## 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 1. All other Intent to Participate forms will be due February 1.

### 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

No Leaders Meeting in August
Club Updates

**Dairy Club**
The July meeting of the Franklin County Dairy Club was held at the Hardy Farm. Members worked in pairs to read an "Ice Cream In a Bag" recipe and then under the direction of Scott Foster followed the recipe to make ice cream. Roll call was something learned at the weekend clinic in June. Members discussed the club display for Skowhegan and Farmington Fairs and decided on a topic. They formed a committee to create a rough draft. Later in the evening, some members worked on the display. After watching a video on dairy showmanship, members went to the barn to practice showing with constructive criticism and encouragement from judge, Henry Hardy. The next three Monday evenings there will be showmanship practice at the Hardy Farm for those members that want to attend.

**Young Farmers Club**
The Young Farmers Club has been working on their display board for the Farmington Fair. They had 2 members Matthew Smith and Bradley Smith attend the Maine State Dairy Show. Amber Smith helped 4-H Members that needed an extra hand with showing at the Dairy show.

**Doe-C-Doe Club**
Summer is so busy!!! We had two of our senior members, Faith and Andrew Dexter, attend CWF over the 4th of July holiday. The Club is working hard on completing their Wood Science project in time to enter into the fairs. We had our Project Record Workshop where members worked together on their records for each of the project areas they enrolled in this year; we have some ambitious youth! Members also attended 4-H Camp and enjoyed the games, puzzles, riddles and activities that were prepared for them. One of the highlights was meeting and making new friends during Camp. Members selected to attend the BIG E this year: Andrew Dexter is on the Communications Science Team; Jacob Fortier is on the Sheep Team; Faith Dexter, Noah Mulcahy, Caleb Mulcahy, Hannah Mulcahy and Josh Mulcahy are on a Science Pod Team. They are so excited to be going this year! John C. Evans has already started fair season at the Ossipee Fair with Blue Ribbons and many others as well. The Club is also busy working on Fair Booth displays and getting their Goats and Sheep just right for upcoming Shows.
Franklin County 4-H Camp
4-H Camp was held July 24-27 here at the Extension office. Much fun was had by those who attended.

SPIN Club - Small Engine Repair
Are you a 4-H member interested in learning about small engines? Maybe you'd like to, one day, have a small engine repair business. This may be a great start towards learning the skills that you need. A 4-H alumni has offered to teach the skill of small engine repair to members age 10 and older. This would be done in a short term SPIN Club format. Meetings for this training would probably not take place until late Fall or Winter. If this is something that you as a 4-H member would like to participate in, please give Judy or Tiffany a call here at the Extension office or you can send us an email. We would like get an idea of what the interest would be before we throttle up the program!!

4-H Project Records
They year is flying by! We encourage all of our 4-H members to be working on their 4-H Project Records. The project isn’t complete until the paperwork is done.

Community Service Project
National 4-H Week is October 1st – October 7th and Franklin County 4-H is planning a Community Service Project for our members. We will be making “Survival Kits” for the Franklin County Sheriff Office. These “Kits” will encourage our local law enforcement officers with sweet sentiments and candies. Each Club, as well as our Independent Members, are asked to participate in this Franklin County 4-H Community Service Project. If you would like to participate, you may donate a large bag of the specified candy and/or come and help create the kits during National 4-H Week.

Please sign-up for a bag of candy by contacting the Extension Office with the specific candy you will be donating. Then drop the bag off to the Office before September 29, 2017. The Survival Kits will be presented to the Sheriff’s Office during National 4-H Week in October. Candy needed: Lifesavers, Smarties, Gum, Tootsie Rolls, Peppermint Patty, Starburst, Dum Dums, Kit Kat, Mounds, and Snickers.
4-H Open Air Market
The 4-H Open Air Market will be here before you know it! The Market will be held on Saturday, August 26th in conjunction with the Farmers Market located in the District Courthouse Parking Lot at 129 Main St, Farmington. The Market opens at 9:00 AM but participants should plan on arriving by 8:30 AM to setup and must stay until the market ends at NOON.
All 4-H members are eligible to participate by selling items which they made or produced. This is a great opportunity to practice your entrepreneurial skills! Members may sell hand crafts, home baked goods, fresh produce, flowers and these are just a few examples. 4-H members get to keep all money that they earn. Clubs are also welcome to do a club fundraiser at the market if they wish. Please remember, all items sold must be made or produced by the 4-H members themselves.
Questions?
Call Judy at the Extension Office at 778-4650.
See you at the market!

For those who perhaps have never participated before and as reminders to those who have, please keep in mind the following guidelines:
- All items that sold must be made or produced by the 4-H member themselves.
- If you are planning to participate, please call the Extension Office to reserve your space by Wednesday August 17th. If you need a table, please let him know at that time. Tables are available on a first come first serve basis.
- We encourage our 4-H members to wear name tags to identify themselves as well as the 4-H Club they belong to.
- Keep the area around your table neat and clean
  Have all items clearly priced and neatly dis-played
- Be courteous to all. It is important to be good representatives of our 4-H program and to pro-mote it the very best.

