

MAY 24, 2024



UMass 4-H Events Calendar

Date, Event, & Time	Location	Info or Registration
5/25 - 5/26 Stock U Show Clinic	Fryeburg, ME	Opened February 1 st
6/2 Goat Tour	Thomas Farm Sunderland, MA	Registration coming soon in 4honline
6/12, 5:00 PM EST 4-H Career Exploration Series	Zoom	Register here: https://bit.ly/4-HCES6-12-24
6/13, 7:00 PM Horse Chat	Zoom	dutchessl@aol.com
6/18, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Records Judge Training	Zoom	Register: https://forms.office.com/r/XEbyZrEGBi
6/22-6/23 Annual MA State 4-H Horse Show	Three County Fairgrounds Northampton, Massachusetts	Show Book Registration in 4honline
6/23-6/25 Explore UMass	UMass Amherst	ldubois@umass.edu
7/20 Hampshire County Fair	Cummington Fairgrounds	
7/22-7/28 Barnstable County Fair	Cape Cod Fairgrounds	Barnstable County Fair Info
7/26-7/28 Worcester County 4-H Fair	Spencer Fairgrounds Spencer, MA	Worcester County 4-H Fair Book
7/27 Hampden County Fair	Mallary Complex at the Eastern States Exposition	Hampden County Fair Info
8/2-8/4 State 4-H Dairy Show	Franklin County Fairgrounds Greenfield, MA	
8/17 4-H Day at the Heath Fair		More info coming soon!
8/18, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Records Judge Training	Zoom	Register: https://forms.office.com/r/XEbyZrEGBi
8/23-8/25 Middlesex County 4-H Fair	Middlesex 4-H Fair Grounds Westford, MA	
9/7-9/8 Western MA Regional Horse Show	Three County Fairgrounds Northampton, Massachusetts	Western Regional Horse Show Info
9/13-9/29 Big E	1305 Memorial Ave West Springfield, MA 01089	https://www.thebige.com/
9/18, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Records Judge Training	Zoom	Register: https://forms.office.com/r/XEbyZrEGBi
10/4-10/14 Topsfield Fair	Topsfield Fair Grounds Essex County, MA	
10/21, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Records Judge Training	Zoom	Register: https://forms.office.com/r/XEbyZrEGBi
10/24, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Records Judge Training	Zoom	Register: https://forms.office.com/r/XEbyZrEGBi

Approaching Registration & Application Deadlines

Deadline	Event or Opportunity	Application or Info Link
5/25/24	Deadline for heifer registration for the Big E	Big E Packets & Registration
6/1/24	Animal Verification Forms Due (Goat, Sheep, Llama, Alpaca, Swine, and Dog)	Form Links Below
6/1/24	State Horse Show Registration Deadline	
6/3/24	National 4-H Teen Leadership Trip Application Deadline	https://forms.gle/cBargMZdkpPaSBzo7
6/26/24	Worcester County 4-H Fair Entries Due	Worcester County 4-H Fair Book

Massachusetts Statewide Programming & Announcements

Important Re-Enrollment Reminder

This request is being made of all UMass 4-H youth and families: Please log into 4honline to **check that your enrollment status is complete**. Many families think their enrollment is up-to-date only to find that it is incomplete when they try to enroll for an upcoming program. **The official enrollment deadline for youth who wish to participate in any 4-H fairs this summer is June 15th**. We don't want you or your child to be disappointed if they attempt to enter into fairs and are unable to do so. Even if you think your registration is complete in 4honline, please log on and check. If you have any questions, reach out to your regional 4-H office for assistance.

UMass 4-H Career Exploration Series

June 12, 2024

Krista Mangiardi, Foreign Service Officer, Sierra Leone, West Africa

To register: <https://bit.ly/4-HCES6-12-24>

Can you imagine moving to a new country every couple of years for your job? Foreign Service Officers work for the U.S. government overseas doing everything from the finances or technology at a U.S. Embassy, to managing the relationship with another country or helping American tourists get emergency passports. Massachusetts 4-H alum, Krista Mangiardi, is a Foreign Service Officer currently focused on educational and cultural exchange programs in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Come learn not only about her personal experiences in this job, but also about the day-to-day lifestyle that is a part of this unique career!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR THIS CES PRESENTATION IS AT **5:00 PM** DUE TO THE TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS AND SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA.

National Teen Leadership Trips

Are you a 4-H teen who would like to represent Massachusetts 4-H as a youth delegate at a national leadership event?

UMass 4-H has launched its new application process for 4-H teens who are interested in attending one of the three annual national 4-H leadership trips during the 2024-2025 4-H year: National 4-H Congress (in November 2024), 4-H Ignite Summit (in early 2025), and National 4-H Conference (in March or April 2025). **The delegate selection process for all three trips will happen during this timeframe even though the trips are spread throughout the fall and spring of the following 4-H year.**

Please direct questions to [Cynthia Bushey](#) or [Kim Pond](#).

