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Plymouth County Extension 4-H Program

Plymouth County 4-H News –Fall 2017



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October

- October 1 Plymouth County 4-H Records Due to the 4-H Office
- October 1 Plymouth County 4-H Awards Nominations Due to the 4-H Office
- October 1-7 National 4-H Week
- October 1-7 Plymouth County 4-H Exhibit Week
- October 4-15 Tractor Supply Fall Clover Event
- October 17 East Middleboro 4-H Town Committee Meeting, 7 PM, Clubhouse
- October 27 Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 PM Plymouth

Coming in November...

- November 3 Plymouth County 4-H Awards Program, Check in 5-6 PM Abington
- November 19 Plymouth County 4-H Horse Judging Clinic / County team Tryouts, Big Bay Farm, Hanover
- November 27 Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 PM Plymouth
- November 30 4-H Enrollment Due to Office

Coming in December...

- December 2 Plymouth County 4-H Horse Round up, Hanson

Coming in 2018...

- February 3 Southeast Regional 4-H Winter Workshops, 10 AM Kingston
- March 3 Plymouth County 4-H Visual Presentation Day, 9 AM Kingston



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National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 1-7 this year. Help spread the word about 4-H by educating others about the 4-H program and the great experiences you have had in 4-H! Help recruit others to help our Plymouth County 4-H program grow!

Exhibit Week

During National 4-H week we have planned the Plymouth County 4-H Exhibit week contest to help bring attention to the program. We hope each club will participate and make this the best year yet. Please fill out the form and get it in to the office as soon as possible.

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/Exhibit_Week_2017.pdf

Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council

The Plymouth County 4-H Advisory Council is looking for new members to join the board. We are looking for parents, volunteers or community members who are passionate about the 4-H program and have time to contribute to the Council. The 4-H Advisory Council helps plan and fund all countywide programs including 4-H awards night, winter workshop, visual presentations, Marshfield Fair and many more events and programs through the year.

The Council also funds scholarships and camperships to 4-H members and clubs and gives the Robery Scholarship annually to a 4-H'er attending college. Please contact Molly or Valerie the Extension Office for more information on the 4-H Advisory Council.



4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year has officially started and all 4-H enrollment is due back to the office by November 30. Please make sure you have all forms completed and signed before giving it back to your club leader. A \$50 fee must also accompany your enrollment or a waiver form. If you have questions please contact the office at 774-404-7020.

The participation fee schedule for 2017-2018 has been changed and is as follows:

- \$50 for re-enrolling members until Nov. 30
- \$100 for re-enrolling members after Nov. 30 (no full waivers accepted for re-enrolling after Nov. 30)
- \$50 for brand new members all year long

4-H Records

Plymouth County 4-H Records are due to the Extension Office on October 1st. **If you do not turn in records you will not be eligible for 4-H project medals at the 4-H Awards Program** being held



on November 3. Please contact the 4-H Office with questions or to schedule training. Please visit www.plymouthcounty4h.org for forms and directions for 4-H records.

4-H Club Grants Available

Does your 4-H club have a special fall project in mind? The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation is pleased to be able to provide direct support to enrolled 4-H clubs and program councils! These grants are available for special projects or needs that the group has which support educational programs and other 4-H priorities. Applications will be reviewed on December 31st, so submit yours soon! Visit the 4-H Foundation website for details on the many grants they offer.

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

Tractor Supply

The 4-H Paper Clover event at Tractor Supply is October 4-15. If your club is interested in having your club visit Tractor Supply during the clover event, contact us ASAP! Tractor Supply stores are in Hanover, Plympton and Wareham. This event is a fundraiser for 4-H and all money raised comes back to the 4-H program.



Marshfield Fair

Plymouth County 4-H had a wonderful 2017 Marshfield Fair. Thank you to all volunteers who helped support the 4-H water booth and donated and helped with the 4-H auction. All proceeds raised at the fair will come back to the 4-H Advisory Council to help fund local 4-H County programs.

Planning for Marshfield Fair 2018 as already begun! If you have questions about participating in the fair, please contact the 4-H office for more information.



Winning 4-H Club Display from the Eco-Explorers 4-H Club at the Marshfield Fair

4-H Horse Judging

The Plymouth County 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on Sunday, November 19 At Big Bay Farm in Hanover, MA. A clinic on horse judging will take place from 9-12. The contest to compete for a spot on the County 4-H team to participate at states will be held from 1-4 PM. Details will be sent to all 4-H Horse clubs and leaders as the event nears.



Judging rules:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/state_horse_judging_rules.pdf

Judging Manual:

<http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2010judgingmanualwMAadd.pdf>

4-H Horse Bowl

The Plymouth County 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology contest will be Saturday, December 2nd. Please save the date, more information will be available, as it gets closer.

