



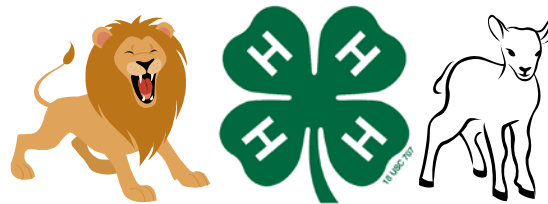
# Plymouth County Cooperative Extension

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## Plymouth County Extension 4-H Program

### Plymouth County 4-H News and Notes –March / April 2017



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### March

- March 4 Plymouth County 4-H Visual Presentation Program, 9 AM, Kingston, MA  
March 17-18 MA 4-H Blue Ribbon Calf Sale and Clinics - Big E Fairgrounds, MA  
March 21 East Middleboro 4-H Town Committee Meeting, 7 PM, Clubhouse  
March 27 Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 PM, Plymouth, MA

#### Coming in April...

- April 1 Massachusetts 4-H Visual Presentation Day, 10 AM, Bedford, MA  
April 1 4-H Campership Requests Due to PCE Office  
April 1 4-H Robbery Scholarship Applications Due to PCE Office  
April 1 4-H Sunflower Contest Materials Available to 4-H Clubs  
April 4 Massachusetts Ag Day at the Statehouse, Boston, MA  
April 5-6 Massachusetts 4-H Horse Bowl and Judging Contest  
April 14 Plymouth County 4-H Embryology Program Egg Orders Due  
April 24/25 Plymouth County 4-H Embryology Program Egg Pick up Dates  
April 26-May 7 Paper Clover 4-H Fundraiser at Tractor Supply, Plympton, Wareham, Hanover

4-H Exhibit Week Will Be During National 4-H Week in October starting 2017

## 4-H Visual Presentations

4-H Visual Presentations were held Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at Silver Lake Middle School in Kingston, MA. We had 90 presenters this year.

Massachusetts 4-H Visual Presentations will be held on April 1st at the Bedford Middle School, Bedford, MA. If you are selected to attend states, more information will be mailed to you before the event. We will also need volunteer judges for this day. Judges must arrive by 9 AM for training at states. Please contact Molly if you want to judge at State VP Day.

## 4-H Babysitting Courses



Plymouth County Extension is pleased to announce that we have several 4-H Babysitting Courses offered in multiple community's year round. Participants will get a certificate and business card.

Learn about the business of babysitting, childcare, nutrition, safety and more!

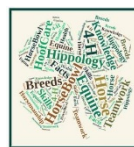
Please see [www.plymouthcounty4h.org](http://www.plymouthcounty4h.org) Babysitting page for sign up info. Check back often as courses are added regularly. All courses will be taught by 4-H Program Assistant Evelyn Golden, [eveygolden4h@gmail.com](mailto:eveygolden4h@gmail.com)

## Welcome New 4-H Clubs!

We are pleased to announce we have a few new 4-H clubs that have started up in the county recently. Many of them have already participated in county events and we hope to see more of them this spring and summer! Please join me in welcoming:

- ❁ Boundless Learners 4-H Club
- ❁ South Shore Charter School 4-H
- ❁ Norwell Farms 4-H Club
- ❁ South Shore Science Center  
Cloverbud 4-H Club
- ❁ Hoof Prints at Big Bay Farm 4-H Club
- ❁ Bouncing Bunnies 4-H Club

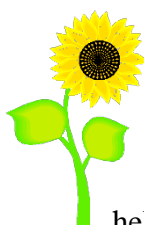
## Massachusetts 4-H Horse Bowl



### **Horse Bowl and Hippology**

The 2017 State 4-H Horse Roundup will be held on April 29th and 30th this year. The Hippology and Horse Bowl contests will be held on Saturday April 29th, at St. Williams School in Tewksbury, MA. The Horse Judging contest will be held on Sunday April 30th at Hillside Meadows Equestrian Center in Grafton, MA.

All contests include a junior and senior division. Senior contests will be used to determine members of our 2017 state teams that will participate at the National 4-H Horse Round Up in Louisville, Kentucky in November. 4-H members who are attending will get more details through their team coaches as they become available.



