

# Maine 4-H Foundation

2024



## 4-H Youth

Dear 4-H Community,

2024 has been a tremendous year for the Maine 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Youth Development program. The 4-H Board of Trustees has been actively working to raise support for new programs, legacy projects, scholarships for graduating seniors, and support for our six educational learning centers statewide.

The Maine 4-H Youth Development program has initiated leadership teams at the state level, including: 1) one focused on outdoor educational leadership and learning, 2) a second focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM), 3) a team focused on youth mentoring and healthy living, and 4) a team focused on 4-H agriculture and food sciences.

Our annual report is a collection of our successes and plans for the future. The Maine 4-H Foundation truly appreciates your support as a valued part of our community.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our Maine youth.

Sincerely,

Sean Cameron, President  
Maine 4-H Foundation



*4-H Youth in Community Leadership*



*4-H Youth in Sustainable Healthy Living*



## Outdoor Learning

UMaine Extension 4-H Camp and Learning Centers provide programs for youth ages 4-17, many from underserved populations, to have transformational experiences designed to develop a sense of place and belonging, and confidence in the outdoors.

## Healthy Living

Our programs include both day and residential summer camps, onsite open-air classrooms for schools, and school-based programs, as well as adult programming and workshops. We have a well-developed virtual component to our programs that gives them added depth and maximizes accessibility.



## Outdoor Sportsman

Our UMaine 4-H Outdoor Learning Centers provide a variety of educational experience including survival, ecology, conservation, natural resource and Maine sportsman experiences.

## Team Learning

Our Learning Centers typically attract over 2,500 youth each summer and provide school programming for over 6,000 students from more than 60 Maine school groups. Our University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Centers include Blueberry Cove, Bryant Pond, Greenland Point, and Tanglewood.





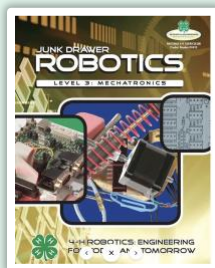


## Science and Math

The 4-H STEM Ambassadors program serves as a bridge to connect UMaine students with youth and community partners for the purpose of participating in informal, hands-on, STEM focused learning opportunities, using UMaine research and resources. STEM Ambassadors are able to experience working directly with youth in a safe, controlled environment, increasing their experience in facilitating STEM activities while also developing their skills in leadership, collaboration, communication, and project-planning.

## Technology

Through STEM Ambassadors, youth around the state are introduced to 4-H, engaging in positive youth development and engagement with unique STEM educational opportunities.

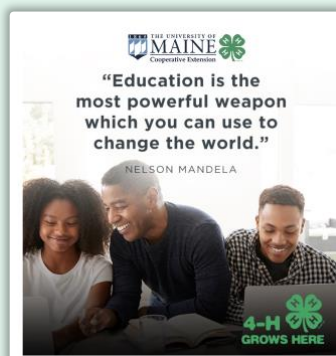


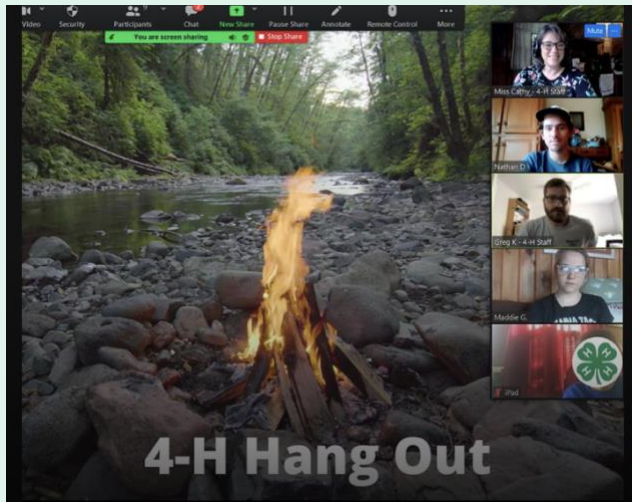
## Engineering

The *4-H STEM Challenge* is an annual event. This is a premier rallying event for 4-H science across the country. In 2023, Maine used this ready to go resource as an invitation to recruit 18 new 4-H volunteers to join our program. The STEM Challenge, Power Protectors, covered in home energy use and explored alternative energy sources. Three Power Protectors 4-H Science Kits were created and added to the 4-H toolkit lending library.

## Arts

Maine 4-H explores the visual and performing arts, community-based arts programs, and a great deal of talented youth engaged in programs at our new Magic Lantern Innovation Center.





