Franklin County Calendar

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4-H Leaders Association Meeting
No Leaders Meeting in September.

4-H Project Records

The year is flying by. We encourage all of our 4-H members to be working on their 4-H records. The project is not complete until the paperwork is done.

Exhibit Requirements

This is a reminder for all Independent 4-H members who are planning to exhibit at the Farmington Fair. You are asked to submit a 4-H Project Record (in progress) for each of the projects you are enrolled in as well as a write-up on a community service project that you have participated in during the year. Both the Project Record(s) and the write-up should be turned in to Judy at the Extension Office before being eligible to exhibit.
Farmington Fair

Farmington Fair is just around the corner! Information on 4-H shows and exhibits will be sent out to all members and volunteers via email. If you don't have email, you will receive a hard copy in the mail. The information can also be accessed on the fair website: www.farmingtonfairmaine.com. If you plan to exhibit, please read all information carefully and make your entries out clearly. Be sure hall exhibit entries for the correct category. We would like to encourage all of our 4-H clubs to consider having an Educational Exhibit in the Exhibition Hall this year. It is always very impressive to see the displays and information the clubs provide for these exhibits. It would be supreme to have one from each club. If you have questions, or if you would like to reserve space for your club to have an Educational Exhibit, please give Judy a call at the Extension Office. All entries for shows and exhibits are due in the Extension Office by September 1st.

Open Air Market

The weather was beautiful for the 2018 Open Air Market. This annual event held in partnership with the Saturday Farmington Farmers Market, allows youth the opportunity to practice skills that are essential to developing a small business, such as expense tracking, marketing, and customer service. Here are some photos of the youth that participated.
Club Updates

Doe C Doe Goat Club

Our Club did very well at the Fairs this month. We had members participate in the Skowhegan and Union Fairs. We would like to Congratulate Thomas Fortier! He graduated from Cloverbud and this year was his first year in the show ring. He did very well at the Skowhegan Fair Sheep Show placing 2nd in Fitting/Showmanship. Jacob Fortier also placed 2nd in his age category for Fitting/Showmanship at the Sheep Show. Mariah Johnson and her heifer earned a Reserved Grand Champion in the Dairy Show. Our Club placed 4th in the Educational Booth at the Skowhegan Fair, two earned Best In Show ribbons for their individual exhibits, many Blue Ribbons awarded for exhibits entered. We also had members who participated and did well at the Union Fair; Mackenzy Labrie with her Steer, Eddie and Jacob and Thomas Fortier with their sheep. Members are now focused on the Farmington Fair.
Dusty Boots 4-H Horse Club concluded a weekend long overnight horse camp on August 18th and August 19th at White Birch Farm in Farmington, Maine. Nine of our ten members attended camp for the weekend varying in ages from 4 years old to 16 years old.

Camp began on Saturday with a versatility lesson instructed by Kyle Smith where he worked with the riders on how to calmly and effectively teach their horse how to approach and successfully get over different obstacles. Some of the obstacles that riders worked on included; opening/closing a rope gate, standing on and crossing a bridge, standing on and crossing a tarp (supposed to be water), backing through logs while attempting to keep their horse going straight. The ever scary equine-attack pool noodles obstacle was attempted and completed successfully by all riders as was the attempts at going over a small jump. Everyone did a fabulous job working with their equine pals to get through the lesson and understanding the importance of the obstacles.

The rest of the day consisted of activities such as making tie dye t-shirts, and educational lesson on poultice wraps, how to wrap and the benefits of wrapping a horse’s leg, swimming, and campfire with s’mores followed by an exciting game of Horse Jeopardy.

Needless to say, once heads hit the pillows, one could hear a pin drop until it was time to rise Sunday morning and start all over.

Sunday’s activities included a flat work riding lesson focusing on riding with a balanced seat with Robin Berry Miller. The craft for the day was pictures of themselves with their horse and framed in a horse shoe.

After lunch each member had the opportunity to use finger paints to paint their horses and have their picture taken with their painted pony, if they chose. The weekend went very well and a fun time was had by all.

Dusty Boots welcomes new members, regardless of what your interest in horses may be, there is something for everyone in the 4-H horse program! We strive to help the youth involved in the 4-H horse program learn responsibility and commitment to the project. The best part, Members need not own a horse to participate in the Dusty Boots 4-H Horse Club. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 14th beginning at 6:00pm. Contact Terri if you would like to join us.

Upcoming excitement for Dusty Boots......pony rides fundraiser coming in October – Stay tuned.
Eastern States Bus Trip, Saturday, September 15, 2018 – Seats are Still Available!

It's time to reserve seats for the buses traveling to Eastern States Exposition (ESE or also called the "Big E") in West Springfield, Massachusetts for Maine Day on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

This one-day trip is sponsored by the Maine Trustees of the Eastern States Exposition to encourage Maine 4-Hers who don't presently participate in events at ESE to see the activities that go on for 4-H youth in hopes to bolster their enthusiasm to participate in the future. Two buses are reserved for us and the northernmost bus will originate in Bangor and they will both stop at several points on I-95. Seats fill up quickly, and we will begin taking registrations immediately.