For more helpful suggestions, here is a link to a great article about marketing your products at Farmers’ Markets:
http://newfarm.rodaleinstitute.org/features/0504/farmmarkets/index.shtml
Farmington Fair

Congratulations to Alison Blauvelt for submitting the winning drawing for the 2017 Fair Book cover.

Fair Books are available for picked up at the Extension office. There has been an update in the fair book for Class I Food & Nutrition and Class V Reading. You can find these changes at the Extension office or call and we can mail you a hardcopy.

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 to those we have addresses for. If you do not 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 fit 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 super to have one from every club! If you are a newly organized club this year and are not sure of the requirements for an educational exhibit, all information is in the fair book. 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.

Exhibit Requirements For Independent Members

This is a gentle 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.

National Youth Science Day

National Youth Science Day is October 4, 2017. This year the focus is on a popular STEM topic- fitness. The challenge is "Incredible Wearables". Youth have the opportunity to make their own wearable fitness trackers. Science Kits have been purchased. Franklin County volunteers have the opportunity to take part in a training to learn how to use the kits and share a science day with their club members. You can schedule your science day on October 4th or any day that you choose.

If you would like to be a part of this training, please contact the extension office and let us know. We would like to have at least five volunteers to participate in order to have someone take the time to do the training.

Fair Info for 4-H Shows

If there are 4-H members that would like to participate in 4-H shows at upcoming Maine fairs and need entry information, please contact the extension office and we can check on the requirements and deadlines for you.
Eastern States Bus Trip, Saturday, September 16, 2017

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 16, 2017.

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.
August 4-H Fix

Change. It’s inevitable. But is there a 4-H Fix for that? Visit the 4-H Fix on **August 18th** to see what’s changing about the 4-H Fix and what’s staying the same! Visit the 4-H Fix today! Who knows, you might be in it! Just go to: [https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/2017/07/14/4-h-fix-my-hands-to-larger-service/](https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/2017/07/14/4-h-fix-my-hands-to-larger-service/)

**Big E Ruby Morris 4-H Scholarship**

Applications must be received by August 7th. This year Maine will select 1 recipient for the $500 Ruby Morris 4-H Scholarship. Potential candidates must have been a 4-H program participant at the Big E for at least one year, the year of the scholarship presentation, or prior. The scholarship must be used for two or four Year College, professional training, technical schools, etc.

**Kennebec 4-H Horse Shows Open Statewide! Join us!!**

Kennebec 4-H Horse Shows are no cost to enter and are open to all 4-H’ers statewide.
- Windsor Fair 4-H Horse Show, August 29 at 9:30am.
- Litchfield Fair 4-H Horse Show, September 9 at 8:00am
All registration packets are available through this site: [https://extension.umaine.edu/kennebec/resources/4h/fairs/](https://extension.umaine.edu/kennebec/resources/4h/fairs/). Contact Alisha Targonski at alisha.r.targonski@maine.edu for more information.

**4-H Egg Business Project**

Interested in earning money and having happy hens as co-workers?
The 4-H Egg Business Project helps participating youth and their families learn about entrepreneurship, food safety, and animal husbandry. To learn more go to: [https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/home/egg-business-project/](https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/home/egg-business-project/) or contact Debra Kantor, debra.kantor@maine.edu, or 207.474.9622.

**4-H Demonstrations at Eastern States Exposition**

Maine 4-H at Eastern States Exposition. Travel dates are September 23rd, 24th and 25th. A $25.00 registration fee includes travel by coach bus to and from The Big E, meals and two nights lodging in the Moses Dormitory on the fairgrounds.

Youth will work in teams demonstrating STEM activities and 4-H projects. Join our group now and help show fair goers what Maine 4-H is all about!

Top finishers in the Maine 4-H Public Speaking Tournament who earned a spot on the Maine 4-H Communications Team will be traveling with us and presenting from the New England Center Stage.

Participants will need money to purchase meals on the bus ride down and back along with any spending money you wish to bring for your stay at the fair. There is a lot to do and see at The Big E Fair [www.thebige.com/](http://www.thebige.com/) that is free of cost!

Open to youth ages ten and older. Limited space available, register and pay online before August 10th [https://extension.umaine.edu/oxford/programs/main4-h-at-eastern-states-exposition/](https://extension.umaine.edu/oxford/programs/main4-h-at-eastern-states-exposition/) Contact Becky at rebecca.mosley@maine.edu or 207.743.6329 for more information.
Maine Youth Development Mission

To educate and empower Maine youth through hands-on and community-based experiences.

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](http://extension.umaine.edu/franklin/programs)
State 4-H Website: [http://umaine.edu/4h/](http://umaine.edu/4h/)
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