## 4-H Sunflower Contest Help

The Plymouth County Extension Office will be offering the popular 4-H Sunflower contest again this spring. We are looking for help from 4-H Clubs to assemble the packets that get delivered to schools and other youth in Plymouth County. This is part of an educational program where youth learn about plant science and then complete the project by entering the 4-H Sunflower Contest at the Marshfield Fair in August. Please contact Valerie at [vschell@umext.umass.edu](mailto:vschell@umext.umass.edu) to learn more about how your 4-H Club can participate in some community service by helping us out! It will only take an hour or so of time for a club to assemble several packets for youth.

## Tractor Supply

Tractor Supply is again running the 4-H Paper Clover fundraiser from April 26-May 7 at all Tractor Supply locations. Within Plymouth County, there are three Tractor Supply stores, Plympton, Wareham and Hanover. We are looking for clubs to set up displays during this time frame to help promote 4-H locally. Please contact Valerie at [vschell@umext.umass.edu](mailto:vschell@umext.umass.edu) to sign up to help at a Tractor Supply store.



## Camperships and Scholarships

### Camperships



The Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council will sponsor camperships for 4-H members to attend **4-H Summer Camp**. Applications for camperships are available on the website at [www.plymouthcounty4h.org](http://www.plymouthcounty4h.org) under forms and links.

Link to form:

[http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2015\\_Assistance\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2015_Assistance_Request_Form.pdf)

The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation also offers **Camperships**.

Please visit:

<http://www.mass4hfoundation.org/index.php/programs/grants>

**Link to campership form:**

<http://www.mass4hfoundation.org/images/forms/campership.pdf>

### Scholarships

The 4-H Robery Scholarship is available for any 4-H'er or alum that is pursuing a degree in animal science. Please visit [www.plymouthcounty4h.org](http://www.plymouthcounty4h.org) for more details.

**Applications for the Robery Scholarship** are due April 1 at the Extension Office.

**Link to Robery Scholarship Form:**

[http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/RoberyScholarshipApplication\\_15.pdf](http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/RoberyScholarshipApplication_15.pdf)

#### **George L. Farley Scholarship**

4-H is proud to offer the George L. Farley Scholarship to a former MA 4-H member attending (or accepted for the 2017–2018 year) UMass Amherst. The application deadline **is April 30**, but we encourage you to get your application in now. For details, go to

[http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf/doc-ppt/george\\_farley\\_scholarship\\_info\\_2016.pdf](http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf/doc-ppt/george_farley_scholarship_info_2016.pdf)

## Kent Lage Leadership Scholarship

To be presented in honor of the late Kent Lage to two 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities including public speaking abilities and a background in community service activities.

The first place award will be a \$1,000 scholarship and the second place will be a \$500 scholarship.

Go to:

[http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/news/pdf/kent\\_lage\\_leadership\\_award.pdf](http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/news/pdf/kent_lage_leadership_award.pdf) for details on eligibility and specifics on how to apply for the award.

**Note the application deadline is March 15, 2017.**

### Have You Started to Think about Scholarships?

Did you know that Dunkin Donuts offers scholarships as well as Big Y Supermarkets? (This applies if they are in your shopping area.) Search for scholarships if your parents are involved in professional organizations such as the Elks or Knights of Columbus, as well as professional unions. Five of the most popular sites for scholarships are: [www.Fastweb.com](http://www.Fastweb.com) , [www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org) , [www.Scholarships.com](http://www.Scholarships.com) , [www.CollegeNet.com](http://www.CollegeNet.com) , and [www.USAScholarships.com](http://www.USAScholarships.com) .

If you exhibit animals, there are various breed-specific scholarships. You can check out the Hoards Dairyman and National Dairy Shrine for dairy scholarships, the American Kennel Club for dogs, and beef and horse associations for their respective scholarships. The Big E fair offers various trustee scholarships to youth who have participated or exhibited at the fair. Some of your local fairs also offer scholarships to past exhibitors. The Massachusetts 4-H website is another good resource:

<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/forms-applications/scholarship-application> .

Remember to start your search early and check the sites regularly. Good luck!



## Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

FOSTERING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Mass 4-H Foundation has many opportunities for monetary support for 4-H clubs and community service projects. Please visit [www.mass4hfoundation.org](http://www.mass4hfoundation.org) for more information about 4-H publicity grants, matching grants, club kits and more. Click on the Resources page for details.

