Franklin County Calendar

March 9  National Trip Applications Due to County Office
March 10  Franklin County Public Speaking Clinic @ UMF
1pm-3pm  Roberts Learning Auditorium
March 15  4-H Leaders Association Meeting

April 1  New members must be enrolled by this date in order to exhibit at fairs.
April  Public Speaking Tournament in Orono
April 19-22 Fryeburg Youth Show
April 22-28 National Volunteer Week
April 7-12 National 4-H Conference
April 15  State Dairy Judging held in Franklin County
April 16  Patriot’s Day, Extension Office Closed
April 19  4-H Leaders Association Meeting
April  AFUM Scholarship Application Deadline
April  Fashion Revue/ Talent Show
April  CWH Orientation
May 1  Deadline for all Project Changes

4-H Leaders Association Meeting

We had great attendance at our February meeting and wish to thank each one for coming out. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 15 at 7pm, here at the Extension Office.

Franklin County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Please join us Saturday, March 10th at UMF’s Lincoln Auditorium from 1 pm-3 pm. If you are participating in this event, please contact the Franklin County Extension Office to RSVP for this by calling 207-778-4650.
County News

State Dairy Quiz Bowl
Franklin County 4-H had 6 Dairy Members attend the State Dairy Quiz Bowl on February 18, 2018. Members are asked to take a test and then they go into answering questions on buzzers. This event is for all ages but it is also the try outs for the members to go to Eastern States Expo in Springfield, Mass.

Back Row Left to Right: Matthew Smith Jr., Bradley Smith, Mariah Johnson, Hannah Mulcahy
Front Row left to right: Jason Bagley, AmberLeah Smith

Tractor Supply

Tractor Supply is interested in hosting more of your 4-H activities. If your club is looking to have a fundraiser, or a 4-H demonstration activity, the store would love to hear from you. Tractor Supply is in an official partnership with National 4-H Council and supports the 4-H program nationally with their Spring and Fall Clover Campaigns. The Franklin County 4-H Program benefits from the funds raised. Their Spring Campaign is coming right up and it would be a great time to promote 4-H and your club. The Spring Campaign will take place April 11 - 22.
PLANT LEAFlets

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@housefarm.org

Rabbit and Cavies 4-H Club

The Rabbits and Cavies 4-H Club is looking for members. 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 contact the Extension Office at 207.778.4650.

K-9 Connection Dog Club

Are you looking to learn how to care for your dog, groom your dog, dog health and maintenance? The K-9 Connection club is looking for new members. This club works on showmanship, obedience, agility, and teaching your dog to be a canine good citizen. If you’re interested contact the Extension office at 778-4650.

Working Steer Club Update

We had our meeting on 2/9 and selected officers for the club, made valentines for Edgewood nursing home, and have planned a community breakfast on 3/10 at 8 am at the Smith Hall in New Vineyard. We will be cooking pancakes for the kids to serve community members. We are also starting demonstrations next month. We have been focusing on the showmanship class so far. We are working to set up a yoke making demonstration during 4-H fair. The kids have also made goal posters for this year.

Doe C Doe Goat CLUB Update

The Doe C Doe Club had our Health and Safety meeting in February; the New Sharon Fire Department came and taught the Hands On/Friends and Family CPR Class. Members received a card after completing the class. We worked on Public Speaking drills and also had a Career workshop for our Senior members in preparation for the March deadline for National Trip applications. Members worked on handmade cards for the nursing home and our Dairy members practiced for Dairy Quiz Bowl. Mariah Johnson placed Third in the Junior Division and Hannah Mulcahy placed a respectable fifth in the Senior Division. We want to congratulate Bradley Smith from the Dairy Club on making the State Dairy Quiz Bowl Team!!! Our Senior members participated in the Honorary Page Day in Augusta again this year and two members (Faith and Andrew Dexter) attended the Healthy Living Summit and had the honor of meeting Travis Mills at the airport.