All youth must go with a chaperone, but because this event is primarily for youth; seats are limited to no more than two adults per child – chaperones must be the parent or legal guardian of the 4-H member, or an enrolled VOLT trained volunteer. The bus ride and admission to the "Big E" are free, but all individuals on this trip are expected to march in the parade at 5 pm. It works well if you wear a 4-H t-shirt if you have one, and for clubs to bring their club banner to display during the parade.

Items you might want to bring along with you are: light snacks, water, a good book, Rated G movies (there is a DVD player on the bus), a pillow, and a blanket. There will be a rest stop along the way. Other items to consider bringing: clothing to identify your club, a comfortable pair of walking shoes, a hat with a visor, sun glasses, sun screen, a back pack, personal spending money, a camera, and a watch. If you have a cell phone, it will be helpful for logistics. Please include your cell phone number when you register.

Please leave valuable items at home. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Bus stops will be determined based on location of riders. Reservations must be made in writing or by e-mail to:
Jessy Brainerd
103B Libby Hall
University of Maine
Orono, ME 04469-5741
jessica.brainerd@maine.edu

When you register, please give the name, age (for adults, just state "adult"), address, home phone, and cell phone number of each person in your group. Reservations are due by Friday, September 1st (call after this date to check on seat availability). A confirmation email will be sent to you a week before the trip giving you your time and pick up location. Pick up will be bright and early in the morning, and both buses will be leaving The Big E at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed to serve as Bus Monitors. Bus Monitors will serve as the contact person for other passengers on their bus, and will make sure everyone gets back on the bus at the rest stop. If you'd be willing to serve in this capacity, please let us know when you sign up.
If you have questions, please contact Jessy Brainerd at 800-287-0274 or 581-3877.

4-H National Youth Science Day in Maine

This year's NYSD experiment is "Code Your World" and is based in computer science. No prior experience with computer science is needed - we promise! Here are some things you may be interested to know. Want to learn more about leading "Code Your World" with your 4-H club or at a community event? Join us for a train the trainer workshop, offered via Zoom, on September 26th. Times are either 2:00-3:30 or 7:00-8:30. This training is open to staff, volunteers, teen leaders, and community partners interested in leading the 'Code Your World' experiment. RSVP here. If you are interested in being kept up to date as more trainings/events are scheduled, sign up here and we will include you on our contact list.
State News

4-H Volunteers! We'd love your feedback on Project Records!

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. You must be 18 years old or older to participate in this focus group.

Purpose of this research project: We recognize the value of our 4-H volunteers. As a state we are rolling 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? There will be eight focus groups to choose from. These focus groups will occur using Zoom, a video conference software so you can join the session from your personal computer or by phone. Up to 12 volunteers can participate in each session. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to participate in an online focus group with questions pertaining to your attitudes and beliefs regarding 4-H project records in Maine. The focus group will take you approximately 45-60 minutes.

Compensation: By participating in the focus group you will be eligible to enter a drawing for a Hannaford Gift Card. Upon completion, focus group participants will be given access to a link to a form where you will enter the drawing.

To Register: https://extension.umaine.edu/register/product/4-h-volunteer-focus-group-zoom/

Fryeburg Fair Challenge

Fryeburg Fair will be from September 30th to October 7th this year. The Maine 4-H Foundation will have a booth once again on the fairgrounds designed to raise funds for 4-H agriculture education. If the Foundation can raise $10,000, the Maine 4-H Foundation will receive another matching grant from Fryeburg Fair for $10,000! This is where volunteers and 4-H Members can help. We can use volunteers and clubs in the booth and around the booth helping to raise funds. If you are willing to help, please call Susan at 615-7300 for details.

Cumberland Fair 4-H Dog Show Open to All Maine 4-H Dog Project Members

The Cumberland Fair 4-H Dog Show will be held on Friday, September 28, 3:30 P.M at the Cumberland Fairgrounds, 197 Blanchard Rd, Cumberland, ME 04062. This show is open to all Maine 4-H members between the ages of 9 and 18, enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project as of April 1st, regardless of prior show experience. Showmanship (Novice through Advanced) and Obedience (Pre-Novice though Graduate Novice) are the primary award winning classes. There will also be a fun, non-competitive obstacle class. All classes are judged using the Danish System and all award winning classes come with a ribbon and premium. FMI or to register visit extension.umaine.edu/cumberland/programs/cumberland-county-4-h/4-h-forms-and-registrations/cumberland-fair/. Questions, please contact Sara Conant, sara.conant@maine.edu, 207-781-6099.
For all of New England 4-H Leaders

New Hampshire 4-H has opened registration for the 2018 2nd Annual 4-H Leaders Conference being held this year November 9-10th in North Conway, NH. We would love to have volunteers join us for the conference. The cost for out of state (non-NH 4-H) volunteers is $75.00 (early bird, prior to 9/21/18) or $90.00 (after 9/21/18). The registration fee covers all meals (Friday dinner through Saturday dinner) as well as workshop costs. Hotel accommodations are available at the conference hotel, the Red Jacket Mountain Resort, as well as many other surrounding lodging options.

For more information: https://extension.unh.edu/events/2018-4-h-volunteer-leaders-conference-0

Congratulations goes out to Hannah Mulcahy of the Doe C Doe Goat Club for designing the cover of the 2018 Farmington Fair Book.