# 4-H News

A Monthly Newsletter for Franklin County 4-H Participants

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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.
4-H Leaders Association Meeting
The 4-H Leader Association Meeting will be held on October 19th @ the Extension Office.

4-H Project Records
The 2017 4-H year is coming to a close and it’s time to be thinking about finishing up those 4-H Project Records. A completed 4-H Project Record also includes a resume (samples are available), a 4-H Story, and evidence of the work done in the project such as a scrap book. Records will be due to your 4-H leaders for review on October 21st. They will then be due in the Extension Office on October 28th.

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. Thank you for the donations. We have received all the candy we need to do this project.

4-H Re-enrollment Paperwork
Enrollment packets are in the mail! 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.
YOU'RE INVITED TO…

The Franklin County Extension Association
Annual Meeting and Supper.

**WHEN** - Wednesday, November 1

**WHERE** - Chesterville Town Office
409 Dutch Gap Rd., Chesterville

The supper will be held from 6-7pm.

**COST** - $10 Turkey Dinner or Vegetarian Option

The supper will be followed by the Extension Association annual meeting along with an educational program. Reservations need to be made at the Extension office by October 24th.

**Rabbit Club**

Sunday, October 1 a rabbit club will hold its first meeting here at the Extension office at 2 p.m. The Rabbit club is looking forward to learning how to care for your rabbit, pelting, meat rabbits, show rabbits, and even trick bunnies. For more information contact: Melissa Gerrish at 207-578-1287 or mgerrish5@myfairpoint.net

**2017 National 4-H Volunteer E-Forum**

*November 2, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 PM (ET)*

“STEM”ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders

Build on the roots of 4-H as we STEM our way into agriculture and animal science for experienced and new 4-H’ers. Gain resources to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) leaders through traditional animal sciences project areas in communities. Volunteers will gain ideas for planning and organizing fun, educational sessions for youth.

**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!

**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.
What a Great Week At The Farmington Fair!

What a wonderful week for the Farmington Fair! The weather was super and we had excellent participation from our 4-H members. There was also member participation in each of the animal shows which included working steer, horse, dairy, sheep, beef, and goat. We want to thank everyone who donated special awards for our shows. We also want to thank those who supported our 4-H members by purchasing an animal in the Market Animal Auction. It is all very much appreciated!
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/ or contact Debra Kantor, debra.kantor@maine.edu, or 207.474.9622.

Tanglewood Fall Harvest Festival

The Tanglewood Fall Harvest Festival and the second annual Tanglewood Tracks 3.5 mile trail race will be held at Tanglewood 4-H Camp in Lincolnville on Saturday, October 7th. The race starts at 9, followed by the festival from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Explore the Tanglewood forest, press your own apple cider and try your hand at archery. Event is family-friendly, and admission to the festival is free; the race costs $20. For more information, please call Patti at 207-789-5868. To register for the race online, go to www.active.com.

Rabbit Showmanship Competition

A Rabbit Showmanship Competition will be held on October 6th at 10:00 in the rabbit barn at Fryeburg Fair at 1154 Main Street in Fryeburg. This event is hosted by the rabbit barn and is for all youth. People new to showing rabbits are also welcome; instruction will be provided. For information please email Liz Kenaley at lkenaley@gmail.com. You will need to request a car pass from Liz 2 weeks prior to the event.

Don’t Miss the October 4-H Fix

Maybe there should be a club for 4-H Fix readers! There are clubs for 4-H Members, after all! Visit the 4-H Fix on October 13th and learn all about Maine’s 4-H Clubs! This post might even make you come to order! Visit the 4-H Fix today and call your meeting to order! https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/tag/4-h-fix/

UMaine 4-H Science Saturday: Where There’s Smoke, There’s Chicken

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us Saturday, October 28th from 11am-3pm at Witter Farm on the University of Maine campus in Orono to learn how to prepare delicious smoked chicken with our own Dr. Colt Knight! First, we will learn the art of preparing a whole chicken, and learn about how to safely handle raw chicken meat. We will explore how to include chicken as part of a healthy, balanced diet, as well as talk about different ways to season and prepare chicken meat. And finally, we will be enjoying our smoked chicken for lunch. Space is limited, so register today at the following link: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/home/science-saturday/ by October 20, cost is $10, and includes lunch.

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.
You’re invited to the 2017 National 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

Join us and get energized as you network with volunteers, county-based staff, and state specialists from across the country! Three sessions will be offered in October, November and December. The first one is Thursday, October 5, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 PM (ET).

Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders

Creating an environment where 4-H members feel safe as they grow and develop leadership skills means having volunteers who understand the basics of positive youth development. This session will feature ideas and activities that help foster life skill development by focusing on strategies for more effective club interactions.

Go to https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/national-4-h-volunteer-e-forum/ to see which counties are host sites for the October event. To register, contact the county Extension office where you wish to participate directly.

December 7, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 PM (ET)  
Helping 4-H’ers Grow in Life & Work

In 4-H, all youth can explore their future. Club meetings, events, camps, and after-school programs are places to develop life skills and expand their interests through 4-H. During this session volunteers will share ideas, receive resources, and see a variety of successful programs that help youth focus on life-long learning, workforce readiness, and career exploration. Caring adults can help all young people make decisions and create their own positive future.

Maine Poultry Growers Association, First Annual Conference

The MPGA is an association for Maine poultry keepers of all types and for anyone interested in poultry. http://www.mainepoultrygrowers.org/

October 21, 2017, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Student Union Room, Alfond Campus, Kennebec Valley Community College, Hinkley, ME. Register Online at: https://extension.umaine.edu/cumberland/programs/agriculture/events-workshops/, cost is $35.00/person ($25.00 for MPGA Members), lunch is included. Sponsored by University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners (MOFGA), and Poulin Grain. Contacts are Jason Lilley, jason.lilley@maine.edu, and Diane Schivera, dianes@mofga.org.

Fryeburg Fair Challenge

Fryeburg Fair has once again presented the Maine 4-H Foundation with a challenge gift of $10,000 if we can raise the matching funds during the fair. Maine 4-H agricultural programs have been growing over the past year and more support is needed. The Maine 4-H Foundation has increased its support to agricultural programs and has recently invested over $66,000 in animal science endowment funds dedicated to ensure the future of agricultural programs. Today the endowment funds for Agriculture and animal science exceed $110,000!

Every gift counts and you can direct it toward the animal science program of your choice.

Consider a gift to the Fryeburg Fair challenge today. It is easy to give, email a pledge to Susan Jennings at susan.jennings@maine.edu, or go online at our.umaine.edu/fryeburgchallenge!
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 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 will soon be available.

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. We’ll be posting the records online soon and are planning a few ways for you to be part of the team.

• 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 d9jmt and click Join.
  • Participate in our live feedback sessions. Please save the date for feedback sessions. These will be conducted using Zoom. Registration for these sessions will be posted soon!
    • 10/17/17 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
    • 11/8/17 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
    • 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.

4-H Gives: Relief Support for 4-H Programs affected by Hurricane Harvey

The gulf coast region of Texas has experienced massive damage and destruction from Hurricane Harvey. In times like these we see the good in countless individuals who wish to lend a hand and comfort those in need. In response to the disaster on the coast many local 4-H clubs are hosting supply drives where items can be delivered quickly and efficiently to the storm zone. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation are facilitating a monetary campaign to directly support 4-H club and county programs in the hurricane zone. To help, go to: https://texas4hfoundation.org/, click on link at the top right “give now,” complete the online form and type “4HSupportsTexas” in the Gift Designation Box, with your payment 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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