

4-H News

A Monthly Newsletter for Franklin County 4-H Participants



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Franklin County Calendar

November 12	Veterans Day, Extension Office Closed
November 15	4-H Leaders Association Meeting
November 22-23	Thanksgiving, Extension Office Closed
November 30	Recognition Night
November	National 4-H Congress
December 20	4-H Leaders Association Meeting
December 25	Christmas, Extension Office Closed

4-H Leaders Association Meeting

The 4-H Leader Association Meeting will be held on November 15 at the Extension Office. Please note you are welcome to attend by phone if you are unable to attend. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

2018 Franklin County Annual Recognition Night

Friday, November 30, 2018

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mt. Blue Learning Campus

The FORUM



We have some very exciting news!

The Hannaford Supermarket located in **Farmington** has chosen **Franklin County 4-H** as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program! This means for the entire month of **November**, every time a Community Bag is purchased at the **Farmington Store** we receive \$1! This is truly a great opportunity for us, and an easy way for you to show your support for **Franklin County 4-H**. Please go to the store, find the reusable bag rack and buy a few bags! And remember to spread the word – the more bags purchased, the bigger donation to **Franklin County 4-H**

County News

4-H RE-ENROLLMENT PAPERWORK

Enrollment packets have been sent out. These forms are also available on our county website: <https://extension.umaine.edu/franklin/4h/>. We would ask that if 4-H members are planning to re-enroll to please do the following:

Complete and sign all paperwork

Get all required signatures

Return paperwork to the Extension Office

If you plan to try out for Eastern States, apply for national trips, apply for scholarships, and/or complete an approval form to show animals at the fair, be sure to get your re-enrollment paperwork to the Extension office by EC 31st Deadline.

Volunteers as well as asked to fill out the enrollment form. Complete and sign the non-discrimination form, the standards of behavior form and photo release (if they so choose). Return all paperwork to the Extension Office ASAP.

Make Swags! Make Money! Have Fun!

Calling all youth entrepreneurs! Plans are being made for another Holiday Swag Making Workshop to be held at the Extension Office on Saturday, November 10th 10a.m.-12 p.m. Extension staff member, Dave Fuller, will once again offer youth the opportunity to learn skills regarding balsam fir identification and harvesting sustainably as part of the "Money Can Grow On Trees" program. Also, Debra Kantor, Educator from the Somerset County Office will be on hand to provide youth with information on how to market items made from these forest resources. Youth will learn how to create a business plan, how to price their products, and keep records. What a great small business opportunity for youth to explore! All materials will be provided for swag making, **so please call the Extension Office to RSVP**. Class size is limited to 15 participants. If you have questions, please call Tiffany Wing at [207.778.4650](tel:207.778.4650).

Leather Donation

We have leather scraps here in the Extension office, if any 4-H Club or individual has a project or use for this recent donation. Please contact Tara at Tara.marble@maine.edu.

Potato Donation

An individual has over 3,000 lbs. of really great Kennebec potatoes that he is looking to move. He has them cleaned up and packed in 20 lb. bags and is selling them wholesale for \$7 a bag. If a 4-H club would want to buy some and sell as a fundraiser at a craft fair or want to pre-sell them with a sell sheet (like girl scout cookie sales), please contact the Extension office and we can connect you with the individual. Time is of the essence as the potatoes are perishable (although they are being stored in a dry spot so they are in great shape and will keep for a while), this is a good time of year too as Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Again if you are interested please contact the Extension office at 778-4650.

Beef Club

The members worked on and handed in records and started to plan the 4-H new year of activities and trips. The club is selling wreaths from Nov.-Dec. Please let any of the club members know if you would like to order.

Doe C Doe Goat Club

Three of our Jr Leaders will be attending the National 4-H Maker Summit in Washington DC this month; Noah M., Caleb M. and Hannah M. Congratulations to them for being selected!!! The Maine Delegation has six members, our three and three from the Teen Council in Androscoggin County. We also have one 4-Her from Kansas joining them as well. Our Club also has a Jr Leader that was selected as the State Representative for the Maine Delegation to National 4-H Congress... Congratulations Faith D.!!!



The "Maker ME Happy" Maker Summit Crew: Hannah M., Maddie G., Andrew D., Caleb M., Ethan G., Elizabeth L., Noah M.

Dusty Boots

Sunday, November 18th we will hold a Pony Ride/hot chocolate/baked good Fundraiser at Tractor Supply from 10am - 1pm

2019 Agri-Science Summit

The National Summit on Agri-Science takes place **January 10-13, 2019** at the National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD. Attendees are immersed in an agenda focused on agriculture, food security, and sustainability while also learning about careers in agri-science. This summit is open to any high school student in grades 9-12. At the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. National 4-H Council and National 4-H Conference Center have partnered with agricultural scientists, researchers, leaders, politicians, and advocates to host the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science. This summit emphasizes hands-on educational experiences led by experts in the agricultural community. Summit fees include accommodations at the National 4-H Conference Center, meals, educational programming and tours including a guided night time tour of the monuments and memorials in Washington, DC. All-you-can-eat meals are served at the Clover Café at National 4-H Conference Center beginning with dinner on Friday, January 10 and ending with a box lunch on Monday, January 13, 2019. For more information about this program, go to [Agri-Science Summit](#).