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Dairy Club Update

The February meeting of the Franklin County Dairy Club was held on Thursday, February 22nd at the Hardy Farm. In the morning, members created their conservation posters. After lunch, members moved to the barn for judging and clipping practice. One group began by clipping calves with instruction from Dan Bagley and Teresa Hardy. The other group reviewed the parts of the cow, what each part should look like and why under the direction of professional judge, Henry Hardy. Older members placed a class of cows and had to justify the placings to the group. The March meeting will focus on judging and competing in the Hoard's Dairymen judging contest.

Franklin County Beef Club Update

The Franklin County Beef Club meeting was going over and working on Conservation posters and we talked about our market animals and getting ready for the Fryeburg Youth Show in April. The club is holding a paint party March 11, 2018 at 1pm at the Chesterville Town Office. The cost of this event is $20.00. The Franklin County Beef Club is fundraising to go on a trip to a large cattle show. We hope to go within the next two years. We would like to see and learn about different breeds and also communicate with breeders throughout the United States. We are very excited. Thank you for helping us reach our goal. If anyone is interested in buying tickets for the paint party please contact any of the 4-H Beef Members.

Franklin County 4-H members in Washington, D.C. July 4

Franklin County 4-H will send four members of the Maine delegation on the 2018 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip, a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, ages 14-18, from across the country. Attending will be Allison Blauvelt of Farmington with Doe-C-Doe Goat Club, Bradley Smith of New Sharon with the Dairy Club and Doe-C-Doe Goat Club, Caleb Mulcahy and Noah Mulcahy both from New Sharon and the Doe-C-Doe Goat Club.
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.

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.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Start making plans now to visit our Nation’s Capital during the week of June 30 to July 7, 2018. CWF is a leadership program conducted by the National 4-H Council for high school youth ages 14 to 18. Delegations of 4-Hers from across the country spend six days touring the city and attending leadership skill-building workshops. This summer, the Maine delegation will travel down on June 30 and travel home July 7, 2018. You will stay at the National 4-H Conference Center just outside Washington, DC. Visiting the most popular sites in Washington, DC will be a part of the trip, including spending the 4th of July in our nation’s capital. There is a mandatory orientation for Maine delegates on April 28th, 2018. For more information visit http://umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-events/citizenship-washington-focus/. Contact your county 4-H office for details about how to be a part of this experience if you don’t hear from them very shortly. All county offices have different criteria/dates to apply, so please contact them ASAP.
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 d9jmyt 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.

- 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.

4-H Healthy Relationships Teen Council Meeting March 19th

In February, Maine 4-H sent 7 teens to the Healthy Living Summit in Washington D.C. As part of the trip the group created an action plan to bring back to Maine to implement. They chose to focus on helping other youth establish healthy relationships in all aspects of their lives including families, significant others, and friends, in part by helping them to understand their own self-worth. Their goal is to empower kids to connect and create an environment full of healthy relationships. The team will be meeting virtually via Zoom on Monday March 19th 5:00 - 6:30PM and welcome any other youth ages 14-18 who would like to participate in this action plan. For more information about the action plan you can visit our live video at https://www.facebook.com/UMaineExtensionCumberland/videos/10155351926926938/. If you are interested in participating please email Sara Conant, sara.conant@maine.edu or call the Cumberland County Extension office at 207.781.6099.
National 4-H Trip Applications Are Due March 9th, 2018 (Conference and Congress)

National 4-H Trips are excellent opportunities to meet 4-H members from across the nation. Participants learn about many career options, and learn through educational workshops at Congress or become a part of a team making recommendations to National 4-H Council at Conference. To learn more about these trips, visit: [http://umaine.edu/4h/home/national-4-h-trips/](http://umaine.edu/4h/home/national-4-h-trips/).