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN: <https://forms.gle/cBargMZdkpPaSBzo7>

Preview the application here: [2024-2025 National 4-H Leadership Trips Application Preview.pdf](#)

JUNE 2024: Applications Due followed by Interviews for all Three Trips

JULY 2024: Delegates Invited to Participate

LATE JULY/EARLY AUGUST 2024: Signed Contracts & Family Contribution Payment Due

If you missed the information sessions held over the past few weeks and are interested in applying, [click here](#) to view the informational slide show.

Register Now! Record Book Judge Trainings

Are you a 4-H volunteer who has judged record books in the past or would like to judge them next year?

The UMass 4-H Records Program is one of the longstanding statewide programs for 4-H youth. Maintaining record books throughout the year teaches 4-H youth how to set goals, execute plans, reflect on learning, and use tools that help develop executive functioning skills to last a lifetime!

UMass 4-H Staff will be hosting a series of record book judge training sessions between now and October so that we can gather a robust group of trained judges to provide valuable feedback to the 4-H youth across the state who have dedicated their time to completing and submitting record books in October. The time commitment for this volunteer opportunity includes a one and a half hour training between now and October, a Zoom refresher training and judge orientation in November, and one to two solid days of participation in our statewide records judging events.

This amazing program is only possible with dedicated volunteer support. This is a wonderful way to engage in a short-term volunteer opportunity that has a lasting impact on youth.

Use [this link](#) to register for a Zoom Records Judge Training on one of the following dates:

- June 18, 2024 6:30-8:00PM
- August 18, 2024 6:30-8PM
- September 18, 2024 6:30-8:00PM
- October 21, 2024 6:30-8:00PM
- October 24, 2024 6:30-8:00PM

Explore UMass 2024

SAVE THE DATE! Explore UMass 2024 is back from June 23rd - 25th



This program is for both 4-H members and non-members, ages 12-16. Youth get to experience Campus Life during this 3-day, 2-overnight STEM program at UMass Amherst.

Think about what track most interests you from this year's STEM tracks: Plant and Soil Science, Veterinary Science, Food Science, and Engineering (Cardboard Arcade project).

Registration opened March 20th in 4honline for members. Please reach out to 4-H Educator Lauren DuBois via email ldubois@umass.edu with any questions.

4-H Animal Science Updates

Animal Verification Forms

MAKE SURE YOUR FORMS ARE SUBMITTED TO YOUR REGIONAL 4-H OFFICE!

Now is the time to print off your Animal Verification Forms to plan for the upcoming show season. Lease Forms are also due at the same time. Animal Verification Forms are to be completed for all livestock, dogs, and horses that you plan to show at a 4-H fair, dog academies, and/or Big E 4-H Shows. Note: Lambs and kids born after June 1st are still eligible to show based on your fair's requirements, but you will still need to file a Verification Form on them once they are born. Verification Forms are due to your county/regional 4-H office by the following dates:

- ✿ June 1st – Goat, Sheep, Llama, Alpaca and Swine, Dog

LINKS TO VERIFICATION AND LEASE FORMS

[Livestock Verification Form](#)

[Livestock Lease Form](#)

[Beef Lease Form](#) (Youth cannot show a leased steer at the Big E)

[Horse Verification Form](#)

[Dog Verification Form](#)

4-H Beef Program

Don't forget to register your heifer for the Big E! May 25, 2024 is the deadline to submit your registration.

<https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/packets>.

4-H Goat Program

SIGN UP NOW! [Thomas Farm](#), Sunderland, MA and [Oak Hollow Farm](#), Shelburne, MA will be hosting learning walks through their farms for 4-H Goat youth on June 2, 2024. Plans are being made! Registration will be available on

<https://goattour2024.4honline.com>.

4-H Horse Program

HORSE CHAT

Caitlin Looney, Certified Equine Massage Therapist

June 13th at 7:00 PM



Caitlin leads Extend Equine Massage which provides a variety of bodywork services to horses across the Greater Boston and Nashua areas. Growing up in 4-H, she transitioned to riding in the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association during her time at Northeastern University. Caitlin showed in the Intermediate hunt seat equitation and led the team as captain for three consecutive seasons, frequently competing at both the regional and national levels. Currently, Caitlin is focused on pursuing breed level shows in the all around events with her personal horse Trace, and in hand events with her miniature mule Petunia. Riding at such diverse levels, Caitlin appreciates all aspects of competition and equestrian pursuits from the retired school pony to the leisurely trail master to the high performing equine athlete!

Horse Chat meetings are offered via Zoom using the following link: **Meeting ID:** 631 794 3559 **Passcode:** HorseChat
Reach out to Liza at dutchessl@aol.com with questions.

STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

The State Horse Show is being held June 22nd – 23rd at the Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton, MA.
Entries are due no later than June 1st through 4honline.
[State 4-H Horse Show Book](#)



MASSACHUSETTS STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

A photograph of a rider in a dark jacket and helmet standing next to a brown horse. They are in front of a white banner that says "STATE HORSE SHOW" and features the Massachusetts 4-H Horse Program logo. The horse is wearing a blue and red ribbon.

