supply locations. Within Plymouth County, there are three Tractor Supply stores, Plympton, Wareham and Hanover. We are looking for clubs to set up displays / visit the store during this time to help promote 4-H locally.



Please contact Valerie at vschell@umext.umass.edu to sign up to help at a Tractor Supply store.

Camperships and Scholarships

Camperships



The Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council will sponsor camperships for 4-H members to attend *4-H Summer Camp*. Applications for camperships are available on the website at www.plymouthcounty4h.org under forms and links.

Link to form:

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/23ba5fff-9639-415f-9c43-f424ce445819/downloads/1c15r7ef5_529657.pdf

The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation also offers **Camperships**.

Please visit:

<http://www.mass4hfoundation.org/index.php/programs/grants>

Link to campership form:

<http://www.mass4hfoundation.org/images/forms/campership.pdf>

Scholarships

The 4-H Robery Scholarship is available for any 4-H'er or alum that is pursuing a degree in animal science. Please visit www.plymouthcounty4h.org Forms and Links page for more details.

Applications for the Robery Scholarship are due April 1 at the Extension Office.

George L. Farley Scholarship

4-H is proud to offer the George L. Farley Scholarship to a former MA 4-H member attending (or accepted for the 2018-2019 year) UMass Amherst. The application deadline is April 30, but we encourage you to get your application in now. Please visit www.plymouthcounty4h.org Forms and Links page for more details.

Kent Lage Leadership Scholarship

To be presented in honor of the late Kent Lage to two 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities including public speaking abilities and a background in community service activities.

The first place award will be a \$1,000 scholarship and the second place will be a \$500 scholarship.

For details on eligibility and specifics on how to apply for the award.

Go to:

<http://www.mass4hfoundation.org/images/forms/Kent-Lage-Leadership-Award-Application.pdf>

Note the application deadline is March 15, 2018.

New Scholarship *****

Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council offers ***The Eva and William Stillman Scholarship***

Each year based on applicants and funding a minimum \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to student(s) who best meet the selection criteria and eligibility requirements as outlined below.

This scholarship is funded by a gift from the Estate of Eva and William Stillman. The scholarship will be awarded by application each year. The scholarship will be awarded only one time to an individual. However, applicants may apply for this scholarship more than once.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates must be:

- Must be a resident of East Bridgewater, Hanson or Halifax
- Must be pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture or horticulture related studies.
- Applications must be received by April 1 at the Plymouth County 4-H Office.
- Applications will be notified of their award by May 1

For application visit forms & links page at: www.plymouthcounty4h.org

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Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

FOSTERING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Mass 4-H Foundation has many opportunities for monetary support for 4-H clubs and community service projects. Please visit www.mass4hfoundation.org for more information about 4-H publicity grants, matching grants, club kits and more. Click on the Resources page for details.

There is also money to support clubs who do county recruitment and promotion of 4-H on behalf of the Extension Office. Please contact Valerie for more information on this program.

Plymouth County 4-H Embryology

The Plymouth County 4-H Embryology program will be available to schools and libraries starting in April. If you or your club is interested in hatching chicken eggs or would like to get young chicks back from this program, please contact Molly at 774-404-7021



For more info and order forms:

<https://plymouthcounty4h.org/embryology-program>

Massachusetts 4-H Blue Ribbon Calf Sale



March 24, 2018 is the fourteenth annual calf sale, with all proceeds to support the Mass. 4-H Dairy Program. On the website you should find information about the awesome consignments, details for the day of the sale, updates about past consignments, and our dedication page.

www.blueribboncalfsale.com

Calling All Photographers!



Are you a junior or senior 4-H member who likes taking photographs and you think they look great? Photographs taken since last July may be entered and are due to the Waltham 4-H Office (postmarked) by July 1, 2018. All the information you need for photo size, rules, lots, and judging criteria are found at:

https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/state_photography18.pdf

More about Scholarships?

Did you know that Dunkin Donuts offers scholarships as well as Big Y Supermarkets? (This applies if they are in your shopping area.) Search for scholarships if your parents are involved in professional organizations such as the Elks or Knights of Columbus, as well as professional unions. Five of the most popular sites for scholarships are: www.Fastweb.com , www.CollegeBoard.org , www.Scholarships.com , www.CollegeNet.com , and www.USAScholarships.com .

If you exhibit animals, there are various breed-specific scholarships. You can check out the Hoards Dairyman and National Dairy Shrine for dairy scholarships, the American Kennel Club for dogs, and beef and horse associations for their respective scholarships. The Big E fair offers various trustee scholarships to youth who have participated or exhibited at the fair. Some of your local fairs also offer scholarships to past exhibitors. The Massachusetts 4-H website is another good resource:

<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/forms-applications/scholarship-application> .

Remember to start your search early and check the sites regularly. Good luck!

Animal Lease/Verification Forms

If you plan to exhibit a leased animal at any 4-H fair and/or the Big E, you need to submit a Livestock Verification Form to the 4-H office. Forms are due

April 1st *Horse (use Horse Verification Form)

May 1st for Dairy, Beef, Dog

June 1st for Goats, Sheep, Alpacas, Swine, Rabbits & Poultry

The forms are found on our website on the "forms & links" page. www.plymouthcounty4h.org

Do your Animal Verifications online.

Attention 4-H families! You may have noticed when you are in your 4hOnline profile that there is an animal tab just to the left of the enrollment button. You can enter information on your animal project online to meet the verification requirement. For online horse verification: you must complete all fields and upload a front and side view picture; uploading the Coggins is optional. Deadlines still apply so make sure to do this early to allow time for any technical glitches and to receive confirmation that the verification is complete!



National 4-H Dairy Conference

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is a leadership conference for 4-H dairy project members held in conjunction with World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The intended outcomes are to promote and sponsor an educational program which 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: You must have completed 10th grade (15 years old), completed three years in the 4-H dairy project area, never attended this conference, and provided significant leadership in the dairy project at the local level.

The application is online at https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2018_national_4-h_dairy_application.pdf

Deadline is March 15, 2018



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