Any Maine 4-H Youth, ages 14 to 18, is eligible to apply. Applicants must be current Maine 4-H members both at the time of application and the time of the actual trip. Application packets must be sent to your county office and postmarked by March 9, 2018. Interview dates are April 21 or 22, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Palmer at 207.310.4235 or heidi.thuotte@maine.edu

2018 National 4-H Congress is November 23-27, 2018 in Atlanta GA with an orientation for the trip on October 27th, 2018. 2019 National 4-H Conference is April 6th to 11th in Washington, DC, with an orientation for that on Feb 9, 2019. Leaders and office staff, if you have senior members in your clubs, please encourage them to participate. They are amazing trips!

**Show + Tell = Public Speaking (Do It!)**

What is your Spark? What do you like to do? Others want to know! Show or Tell it this year by Public Speaking!

- Plan a short talk about something you like to do, or about something you find interesting. Ask a friend to take a video of it or practice in front of a mirror to get more comfortable. Make a poster with steps to show how to do something 1-2-3. Or tell about something interesting with a poster or PowerPoint to show or illustrate it.
- Show or Tell your club or after school program or family this Demonstration or Illustrated Talk. It is fun & good practice!
- Sign up & perform it at your County Public Speaking Tournament or in front of your CEA or County Educator if your county does not have a Tournament (before March 17).
- If you are older than a Cloverbud AND get a score of 78 or higher, ask you County Staff person to help you sign up to come to UMaine Orono for the April 7, 2018 Maine 4-H State Public Speaking Tournament (before March 31).
- If you place among the top scorers at State, age 12+, have participated at County level for 2 years and State level for 1 year, made sure you re-enrolled by Jan 1st or are a new enrolled member - 10 members can participate as the Maine 4-H State Communication Science Team at Eastern States Exposition in Massachusetts in September!
- Learn more; watch videos; see how the judges score, get inspired to Show and Tell (Do a Demonstration or Illustrated Talk); and browse all four pages: [https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/public-speaking/](https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/public-speaking/)
- Why? Did you know that the average person spends up to 50% of their waking time either speaking or listening? 4-H alumni who participated in 4-H Public Speaking when they were younger, come back to tell us that this was their most important 4-H life skill that they learned.

2018 is your year to participate!
To encourage education and development of youth involved in the goat industry, AGF will accept scholarship applications from qualifying youth who enter and complete all requirements of the program. Projects must be received at the AGF office by August 20, 2018 and the Scholarship Application accompanied by a short biography must be received at the office no later than 30 days prior to August 20, 2018. Entries will be judged by an independent panel and winners will be announced September, 2018.

Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 20, and under the age of 21 as of September 30, 2017. Applicants must be a member of the American Goat Federation, the child, grandchild, great grandchild or step child, step grandchild or step great grandchild of a member of the American Goat Federation, or of any of the following member organizations of the American Goat Federation.

- The American Boer Goat Association (including Jr Association)
- The American Dairy Goat Association
- Alabama Meat Goat and Sheep Producers Association
- Cashmere Goat Association
- Texas Sheep and Goat Breeders Association

For more information visit: [https://americangoatfederation.org/education/why-should-you-care-about-scrapie/youth-scholarship-program/](https://americangoatfederation.org/education/why-should-you-care-about-scrapie/youth-scholarship-program/)

**4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP)**

**Wildlife Education Training Event April 19-20th please hold the date!**

Maine will host the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program this July at the Schoodic Institute at Acadia. In preparation, Maine 4-H will have a training event to prepare and select a team to compete in the national event. On April 19th and 20th the Maine 4-H program will host an overnight educational training program and team selection. Plans include an ongoing WHEP event and participation in the national program each year. More information will follow. Cost will be $25 per member all meals and materials included. The training will be held at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. Training is open to all youth ages 8-19. Studying a science-based manual, participants:

- Learn wildlife terms and concepts
- Learn about wildlife habitat
- Learn how to judge the quality of wildlife habitat
- Learn about wildlife habitat management practices
- Learn about wildlife damage management

To learn more, go to: [https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/whep/](https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/whep/) or [www.facebook.com/mainewhep](http://www.facebook.com/mainewhep) or contact Sally Farrell, sarah.s.farrell@maine.edu or 207.324.2814.