## Virtual Learning

4-H Virtual Learning is statewide year-round virtual programming available to any youth in Maine, K-12. All 4-H virtual learning programs emphasize positive youth development practices, including: sparks, belonging, developmental relationships, hands-on learning and reflection. The [Virtual Learning Hub](#) and [4-H Summer Learning Series](#) are part of this virtual 4-H effort. Over the 2023-2024 year, more than 20 unique program series were offered virtually, including topics such as: the science of a solar eclipse, weaving and fiber arts, water ecology, animal science, rockhounding, and more.

## Youth Mentoring

The 2024 Sustainable Woodland Agriculture program, marketed as Maple Sugaring 101, was a statewide 7-week program available for youth 4-H ages 10 and older to learn about the entire maple sugaring process and how to successfully engage in the maple sugaring industry. Participants learned about the complete maple sugaring process, from forest management, tapping trees, transporting sap, using an evaporator, grading, and storing syrup, to operating a maple sugaring business. Furthermore, youth learned about other non-timber agricultural practices for mixed hardwood forests in Maine. The program was implemented through multiple learning modalities that included, three virtual sessions by Zoom, learning guides and materials, and in-person visits to



## Healthy Living

[#EmpoweringMEandYou](#)

[#EmpoweringMEandYou](#) lessons are a part of a multi-year project linked to the National Youth Summits on Healthy Living. Each lesson is designed by Maine 4-H youth (with staff assistance) to be taught by and for middle to high school-aged teens. The Maine 4-H Foundation supports our students attending the Summits, virtual learning, and bringing back community-based projects.



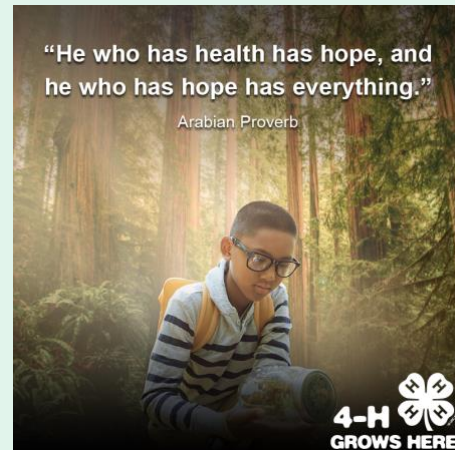


## Sustainable Living

Sustainable and healthy living education is growing more important each year and is a significant focus of 4-H programs annually. Programs include organic gardens, best practices in growing, outdoor 4-H Learning Center agricultural programs, and community service gardens. The Maine 4-H Foundation works to support healthy living for youth.

## Agricultural Learning

4-H has a rich history in agricultural education including raising healthy livestock, to veterinary science and animal husbandry. The Maine 4-H Foundation supports all aspects of animal science education statewide annually.

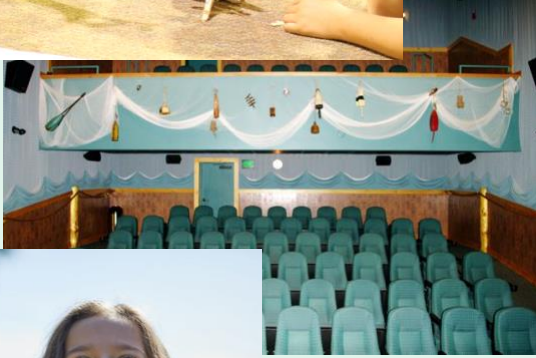


## Public Speaking

### Maine 4-H Public Speaking Event

The 4-H Public Speaking is a program that starts at the club/county level and reaches out to a multi-state tournament. Youth participate at the local level by presenting prepared demonstrations and illustrated talks in front of judges and an audience. Those who qualify and who choose to move on compete at the state tournament. An on-line option is available as an accommodation only. Senior youth who qualify and choose to move on may then become part of the Communication Science Team and represent Maine at the Eastern States Exposition and at the Northeast Region 4-H Speak Up Fest, a multi-state public speaking tournament. Participation in this program helps youth to develop skills and confidence in speaking in front of an audience as well as in interpersonal communication.





## Magic Lantern Innovation Center

The Magic Lantern Innovation Center is in its third year coming off COVID and building programs for youth, families, and the community. Jennifer Ricci is now the new Maine 4-H Foundation Executive Director and Christine Devereux is the new Director for the Magic Lantern Innovation Center. The Maine 4-H Foundation is building a great team at the center and has amazing opportunities for students and young people to learn and be a part of a small non-profit business.

The Magic Lantern Innovation Center remains a theater, educational center, and a place for the community to gather and create amazing memories. The Innovation center is focused on moving forward supporting youth development programs in the visual and performing arts, science and engineering, literacy, and culinary arts. Enrichment programs focus on youth ages 5 to 13, and on internships, mentoring, and workforce preparedness for teens and college age students.

