Franklin County Calendar

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2018 Beef Intent to Participate Forms

2018 Beef Intent to Participate Forms will be due in the Extension Office January 2. All other Intent to Participate forms will be due February 1.

2017 Recognition Event

We would like to thank each one for their part in making our 4-H Recognition Event a success. We were so pleased with the attendance! We look forward to helping you achieve your goals in the new year.
4-H Leaders Association Meeting

We had great attendance at our November meeting and wish to thank each one for coming out. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, **December 21 at 7pm**, here at the Extension Office.

**Leaders' Association-**
**Officers Elected For 2017-2018**

- President - Michelle Winslow
- Vice President- Terri Pierce
- Secretary - Carrie Jenness
- Treasurer – Sara Fernald

**4-H Re-enrollment Paperwork**

You should have received your enrollment paperwork by now. 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 the **DEC 31st Deadline**

Volunteers as well are 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.

**Agri-Science: January 12-15, 2018**

The National Youth Summit Series on Agri-Science takes place **January 12-15, 2018.** 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 Cafe at National 4-H Conference Center beginning with dinner on Friday, January 12 and ending with a box lunch on Monday, January 15, 2018.

If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact the extension office at 207.778.4650 or email Tara at **Tara.Marble@maine.edu.**
Club Audits
It was mentioned at the October meeting of the Leaders Association that we would be starting the annual club audits. Each Franklin County Club is asked to bring their treasury paperwork such as book, bank statements etc. to the Extension Office by December 31st. All materials will be returned to the club once audit is complete.

CLUB UPDATES
Members Amberleah Smith (Franklin beef club), Sam Davis, and Jason Bagley (Dairy and Supper on the Table) went to the UNH Dairy Expo.

The Franklin County Circuit Hackers club is looking to add a few members to their club.

Robotics is a great way to learn and put into practice many STEM related skills! Circuit Hackers currently meet on Fridays at 4:00 PM at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. If you are interested in attending email James House @ james@housefam.org

Rabbit and Cavies 4-H Club
The Rabbits and Cavies 4-H Club is looking for members. The next club meeting is Sunday, December 3rd here at the Extension office. If you are interested in joining the club contact the Extension Office at 207.778.4650.

Dusty Boots Horse Club
Welcome the Dusty Boots Horse Club. This club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Industry Town Hall. If you are interested in joining the club or attending a meeting please contact the Extension Office. If you are interested in joining the club contact the Extension Office at 207.778.4650.

2018 Conservation Poster Contest Information will be coming soon!

4-H Guessing Jar
The Extension Office is starting a guessing jar game. Each month we will post a picture of the jar on the Facebook Page and have the jar here at the Extension office. 4-H members are welcomed to try to answer a question about the contents of the jar. Each month the items of the jar will change. The Extension Office will post a picture of the winner with the jar each month and include the winner in the monthly newsletters.
Swag Making Workshop!
Thanks to all the youth entrepreneurs that participated in our Swag Workshop.

State News

Risk Perception on the Family Farm
Debra Kantor and Leslie Forstadt are trying to identify farm families to interview for a research project to learn about the safety concerns of beginning farmers (less than 10 years) with children (under the age of 18). The farmers will be given $75 to compensate for their time. If you have a family that might be interested or would like additional information contact Debra by email at debra.kantor@maine.edu or call 207.474.9622.

#4-H Grows through Volunteers
Help 4-Her’s Grow in Life & Work
Join us December 7th from 7p.m. – 8:30p.m. at the Extension office to share ideas, receive resources, and see a variety of successful programs that help youth focus on life-long learning, workforce readiness, and career exploration. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for decorating cookies prior to the meeting. If you are interested in attending the session, please RSVP to the Extension Office at 207.778.4650.

County Fair Art Contest
4-H members are once again invited to participate in a County Fair Art Contest. The winning submission will be used as the art work for the cover of the 2018 Farmington Fair book. What an exciting opportunity!! Participants are welcome to submit a hand drawn poster, done with your own original ideas. Guidelines for the theme and contest will be sent out to all 4-H families. Completed posters are due in the Extension office by February 1, 2017. All submissions will be on display at the 2017 Farmington Fair.