If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact Tara at the Extension office at 207.778.4650 or email Tara.marble @maine.edu

Notice to All Clubs-

Please get your 990N e-postcard filed by November 15th. All clubs are now asked to file their 990N e-postcard July1 – November 15th. The 990N filing process is now housed entirely on the IRS site, irs.gov Filers will need to create an account with a user ID and password before using the portal for the first time. Go to sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcard to get started. You

will need your club EIN to file. For those who may not have computer access to do the filing, please check with Judy at the Extension office. Once you have completed your filing, you will receive confirmation. Please keep a copy of that confirmation for your club. Send or bring a copy of the confirmation to the Extension office.

Club Audits

Club Audits will be taking place through December 31st. We ask that all clubs bring their club treasury paperwork and bank statements to the office. If you have questions, please give Judy a call.

Please provide feedback on Project Records!

Click the following link to take the survey.

https://umaine.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bP1iUM659wuRVrL

You are invited to participate in a statewide research project being conducted by Kristy Ouellette and Jennifer Lobley, Extension Educators at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. 4-H volunteers and staff from all over Maine will participate in this study.

Purpose of this research project: We recognize the value of our 4-H volunteers. As a state we have rolled out new 4-H Project Records. We want to have a better understanding of your beliefs and understandings of the function of these records. **What will you be asked to do?** If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete an on-line survey with questions pertaining to your attitudes and beliefs regarding 4-H project records in Maine. The survey will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete. **Risks:** Except for your time and inconvenience, there are no foreseeable risks to you in participating in this study. **Benefits:** You will be eligible to enter into a raffle for a \$25.00 gift card to Hannaford. **Confidentiality:** As a participant you will be anonymous. Investigators or a student will enter data into a computer. Data will be kept on a secured computer with only the investigators or a student having access. Data will be kept for a period of 5 years. **Voluntary:** Participation is voluntary. If you choose to take part in this study, you may stop at any time during the study. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer. Participation in the on-line survey implies consent to participate.

Contact Information: If you have any questions about this study, please contact Kristy Ouellette at 207-353-5550 or kristy.ouellette@maine.edu If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact Gayle Jones, Assistant to the University of Maine's Protection of Human Subjects Review Board, at 581-1498 (or e-mail gayle.jones@umit.maine.edu).

2019 Maine State Science Fair

It's time to announce the 2019 Maine State Science Fair, to be held Saturday, March 23 at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. Prizes and awards include 12 four-year, full-tuition scholarships to The University of Maine (including admission to the UMaine Honors College), and major scholarships from University of New England, College of the Atlantic, and Husson University. In 2018, MSSF awarded over \$1 million in scholarships and awards. Other scholarships may be announced in the coming weeks.

The Maine State Science Fair is open, without cost, to all Maine high school students who complete their own research or engineering project individually or in teams of 2-3. The purpose of MSSF is to present, learn, and discuss science with peers and STEM professionals from across Maine. Projects are invited from across all STEM disciplines: life sciences, agriculture, mathematics, computer sciences, psychology, energy, physics, marine science, environmental sciences, ecology, and chemistry. All STEM projects are considered!

Important dates for this year's MSSF:

- January 18 - student registration deadline.
- February 1 - research plan deadline.
- March 1 - preliminary research results deadline.
- March 23 - Maine State Science Fair.

More information can be found online at: <https://www.jax.org/education-and-learning/high-school-students-and-undergraduates/maine-state-science-fair>

State News

4-H Page Day in Augusta – January 29, 2019

UMaine Day at the Legislature, Tuesday, January 29, is approaching. It's a day where Cooperative Extension gets to highlight our awesome programs, and 4-H is one of the best! Since legislators like to see 4-H members from their districts, 4-Hers (age 13 or older) are encouraged to serve as Honorary Pages. The Maine 4-H program has up to 30 slots for Honorary Pages.

What does a page do? Legislators are constantly communicating and making decisions while in session and pages make that communication possible. Pages hand out information packets or place the paper information on their desks. Pages will also run communication and documents directly from legislator to legislator.

If you are interested in serving as a page, please contact Diana at 207-622-7546 or diana.hartley@maine.edu.

We would love to pages from all over the state represented. Slots, representing different state senators and representatives, will be filled in the order they are received, but the final deadline is January 20th. If the slot for your legislative district has been filled, your name will be added to a wait list in the order it is received. If you are leaving a message, please be sure to say "I am interested in serving as a 4-H Page at the Legislature on January 29". Your slot will be reserved if you leave this complete information:

- Full Name
- Age
- Mailing Address
- County
- Phone Number
- Email Address (this is how we will confirm you)
- Name of your School
- Name of your 4-H Club
- Name of your Maine State Representative
- Name of your Maine State Senator
- Name of your Adult Chaperone
- Adult Chaperone's cell phone number

4-H Honorary Pages will be in the Capitol from 8:30am– 3:00pm. A parent or 4-H volunteer must provide transportation and chaperoning. If you have questions, please let Alisha know at alisha.r.targonski@maine.edu.

Farm Service Agency Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor.

For more information stop by your Local FSA County Office or call Mary Anne Coffin at 207.990.9140.



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Maine 4-H Youth Development Mission

Maine youth acquire the knowledge, life skills, leadership abilities and attitudes to help them succeed now and in the future through effective collaborations, hands-on experiential education and self-directed learning.

Check out Franklin County Website:

<http://extension.umaine.edu/franklin/programs>

State 4-H Website: <http://umaine.edu/4h/>

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