The Magic Lantern Innovation Center is dedicated to community partnerships and building collaborative programs. In the past couple of years, the center has offered family free movies in partnership with the Chalmer's group. Held the Solar Sprint model car design competition and supported schools with the supplies to move forward to the 2025 event in partnership with RLC Engineering. Partnered with Gallery 302, the Bridgton area non-profit collaborative, the Bridgton Arts and Culture Committee, Downeast Innovation, and many local groups including Rotary, the Lyon's Club, the Maine Masons, the Bethel Gem and Mineral Museum, and the Town of Bridgton. The magic Lantern Innovation Center is open to new ideas and collaborations, please reach to Jenni Ricci at [jenni@themagiclanter.org](mailto:jenni@themagiclanter.org)

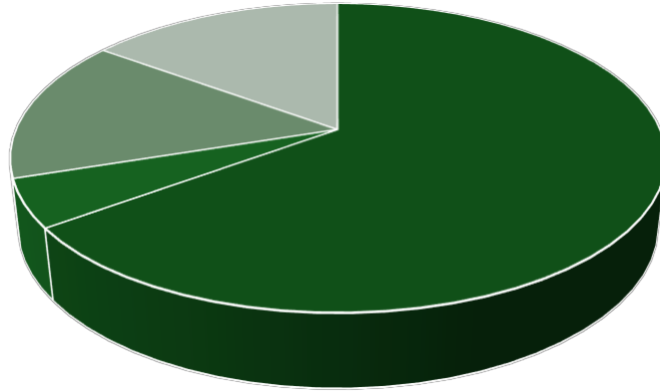




I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking, my **HEART** to greater loyalty, my **HANDS** to larger service, and my **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.



4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization. The Maine 4-H Foundation is a partner and supports our rural young people. 4-H grows confident young people who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. 4-H is led by a unique private-public partnership of universities, federal and local government agencies, foundations, and professional associations.



