



UMass Extension 4-H Program

October 14, 2023

Welcome to the New 4-H Year!

The 2022-2023 4-H year officially ends this Saturday, October 14th and the new year begins on Sunday, October 15th. 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 begin re-enrolling in 4honline beginning October 15th or they may complete a paper enrollment packet (available at regional offices).

Please join us for an in person welcome back enrollment event open to both new and returning members throughout October. See details below for an opportunity to come together with other 4-Hers for some fun and celebration, sign up to continue in 4-H, drop off your record books, and walk away with some 4-H swag!

Northeast Region 4-H Re-enrollment Days

Thursday, October 18th in Westford from 3:30 – 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 24th in Topsfield from 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Nancy and Heather will be on site both of these evenings to meet with youth and families to collect enrollments and answer questions about our 4-H clubs. We look forward to meeting new members too! Contact [Heather Thibodeau](#) with questions.

Plymouth County 4-H Re-enrollment Days

October 19th 3:00-7:00 PM at the Plymouth County 4-H office (44 Obery St. Plymouth)

October 26th 3:00-7:00 PM at the East Middleboro Clubhouse (153 Thompson St. East Middleboro)

Plymouth County 4-H Enrollment/recruiting Ice Cream Social Drop in, meet us and reenroll or meet some leaders and sign up for a new club.

Contact Cathy Acampora if attending acampora@umass.edu

Southeastern MA 4-H Re-enrollment Day at Borderland State Park

259 Massapoag Ave., North Easton, MA 02356 **Sunday, October 15th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Drop by for some fall fun and 4-H swag! We will meet inside the visitor's center right next to the main parking lot. Come early or stay late to enjoy the park with your family! If you have completed your record book, please bring it with you to this event. **For a free parking pass, [register here](#).**

Contact [Cynthia Bushey](#) with questions.

Western MA 4-H Re-enrollment Day at the Hadley Office

Sunday, October 15th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Drop by for some ice cream and pumpkin painting! Bring your record books and grab some 4-H swag!

Contact [Erica MacLean](#) with questions

Worcester County 4-H Re-enrollment Day at the Auburn Office

Friday, October 20th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM

We will have ice cream and toppings to make a sundae along with Massachusetts 4-H swag for all members who re-enroll at this event. It is also a great time to drop off your record books!

Contact [Kathleen Scalera](#) with questions.

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

Friday, November 3rd 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.

Upcoming 4-H Calendar of Events

Date	Title	Time & Location	Registration, Contact Info, or Zoom Link
10/15	Western Region Re-enrollment Day	Hadley Office 1:00 – 4:00 PM	ericamaclean@umass.edu
10/15	Southeast Region Re-enrollment Day	Borderland State Park 2:00 – 4:00 PM	Register here by 10/14 for a parking pass
10/15	Annual Stokowski Scholarship Benefit Horse Show	Middlesex County Fairgrounds	hthibodeau@umass.edu
10/16	4-H Discovery Club	Zoom 7:00 PM	cabushey@umass.edu
10/17	Resume Workshop	Zoom 7:00 PM	https://forms.office.com/r/0WabyXRsvXV
10/18	Homeschool Family Open House	Zoom 7:00 PM	angelica@umext.umass.edu
10/18	State 4-H Horse Advisory	Zoom 7:00 PM	
10/18	Northeast Region Re-enrollment Day	Westford 3:30 -7:00 PM	hthibodeau@umass.edu
10/19	Plymouth County Re-enrollment Day	Plymouth Cty 4-H Office 44 Obery St. Plymouth 3:00-7:00 PM	acampora@umext.umass.edu
10/19	New 4-H Volunteer Training	Zoom 6:30 PM	
10/20	Worcester County 4-H Re-enrollment Day	Auburn 4-H Office 4:00-7:00 PM	kscalera@umass.edu
10/24	Homeschool Family Open House	Hadley Office 6:30 PM	ericamaclean@umass.edu
10/24	Homeschool Family Open House	Plymouth Office 5:00 – 7:00 PM	mriley@plymouthcountyma.org
10/24	Northeast Region Re-enrollment Day	Topsfield 5:30-8:00 PM	hthibodeau@umass.edu
10/25	Homeschool Family Open House	Auburn Office 5:00 PM	cabushey@umass.edu
10/25	Records Tune-up and Drop-in	Plymouth Cty 4-H Office 44 Obery St. Plymouth 5:00-7:30 PM	acampora@umext.umass.edu
10/26 or 11/1	Record Book Judge Training	Zoom 7:00 PM	Registration Required Here
10/26	Plymouth County Re-enrollment Day	E. Middleboro Club House 153 Thompson St., East Middleboro 3:00-7:00 PM	acampora@umext.umass.edu
11/3	Barnstable County Re-enrollment Event	Barnstable County Fairgrounds 6:00-8:00 PM	sandi.shepherdgay@capecod.gov
11/8	Career Exploration Series: Marissa Guidoboni	Zoom 7:00-8:00 PM	https://bit.ly/4-HCES11-8-23
11/14	Paws for Thought Dog Chat	Zoom 7:00-8:00 PM	https://forms.gle/YqjkEVAPQaxsh8Vx6
11/18	MA 4-H Dairy Advisory Potluck	11:00 AM Hadley Office 100 Venture Way	ccsears@umext.umass.edu
11/19	4-H Members' Reception	Zoom 7:00-8:30 PM	https://bit.ly/4-HRec11-19-23

