



UMass Extension 4-H Program

September 14, 2023

**THE
BIG
E**
SEPT. 15 - OCT. 1

Massachusetts Days in the New England Center— 9/15 & 9/16
4-H Day September 16

Dairy Cattle 4-H Show – Thursday 9/14 – Sunday 9/17

Beef 4-H Show – Friday, 9/22 – Monday 9/25

Horse 4-H Show – Thursday 9/21 – Sunday 9/24

Dairy Goat 4-H Show – Thursday 9/28 – Saturday 9/30

Dog 4-H Show – Friday 9/29- Sunday 10/1

Sheep 4-H Show – Friday 9/29 – Sunday 10/1

Upcoming 4-H Calendar of Events

Date	Title	Time & Location	Registration, Contact Info, or Zoom Link
9/16	4-H Day at the Big E	Eastern States Exposition Springfield, MA	
9/16 & 9/17	Cracker Barrel Fair	Wrentham, MA	cabushey@umass.edu
9/25	4-H Discovery Club	Zoom 7:00 PM	cabushey@umass.edu
10/11	Career Exploration Series	Zoom 7:00 PM	https://bit.ly/CES10-11-23
10/15	Re-enroll in 4-H for 2023-2024	4honline	
10/17	Resume Workshop	Zoom 7:00 PM	https://forms.office.com/r/0WabyXRsv
10/18	Homeschool Family Open House	Zoom 7:00 PM	angelica@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 5-7 PM	mriley@plymouthcountyma.org
10/25	Homeschool Family Open House	Auburn Office 5:00 PM	cabushey@umass.edu
10/26 or 11/1	Record Book Judge Training	Zoom 7 PM	Registration Required Here

Approaching Deadlines

Event/Application	Deadline	Link or Contact Info
Record Book Judge Training Registration	10/20	https://forms.office.com/r/SwjNbTUspY
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.

Fair Schedule

The Big E: September 15th – October 1st at Eastern States Exposition. West Springfield, MA

Topsfield Fair: September 29th – October 9th. Stay tuned for details.

Biosecurity Measures: The 4-H fairs and shows are underway! If you haven't already, now is the time to refresh yourself on biosecurity measures you should take with your animals when going to or returning from an event. Here are a few good resources for you to check-out: [Livestock](#), [Poultry](#), [Equine](#)

4-H Record Book Program



Record books will be due to Regional 4-H Offices no later than October 31st for the 2022-2023 4-H year. 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.

Seeking 4-H Record Book Judges

Are you interested in being trained to score 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.

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.

4-H Re-enrollment Days!

The Massachusetts 4-H year runs from October 15th through October 14th of the following year. Returning members may begin re-enrolling in 4Honline beginning October 15th. Alternately, please watch for in person enrollment events for both new and returning members throughout the fall at various locations:

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

Friday, October 20th from 4-7 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!

National 4-H Trip Applications Open

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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UMass Extension 4-H Career Exploration Series via Zoom



Paul Souza

**Senior Forensic Analyst-Deputy Sheriff
BCI, Plymouth County, MA, Sheriff's Office**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 7:00 PM ET

IRIS AND BIOMETRIC SYSTEMS, DNA, TECHNOLOGY - Imagine spending your days helping to solve crimes, crack old cases, or identify a missing person.

What does working in forensics really look like compared to the movies?

Does a forensic analyst go to crime scenes?

Are they considered experts at a trial?

Are there other professions in forensics besides an analyst?

Do you have more questions? Come ask!



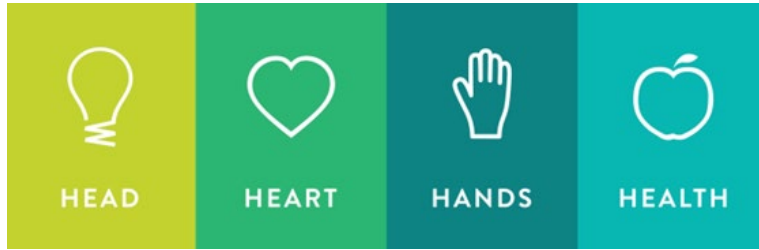
Register:
<https://bit.ly/CES10-11-23>



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Community Service



Season 4 of the Seasons of Giving Program

Thanks to all the clubs who have been participating in the Seasons for Giving Community Service Program!

A link has been sent out to club leaders for the 4th Season of Giving, as we are getting to the end of our 4-H year. It is great to see that some clubs have completed community service throughout the year and have submitted in each season so far. Clubs completing their 4th season of participation can pick from curriculum for the upcoming 4-H year or an end-of-year pizza or ice cream party to celebrate!

The program is designed for you to submit your projects as you complete them or you may submit them quarterly; however, if you have community service projects from earlier in the year, you can still enter them. This means that even if you completed a community service project back at the beginning of the 4-H year, you could still submit it.

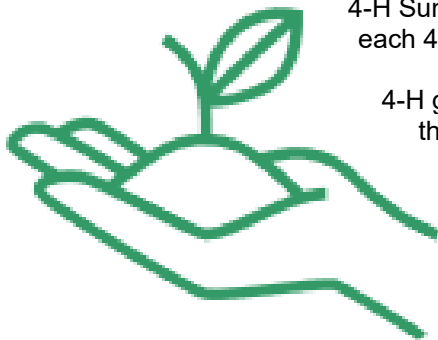
Remember that this program is progressive, and the reward choices get bigger and bigger the more you do throughout the year!

Notes about completing the form:

- The survey is for multiple types of projects and many of you will only have participated in one type of community service. Enter "0" or "null" in any sections that do not apply to you.
- You will receive a copy of your responses that you can save to include in your year-end club report.

What is the Four Seasons of Giving Program?

Service to others has always been an important part of the 4-H club program. One part of the 4-H pledge states, "I pledge my hands to larger service." An entire section of the 4-H Summary Record is dedicated to the documentation of community service done by each 4-H member.



4-H groups often conduct community service projects in local communities where they meet. These projects include community beautification, collecting donations for food pantries, raising money for charities, volunteering in nursing homes and donating needed items to hospice and hospitals, to name just a few.

Find the details about our current list of ideas and incentives: [2022-2023 Four Seasons of Giving](#).

Club leaders will receive an email at the end of each season when it is time to report their results.

Thanks in advance for contributing to this statewide effort!

Animal Science Programs & Updates

Contact Carrie Sears at ccsears@umass.edu with any animal science questions.

STEM Programs & Updates

2023 4-H STEM Challenge

By completing three engaging activities and using cooperation, determination and the POWER of reusable energy, youth will PLAY and WIN together as *The Power Protectors*!

Check out this spotlight of one of the Power Protectors activities!



Energy Island Adventure

Youth will:

- ✿ Be able to describe three types of sustainable energy
- ✿ Address problems and create solutions
- ✿ Collaborate and strategize to help Energy Island use renewable energy sources such as sun, wind and water

[Click here](#) or contact [Kim Pond](#) for more information on participating in this year's 4-H STEM Challenge!

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

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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