Hippology Rules:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/4-h_2012_state_hippology_rules.pdf

Horsebowl Rules:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/4-h_2012_state_horse_bowl_rules.pdf



4-H Winter Workshops

Planning has already begun for 4-H Winter Workshops which will be held on Saturday, Feb 3th at Silver Lake Middle School in Kingston, MA. If you would like to offer a workshop or have suggestions for topics that you want to learn about, please contact the Valerie at the 4-H Office at 774-404-7022. Workshops are about an hour long and material costs are reimbursed. 4-H members and parents and volunteers from Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties are invited to attend. Registration information will be available in December

National Conference

There are still spots available for 4-H National Conference being held spring 2018. **The deadline for application is October 23rd**. Please send the completed application to:

Kim Pond, Massachusetts 4-H Program, 120 Stafford St. Suite 201, Worcester, MA, 01609 or submit electronically to mass4hteens@gmail.com

Application link:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2017_national_trips_application_process_rev_2016.pdf

4-H Awards Night

The Plymouth County 4-H Awards Program will be held on Friday, November 3rd at the Emerald Hall in Abington, MA. Check in will begin at 5:00, with dinner served at 6 PM. The evening will consist of the presentation of annual 4-H award for members and volunteers, the 4-H Advisory Council silent auction, dinner, dessert and more! All 4-H families are invited to attend.

Facebook

For the latest news and updates on programs and links, like us on Facebook at Plymouth County 4-H!



Award Nominations

Leaders please take the time to fill out the nomination forms for your club members. Nominations are due to the 4-H office by October 1, 2017. Links below for your convenience.

Key Award Application:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2017_keyaward.pdf

CORE Award Application:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2017_CORE_nominations_form_fillable_version.pdf

Clover Award Nomination:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2017_Clover_awards_nomination_form.pdf

Outstanding Jr. Leader Nomination:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2017_Outstanding_Junior_Leader_nomination_form.pdf

Swing for the Fences Nomination:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/Swing_for_the_Fences_1.pdf

Project Medal Nomination:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/2017_Project_medal_nomination_form.pdf

John Burnett Leadership Award Nomination:

http://plymouthcounty4h.org/uploads/John_Burnett_Leadership_Award.pdf

Holly Days in Duxbury

Each year in Duxbury there is a holiday celebration called Holly Days. They are looking for us to provide 4-H animals for display. This year it is being held on November 26 from 12-4. If you are interested in participating, please contact Marie Vanslyck at meekvan@gmail.com

Detailed Enrollment Letter

Dear Parent:

Welcome to 4-H! Thank you for choosing 4-H. We hope that this year (2017-2018) will offer exciting new learning experiences for your child.

If you are re-enrolling an existing 4-H member we ask that you do this online. On-line registration will open in mid-September. Go to ma.4honline.com or click on the link on the 4-H website. ***Do not create a new account (profile)***, one already exists. Accounts for every family member are listed under one family email. If you have forgotten the family email you gave the 4-H office, contact us. If you forgot the password you used (or have never accessed your account before) click, "I forgot my password." Detailed instructions are found on the 4-H website at <http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/about/4h-online>.

Note; we are currently working on an arrangement with 4honline to allow you to charge the fee as part of the on-line registration process. We expect that to be complete before the end of 2017. Once that arrangement is in place you will be required to charge the fee if you register on-line. If you can't charge the fee for any reason you will need to re-enroll with paper forms and mail a check.

In order to enroll a brand new member, you must complete the four paper forms:

- ✓ Complete both sides of the Member Enrollment Form (signatures of parent and leader required).
- ✓ Complete the Code of Conduct (parent and members ages 8 and older must sign).
- ✓ Complete the Permission and Liability Form (parent must sign).
- ✓ Complete both sides of the Member Health Form (parent must sign).
- ✓ Return the completed forms as soon as possible!
- ✓ Pay the participation fee at the same time; your enrollment will not be processed until the fee is received (check or charge option, details below).

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Participation fees are not refundable for any reason. There is an annual family maximum of \$150 in effect until Nov. 30. In case of family economic hardship, request "*Participation Fee Income Eligibility Guidelines*" from your club leader or Educator and follow those instructions to request that the entire fee or half of the fee be waived.

You may pay by check or charge. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED. Make all checks payable to **University of Massachusetts 4-H: write name of child in memo line.** To charge the fee go to <https://umassextensionbookstore.com/products/87>. Indicate the quantity you wish to purchase, add to cart and follow instructions. Send a copy of the payment confirmation with your enrollment paperwork.

Note that in an effort to conserve resources most information, including newsletters, will be sent electronically so it is critical that you provide us with your email address and let us know immediately of any changes to your email address. Also note that both the state and county/regional newsletters are posted to the 4-H website, www.mass4h.org under "News and Events" on October 1, January 1, April 1 and July 1. ***Check the 4-H website (www.mass4h.org) often as program opportunities, registration forms and other important information are posted here.*** If you do not check the website and read the newsletters on a regular basis you and your child will miss out on opportunities such as volunteer and member events and scholarship information.

The participation fee covers a small accident insurance policy through American Income Life Insurance purchased by the state 4-H program in the event your child is injured at a 4-H activity. If you need a claim form contact the office.

If your child is a horse project member, we suggest that you submit the Horse Verification Form with the member enrollment. It is not due until sometime in the spring but returning this now ensures that you won't miss the due date. This is done through 4honline (preferred) or you can mail the paper form.

Feel free to contact me (us) at any time with questions that you may have. I hope to see you at a 4-H event soon!

Sincerely,
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