THREE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, NORTHAMPTON, MA

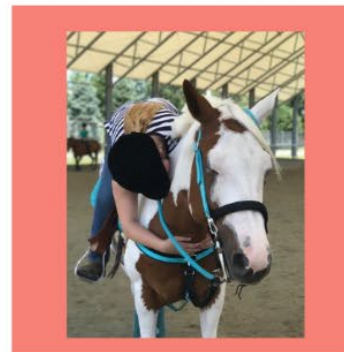
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 - RIDE FOR FREE WITH SPONSORSHIPS
 - STAY ALL WEEKEND!
 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL FRI.
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JUNE 22-23

Follow us on Facebook for entry & updates
www.facebook.com/MA4HorseProgram/

The Show Book is available on the 4-H website. Registration deadline is June 1.
(Late entries accepted with fee).

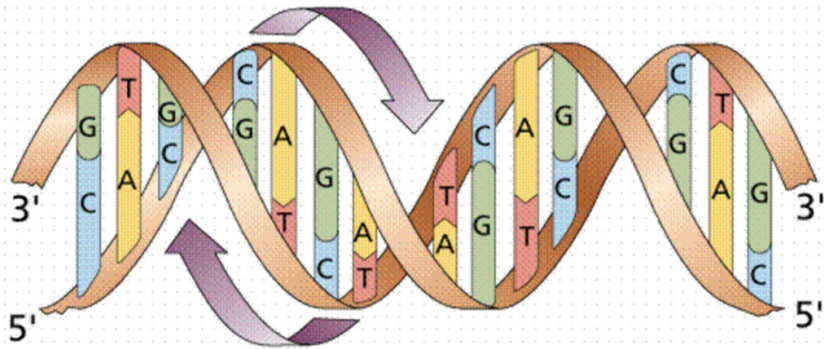


4-H STEM Updates

Genetics

Do you need some activities to introduce your members to genetics? Are you studying up for knowledge tests? Then you might want to check out the resources on our website at: <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/science-engineering-technology/green-genes-genetics>

The Green Genes curriculum is comprised of seven hands-on activities, supplemental web modules/activities and power point presentations. The activities will cover what DNA is, the role of DNA in animal and veterinary science and introduce youth to career opportunities and the role of the media. The educational activities within each unit address scientific inquiry and processing skills and are based in the experiential learning model.



STEM Interest Survey

We encourage all those interested to complete a short survey on workshops, trainings, and start of a STEM Advisory. <https://forms.gle/nwwZKMX2TNTJxKgr9>

STEM and National Asian Pacific Islander Month



Ellison Onizuka was a 4-H Alumni who was the first Asian American in Space as an astronaut in the Space Shuttle Program, took the 4-H Flag in Space and helped with a 4-H Instructional Television Program titled *Blue Skies Below My Feet* in the 1980's.

The three programs in the series included:

- Show #1 - Mission: Gravity and Forces
- Show #2 - Mission: Fiber and Fabrics
- Show #3 - Mission: Food and Nutrition

National 4-H News & Opportunities

4-H Military Partnership

Did you know?

- ✿ About 9% of the people in UMass 4-H have a military connected family member?
- ✿ The share of women veterans will increase from 11% this year to 18% in 2048.
- ✿ Today, 28% of veterans are younger than 50, compared with a projected 34% in 2048.

For more information on the changes in our veteran populations check out the PEW Research Center report <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/11/08/the-changing-face-of-americas-veteran-population/>

Military Appreciation Month

Military Appreciation Month was introduced in 1999 by Sen. John McCain to encourage Americans to reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers, sailors, and all current and former military personnel. May culminates with a celebration of Memorial Day, which is set aside to honor military members who have passed away. Here is a list of sites to learn more about Memorial Day and other national holidays and celebrations:

- ✿ [History of Memorial Day](#)
- ✿ Learn more about the different holidays and celebrations [here](#)

Massachusetts 4-H Foundation



Save the Date for the 22nd Annual Shirley Kane Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament. The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation will hold the Shirley Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament, its largest fundraiser, on Monday, September 16th, 2024. Consider signing on as a tournament sponsor if you are part of a 4-H advisory council or own a company. You'll get valuable publicity for your organization, plus support our future leaders. [Visit our website](#) to sponsor or play!

Give to the Foundation this Spring.

Give to the Foundation this spring ahead of 4-H horse shows, Explore UMass, and Fairs!

[Donate today online](#) or set up a recurring donation. Thank you for your support of Massachusetts 4-H!



UMass 4-H Policy

UMass Extension 4-H Policies

<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/volunteers/for-current-ma-4-h-volunteers/volunteer-resources>

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The UMass Extension 4-H E-NewsBlast is sent to all UMass 4-H families and volunteers. Unless otherwise noted, all virtual programming is available to 4-H members everywhere, no matter where you live or what club or group you belong to! Check these sites and your local county Facebook page for more details and for updates to programs: <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h> and <https://www.facebook.com/Mass4H/>. Archived editions can be found at <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h>. The NewsBlast is sent to family emails unless specific requests are made.



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