There is also money to support clubs who do county recruitment and promotion of 4-H on behalf of the Extension Office. Please contact Valerie for more information on this program.



### *Only 1 in 3 Kids Have the Skills They Need to Thrive*

That's why we're asking you, and the millions of 4-H alumni across the nation to Raise Your Hand and Pay It Forward to empower the next generation of True Leaders.

**This is a great opportunity for clubs to earn money** with the "Raise Your Hand Campaign" Officially launched as of March 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue to run until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**For every \$10 donation we receive, the club gets \$5!**

The donor simply types in the club name of their choice in the space provided on the online form.

The official link to the form is here:

<https://form.jotform.com/70184439082154>

1. Clubs can post this on their social media pages asking their network to make donations.
2. Clubs can send out a mass email to everyone in their address books with the link requesting a donation.
3. Clubs can ask family members and friends with a tablet or smart phone to (RAISE THEIR HAND) make a donation.

## Plymouth County 4-H Embryology



The Plymouth County 4-H Embryology program will be available to schools and libraries starting in April. If you or your club is interested in hatching chicken eggs or would like to get young chicks back from this program, please contact Molly at 774-404-7021  
For more info and order forms:  
[http://plymouthcounty4h.org/Embryology\\_Program.html](http://plymouthcounty4h.org/Embryology_Program.html)

## Calling All Photographers!

Are you a junior or senior 4-H member who likes taking photographs and you think they look great? How about entering them into the MA 4-H State Photography Contest? We'd love to see them! Photographs taken since last July may be entered and are due to the Waltham 4-H Office (postmarked) by July 1, 2014. All the information you need for photo size, rules, lots, and judging criteria are found at:  
[http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/state\\_photography17\\_0.pdf](http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/state_photography17_0.pdf)



## Animal Lease/Verification Forms

**If you plan to exhibit a leased animal at any 4-H fair and/or the Big E, you need to submit a Livestock Verification Form to the 4-H office. Forms are due**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** \*Horse (use Horse Verification Form only)

**May 1st** for Dairy, Beef, Dog

**June 1st** for Goats, Sheep, Alpacas, Swine, Rabbits & Poultry

The forms are found our website on the “forms & links” page. [www.plymouthcounty4h.org](http://www.plymouthcounty4h.org)

## Do your Animal Verifications online.

Attention 4-H families! You may have noticed when you are in your 4hOnline profile that there is an animal tab just to the left of the enrollment button. You can enter information on your animal project online to meet the verification requirement. For online horse verification: you must complete all fields and upload a front and side view picture; uploading the Coggins is optional. Deadlines still apply so make sure to do this early to allow time for any technical glitches and to receive confirmation that the verification is complete!



## New Regulation—

## Veterinary Feed Directive

The new Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) went into effect in January 2017. This new regulation impacts feed additives that are currently in some of the medicated feed products that you purchase. Now is the time to review the new directives and discuss them with your veterinarian. Club leaders: You may want to invite your local veterinarian to a club meeting to discuss this with your members. Have your members bring medicated feed labels and milk replacer labels to the meeting to see what they will need to look for. Cowsmopolitan Dairy Magazine had an information sheet that may be useful: <http://www.cowsmo.com/?news=facts-veterinary-feed-directive>

For full details, visit the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/Development/ApprovalProcess/ucm071807.htm>

## Massachusetts 4-H Blue Ribbon Calf Sale



March 17& 18, 2017 is the fourteenth annual calf sale, with all proceeds to support the Mass. 4-H Dairy Program. On the website you should find information about the awesome consignments, details for the day of the sale, updates about past consignments, and our dedication page. [www.blueribboncalfsale.com](http://www.blueribboncalfsale.com)

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## National 4-H Dairy Conference

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is a leadership conference for 4-H dairy project members held in conjunction with World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The intended outcomes are to promote and sponsor an educational program which will provide a better understanding on the operations involved in the production, processing, marketing, and use of dairy products, as well as related areas. The conference allows youth to increase their understanding of the dairy industry, learn about vocational and professional career opportunities, and practice good citizenship and group participation.

**Requirements:** You must have completed 10th grade (15 years old), completed three years in the 4-H dairy project area, never attended this conference, and provided significant leadership in the dairy project at the local level. The application is online at

<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/animal-scienceprogram/beef-dairy>

**Deadline is March 15, 2017**



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