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## 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, **January 18 at 7pm**, here at the Extension Office.

## Franklin County 4-H Public Speaking

Time to be thinking about your public speaking topics. We are going to be having a county competition again this year. If you are a Jr. or Sr. and score high enough you can qualify to go to go the State Competition on April 7th.

There will be a **Public Speaking Workshop** on **Saturday, February 24th, 2017 1-3 p.m.** at the Extension office. Please contact the Extension office at 778.4650 or tiffany.wing@maine.edu to RSVP to this workshop.

## Farmington Fair Book Suggestions

If any of our 4-H volunteers have suggestions that they would like to share regarding 4-H livestock shows and/or 4-H hall exhibit requirements/categories in the 2019 Farmington Fair book, we ask that they be put in writing and returned to Tara or Judy at the extension office. Please have this information to us by January 31st so that we have an opportunity to take a look at it before passing on to the fair committee.
County Fair Art Contest-Theme “The power of YOUth”
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 are on Facebook and available in the office. Completed posters are due in the Extension office by **February 1, 2017**. All sub-missions will be on display at the 2017 Farmington Fair.

**Winter Time County Snow Tubing Event**
Snow Tubing during Feb break week on Feb 23rd at Eaton Mt. in Skowhegan from 12-2:30 p.m. Call the Extension Office at 778-4650 to RSVP by February 16. Cost to attend is $12.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jessica.brainerd@maine.edu), or call 207.581.3877.

**Science Saturday Series**
Youth (and adult) Science Saturday Series! Join Tara Marble on Saturday mornings this winter as we explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math all sprinkled with some cool hands on fun activities for members of all ages. First one is January 6th from 10:30-12:00 (future ones planned on 1/20, 2/3, 2/17)

Ideas for activities include (but NOT limited, send me your ideas, or subjects you want more on!)

i. Enviroscapes- Pollution Problem!

ii. Incredible wearables (making a model ‘fit bit’ device)

iii. Marshmallow catapults

iv. Animal Science Pathogens

v. Power of the Wind

**Guessing Jar**
**December’s Guessing Jar winner is Bradley! Congrats!**
January Guessing Jar! Filled with fun to start your new year! Take a guess you might win! January is National Hobby Month, what are you going to try this year?!
CLUB UPDATES

Dairy Club

The Franklin County Dairy Club held their family supper in November to recognize outstanding 4-H work and to thank those that have helped the club throughout the year. As everyone gathered at Cascade Brook School, they watched a slideshow of 4-H activities throughout the year and from the past which was followed by a potluck dinner. The club scrapbook (created by Jason Bagley) and photo albums from over the years were out for people to view. President, Mason Rowe, welcomed everyone. After the meal, each member introduced his/her family. Members and leaders presented club awards:

Farmer Award - Nick and Mason Rowe
Perfect Attendance - Bradley Smith and Jonathan Cliche
Adventure Award for most events attended - Jason Bagley
Club Blue Ribbon Winners - Jason Bagley, Samantha Davis, Johnathan Cliche, Mariah Johnson, Kaden Lane, Mason and Nick Rowe

Amber Pond Award given for outstanding attitude was presented by Lilly Bagley to Samantha Davis.

After members had served dessert and cleaned up, they went to the gym to play games led by Mason Rowe.

Doe-C-Doe Goat Club

We had a delightfully festive December meeting...the Leaders chose to celebrate the hard work, dedication and efforts of the members and surprised the Club with a Christmas Party! We had crazy games and Rachel Maxim and Mariah Johnson were the winners of our first Crazy Hair Contest. We also welcomed three new VOLT certified adult volunteers to the Club. We have been blessed with amazing talent and appreciate their willingness to jump in and help our members reach their goals. After all was said and done, we ended 2017 with 22 Club members!!! It is going to be a FUNtastic year!

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 are looking for members. The next club meeting is Sunday, here at the Extension office. If you are interesting in joining the club contact the Extension Office at 207.778.4650.

Dusty Boots Horse Club

The next club meeting will be January 17th from 6-7:30p.m. here at the Extension Office. If there are youth interested in joining the club they are welcome to attend. If you have questions about the club, please contact Terri Pierce at 779-6774 or Sara Fernald at 572-1089. Also, if there are horse project members interested in participating on a horse quiz bowl team, please give Terri a call.
CWF

It won't not be long before application and information packets for Citizenship Washington Focus will be sent out to all of our 4-H members ages 14 through 18. This is an opportunity that you should not pass up! CWF is a leadership program conducted by the National 4-H Council. Delegations of 4-H members from all over the country spend six days participating in leadership activities and touring our nation’s capital. This trip will take place June 30th through July 7th 2018. Those wishing to attend will go through an application and interview process. Much of the funding for this trip is provided by the Franklin County 4-H Leaders Association.
We would encourage our age eligible members to consider applying for this trip.

State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
Sunday, February 18, 2018 (snow date of Saturday, February 24), at 1:00 pm; University of Maine at Augusta Room 218, Randall Student Technology Center.

Open to all currently enrolled 4-H Dairy project members ages 9 – 18. For those 4-H Dairy members who may be planning to attend the Eastern States Exposition in September, please keep the following information in mind. You must participate in at least one of the following three events: State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, or Fitting Contest at the 2018 Maine 4-H Dairy Show.

You must also complete and submit an ESE Intent to Participate Form which will be due on February 1st. These can be found on the State 4-H Website, or check with your county office. You completed 4-H Animal Approval and Lease Form (if applicable) will be due in your county office by May 1st. Participation in a showmanship class and your animal’s breed/age class at the State 4-H Dairy Show will also be required.

If you have questions, please contact 4-H Dairy ASC Coordinator, Stephanie Smith at 207.860.0979 or by email at a_mfarm@yahoo.com, or staff Liaison Tara Marble at the Franklin County Extension Office at 800.287.1478 or by email at tara.marble@maine.edu, or staff liaison, Alisha Targonski at the Kennebec County Extension Office at 800.287.1481, or by email at alisha.r.targonski@maine.edu.

Come to Orono for the 2018 4H@UMaine May 18-19!
Planning has started and the wheels are in motion thanks to the efforts of a tremendous team! We are looking forward to another great event this year, and there are some exciting changes in the works! Stay tuned for details. For more information about 4-H@UMaine, contact Greg Kranich at gregory.kranich@maine.edu or 207.581.3292.

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.

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.
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 207.353.5550 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/

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.
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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