Approaching Deadlines

Event/Application	Deadline	Link or Contact Info
Record Book Judge Training Registration	10/20	https://forms.office.com/r/SwjNbTUsPjY
Ignite Summit Application	10/31	https://forms.gle/A8tn2UfRMn9mbaDBA
National 4-H Conference Application	10/31	https://forms.gle/c6Hf3BYWqEo5DLLP7
Record Books due to Regional Offices	10/31	Contact your regional office with questions.

4-H Record Book Program

Wrap up Your Records!



Record books are **due to Regional 4-H Offices no later than October 31st 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 31st**, 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 **Thursday, October 26th or Wednesday, November 1st** 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 20th.**

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.



Records Tune-up and Drop-in for Plymouth County 4-H Members

October 25th 5-7:30 pm

at the Plymouth County 4-H office (44 Obery St., Plymouth)

Contact Cathy Acampora if attending: acampora@umass.edu

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 SOON**

Applications Open!



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 31st. 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.



4-H Youth Resume Workshop

Are you working on an application for one of the 4-H National Trips? Are you applying for a job or a scholarship? Do you have another reason that you need to create a resume?

4-H teens, please join us for an evening of conversation and idea generation. You will come away from our time together with some ideas for creating an informational and impactful resume. Meant for 4-H youth ages 13 and up. [Register here](#) for the workshop on **October 17th at 7 PM via Zoom.**

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
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Auburn, MA 01401



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**



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

Contact Carrie Sears at 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

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



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



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



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Homeschooling & 4-H

Making the Connection!



Homeschool & 4-H

You are invited to attend a 4-H open house created for homeschoolers!



To Register



<https://bit.ly/4H-homeschool-2023>

Virtual

Wednesday, October 18
6:30 PM, via Zoom

Find out about:
**Curriculum
Programs
Opportunities
Clubs
& More**

In-Person

Western Region Tuesday, Oct 24, 6:30-8 PM,
4-H Office, 100 Venture Way, Hadley

Central Southeast Region Wednesday, Oct 25, 5-7 PM,
4-H Office, 7 Midstate Drive, Auburn

Northeast Region 1. Tuesday, Oct 24, 6:30
Topsfield Fairgrounds, Club House, 207 Boston St., Topsfield

2. Saturday, November 4, 11 AM - 1 PM, 4-H Office
Mt. Ida campus, Miller Hall, 100 Carlson Ave., Newton

Plymouth County Tuesday, Oct 24, 5-7 PM
4-H Office, 44 Obery St., Plymouth

Questions?

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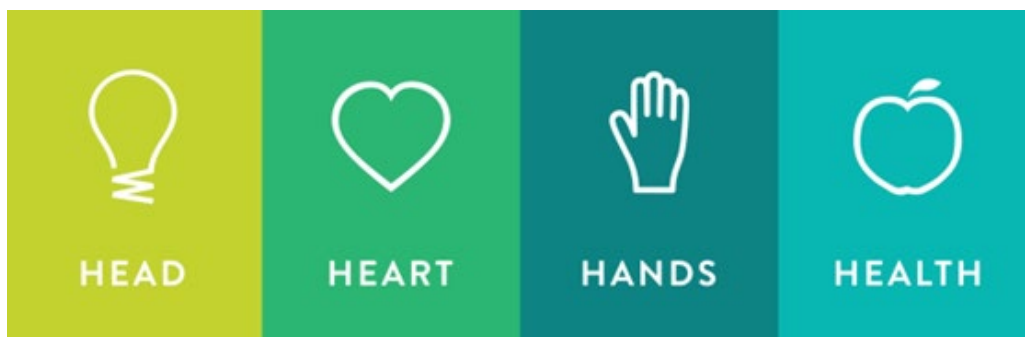
The 2023 Big E is a Wrap!

Congratulations to all the participants! This year, we had 108 youth participate in the Big E as exhibitors and/or presenters as well as over 60 adult chaperones. We had MA 4-H youth win grand champions with their livestock, high points with their horses, title as grilled cheese and milk shake contest winners, receive the New England Beef Scholarship, own the highly commended steer plus third high selling steer, win showmanship contests, and win agility contests with their dogs plus have the highest producing goat in the show! All were well deserved! We had 14 youth participate with dairy cattle, 18 youth with beef cattle, 5 youth with the horse program, 4 with dog, and 12 with dairy goats. In the New England Center, we had 55 present.





Community Service



Start planning your club community service projects for this year. Stay tuned for details on the 2023-2024 Seasons of Giving program.

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 31st. Apply here:

<https://www.mass4hfoundation.org/for-families-clubs/grants-and-awards/>



UMass Extension 4-H Offices and Contact Information

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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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