■ Programs
 ■ Fund Raising
 ■ Scholarships
 ■ National Trips

Expenses of the Maine 4-H Foundation



## 4-H'ers participate in...



**5M** ANNUALLY  
STEM PROJECTS



**2.5M** ANNUALLY  
HEALTHY LIVING PROJECTS

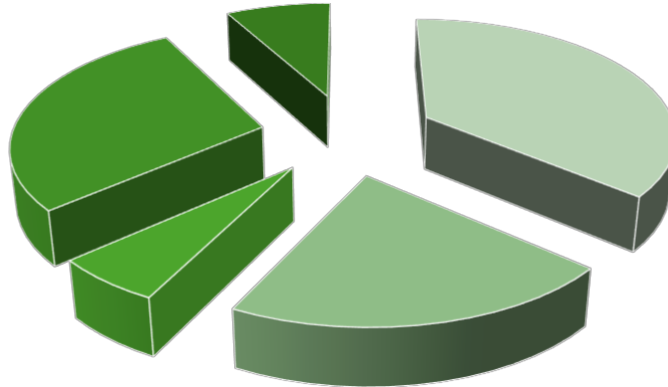


**2.5M** ANNUALLY  
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

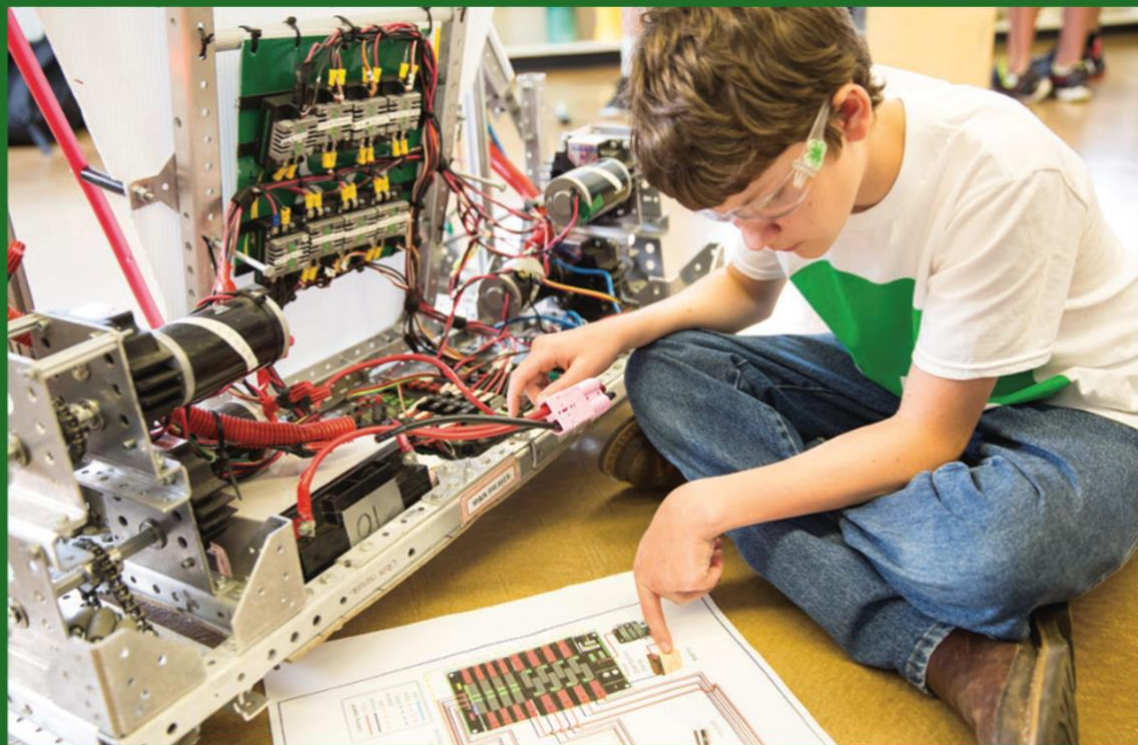


Maine 4-H Foundation investments with Harpswell Capital, HeadInvest, RBC Wealth Management, and the University of Maine Foundation.

### Maine 4-H Foundation Investments



- Financial Investments \$4,808,528
- Bryant Pond Property \$3,150,000
- Greenland Point Property. \$756,000
- Magic Lantern Innovation Center \$3,570,000
- Cash. \$1,001,955





*The Maine 4-H Foundation is pleased to present a financial report on the endowments and holdings through December 31\* of 2024*

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Investment Firm</b>	<b>Fund Value</b>
Azure Dillon and Harold Chute Scholarship	RBC	\$154,568
4-H Foundation	HeadInvest	\$1,607,960
Claude Clement Scholarship	UMaine	\$14,074
Parker/Lovejoy Scholarship	UMaine	\$14,074
Evelyn Troitzky Scholarship	UMaine	\$21,110
Verna Witter Scholarship	UMaine	\$14,074
Karen Hatch Gagne Fund	UMaine	\$36,633
Norma Hardison Fund	UMaine	\$35,183
Baird Family Fund	UMaine	\$67,146
Humphrey Family Scholarship	UMaine	\$14,978
Fred Hutchinson Scholarship	UMaine	\$21,700
4-H Foundation	UMaine	\$458,593
Wayne Rich Scholarship	UMaine	\$24,668
Harold H. Brown Fund	UMaine	\$35,183
Hawes Family Poultry Fund	UMaine	\$30,353
Farm Credit/Gladys Conant	Harpwell	\$65,309
Oxford MKA Afterschool	Harpwell	\$110,522
Tanglewood School Fund	Harpwell	\$195,856
Tanglewood School Scholarship.	Harpwell	\$203,524
Tanglewood Financial Aid Fund	Harpwell	\$77,426
Grover Family Entrepreneur (ML) &	Harpwell	\$210,570
Oxford Scholarship/Kay Daniels	Harpwell	\$30,000
Carla and Daniel Lafayette 4-H STEM	Harpwell	\$201,439
Fistal Family Master Gardener Scholarship	Harpwell	\$6,500
Elinor Perry Goat/Working Steer	Harpwell	\$25,000
4-H Hemphill Horse Endowment	Harpwell	\$36,080
4-H Benson Family Dairy	Harpwell	\$52,539
Amy Alward 4-H Beef	Harpwell	\$34,605
Kim and Lincoln Merrill 4-H Sheep	Harpwell	\$72,201
Oxton Trust	Harpwell	\$263,827
Jackie Conant Scholarship	Harpwell	\$26,463
Cumberland County Fund	Harpwell	\$29,087
Somerset County Scholarship	Harpwell	\$37,916
Jeremy Strater Washington County Sch.	Harpwell	\$38,297
4-H General Fund	Harpwell	\$575,384
Leo J. & Catherine D. Pelley 4-H Sch.	Harpwell	\$32,000
Gene Humphrey Scholarship	RBC	\$12,129
Wildlife Habitat Education Program	RBC	\$26,815
Webster Granger Scholarship.	RBC	\$12,129
Bryant Pond Campus Facility	Property	\$3,650,000
Greenland point Campus Facility	Property	\$756,000
Magic Lantern Innovation Center Facility	Property	\$3,570,000
Blueberry Cove Campus Property (Owned by Tanglewood/BBC Board)		\$2,100,000





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