Save the Date for 2018 Maine 4-H Days
Maine 4-H Days will take place July 20 - 22 at the Windsor Fairgrounds. If you are interested in helping to plan next year’s event, please contact Jessy Brainerd at jessica.brainerd@maine.edu or 207.581.3877.

Maine 4-H Days Planning Committee
July will be here before you know it, and we are looking for a few good volunteers to join the fantastic current Maine 4-H Days Planning Committee. Joining this committee gives you the chance to help come up with ideas and plans for one of our biggest statewide events! If you are interested in joining the Maine 4-H Days Planning Committee, or have general questions/comments/recommendations about the event, please email jessica.brainerd@maine.edu, or call 207.581.3877.

Market Steers for Fryeburg
4-Hers raising a steer for the 2018 market steer show at Fryeburg Fair need to send in an Intent to Participate Form available at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-projects/animal-science-resources/beef by January 2, 2018. We appreciate you completing your paperwork early. Please enroll or re-enroll as a 4-H member early, and send your Intent to Participate form to your county office. The earlier we receive your paperwork, the earlier we can begin tagging animals, and avoiding tagging during the winter months.

Visit the 4-H Fix today and glory in the achievement!
We’ve been singing the praises for the 4-H Fix! Now it’s time for the 4-H Fix to return the favor! The 4-H Fix will be singing and cheering for 4-H on December 15th. Why not come and join in the chorus! Fa la la la la la!
https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/tag/4-h-fix/
Maine 4-H Project Records, Reflection Tools and Digital Badges!
Maine 4-H is excited to roll out new 4-H project records, reflection tools and opportunities for digital badges. A team has been working to design the new records aligned with research and connections to Maine’s commitment to proficiency based education in mind. We know that these won’t be perfect and are anxious to have YOU help us try them out and be part of the process. The new records are now posted online and can be found on the state 4-H website. Direct links are available here.

- Project Record – Advanced (Word | PDF)
- Project Record – Beginner (Word | PDF)
- Project Record – Cloverbud (Word | PDF)
- Project Record – Intermediate (Word | PDF)
- Portfolio (Word | PDF)

We are also planning a few ways for you to be part of the team to ask questions and give feedback.

- Join our Google classroom community. This will be a place where volunteers and youth members are able to share real time feedback about these tools. To join:
  - Sign in to Classroom at classroom.google.com.
  - On the homepage, click Add Join class.
  - Enter the code d9jmty and click Join.
  - Participate in our live feedback sessions. Please save the date for feedback sessions. These will be conducted using Zoom. Register for these sessions with KymNoelle Hopson at 353-5550 or kymnoelle.hopson@maine.edu.

- 1/23/18 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 3/24/18 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 9/11/18 from 6:00pm-8:00 pm

We are looking forward to having YOU as part of our team. If you have any questions please contact Kristy Ouellette, kristy.ouellette@maine.edu or 207.353.5550, extension 12.

New For 2018 - Regarding Eastern States Intent to Participate Forms

Due date for all 2018 Eastern States Beef Intent to Participate Forms will be January 2nd. Intent forms for all other animal commodities- dairy, dog, goat, horse, and sheep will be due on February 1st. This decision was made at the Spring Animal Science Committee meeting to help eliminate confusion by making all due dates a little more consistent. Updated Intent to Participate Forms are now available at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-projects/animal-science-resources/

2018 Intent to try out for Eastern States Horse available NOW!

For all youth who are planning to try out for a slot on the Maine 4-H Horse team as a rider/driver/teen leader the intent to tryout is available here: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2017/10/Intent-to-Participate-ESE-Horse-2018.pdf or https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-projects/animal-science-resources/horse/.

These must be postmarked by 2/1/18. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact, Kristy L Ouellette, kristy.ouellette@maine.edu.
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/  
Like Franklin County 4-H on Facebook:  
https://www.facebook.com/maine.franklincounty4h/