

4-H Connections



A NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND FAMILIES ■ April 2008

Also available on the web at: <http://www.umaine.edu/umext/york/>

Acton Fairgrounds Spring Clean Up Day



****NOTE DATE CHANGE****

Our annual attempt at a Spring clean up will be on May 17 from 9:00am to 3:00 PM at the fairgrounds. Bring your own lunch and clothes you can paint in.

York County Leaders Association

The next meeting of the York County Leaders Association will be on May 5 at the Extension Office in Springvale, in the Heritage Room located on the bottom floor at 7:00 pm. We'll be discussing Acton Fair and looking for your input. We hope to see you there.

April Birthdays

Kaysia Carroll
 Abraham Phillips
 May Murray
 Kaigan Munch
 Isaac Brown
 Alysha Michaud
 Lorin Metcalf
 Zoe Gudjonsson-Kaply
 Natasha Brown
 Breana Moulton
 Chandler Breton
 Reagan Hussey



Acton Fair Novelty Exhibit



The Novelty Exhibit for the Acton Fair Exhibit Hall will be "Junk Art" More details will be in the Acton Fair Packets mailed out in July.

4-H Calendar

April 15, April 19,	Horse Teams Study Session State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and Eastern States Judging Team Selection
April 20,	Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center Open House from 1:00-4:30 pm. Call 207-789-5868 for more information
May 1	Eastern States Intent Form Due-Sheep, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Working Steer
May 10	ESE Horse - Packets are due and must be postmarked by May 10
May 11	Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center Open House from 1:00-4:30 pm. call 207-789-5868 for more information.
May 17	Market Lamb Tagging site at NE Livestock Expo, Windsor Fairgrounds - tagging will start after the sale in the sheep barn.
May 17-18	4-H Edge Weekend 2008
May 20	Horse Teams Study Session
June 20-22	Eastern States Horse Tryouts-Skowhegan Fairgrounds
June 27-29	Maine 4H Days & Dog Camp
June 30	Animal Approval Forms 4H Animal Shows Due
July 5-12	CWF
July 14-17	Teen Conference on Wheels

Ossipee Valley Fair

It's not too early to be working on your fair project exhibits. Let's fill up the Exhibit Halls this year with some great projects! Please know that the Exhibit Hall needs to be monitored at all times. If you are entering items in the Exhibit Hall please sign up to take a turn in the hall. If you cannot sit in the hall yourself any of the parents can do the job. To sign up for a time please call Diane Qualey 793-4843 or Ann Boucher 793-2373. Ossipee Valley Fair is July 10 to July 13.



Maine Dairy Team

If you are 12 years of age (prior to January 1st) and enrolled in 4-H you can try out for the Maine Dairy Team. The team participates at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in West Springfield Massachusetts. If you would like to try out for the Maine Dairy Team it is mandatory that you participate in one of the following events: the State dairy quiz bowl or the State dairy judging event or the State Fitting Contest (see below). **The final step is to participate in the State Dairy Show.** This is not an option but mandatory. This show is held at Maine 4-H Days which will be held at the Windsor Fairgrounds.

Maine State Dairy Show – This event is held at Windsor Fairgrounds, July 20th. The Fitting Contest is on July 19th. The Showmanship, as well as breed classes, will be on July 20th. The complete packet will be mailed to all dairy members at a future date.

For more information call Donna Flint at 1-800-287-1535 ext. 22 or Leanne Moon at 865-1420.

State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest and Eastern States Judging Team Selection

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Judge – James Davis

For a complete schedule, go to:

<http://www.umext.maine.edu/4h/resources/dairy/judging.htm>

for more information contact:

Dr. David Marcinkowski

Associate Professor and Dairy Specialist

University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Phone: 1-800-287-7170 (Instate Toll Free) or 207-581-2740

Email: davidm@umext.maine.edu

Policy for Publication Distribution in York County

Any publications York county currently has in stock will be available to enrolled 4-H Leaders at a discounted price of \$3.00 per publication until the inventory is depleted.

Additional publications wanted by the club not in stock may be ordered directly from 4-H Mall by the Club Leader.

New Clubs will receive as a gift from the York County Extension office and Pine Tree State 4-H Foundation one complete set of Curriculum in one area of their choice.

York County Extension Office will have available to view one copy of each publication at the office. This copy may be signed out and borrowed on a short term basis of a two week period by approved 4-H Leaders.

The inventory of publications at York County will not be restocked.

Financial assistance is available by the York County Leaders Association on an as needed basis. Leaders may apply to President Ann Boucher.

National Autism Awareness Month

Did you know...?

- Autism affects as many as 1 in 150 children and 1 in 94 boys
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the world
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with diabetes, cancer, & AIDS combined
- Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism

- There is no medical detection or cure for autism, but early diagnosis and intervention improve outcomes
- Autism does not discriminate by geography, class, or ethnicity

Source: www.autismspeaks.org

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day is Thursday, April 24

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work helps girls and boys across the nation discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and family life.

This national, public education program connects what children learn at school with the actual working world and encourages girls and boys across the country to dream without limitations and to think imaginatively about their family, work, and community lives.

www.daughtersandsonstowork.org

Relay For Life of York County 4pm Friday June 13 to 8am Saturday June 14 Wells High School Track

Each year, across the nation, one event brings together entire communities to take part in the fight against cancer. That event is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life®. It's a time and place where people come to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives. Won't you join us this year and be a part of Relay? Come to the next Team Captain Meeting or call 691-1094 for more information Dirigo Dairy would like to invite anyone to join their team. Contact Jen Bridges at jen_b552006@yahoo.com to sign up and help them raise money to fight cancer!

Make a Sign for the Acton Fair food Booth

There will be a new addition to the food booth this year. Outside for everyone to see will be a board with the words; "**You Are Being Served by**" Under that we want you to make a sign for your club letting everyone know who you are. Here are the specifications:

- Must be made out of ¼ inch plywood
- 11 inches high

- 17 inches wide
- Eyehooks will be supplied at the fair; do not put any hanging mechanism on you.
- Your club name must be prominent for people to read.
- Be creative, the rest is up to you!
Any questions, ask Lynn,
lynno@umext.maine.edu

News from the State

Maine 4-H Days

Mark you calendars now for Maine 4-H Days this summer at Windsor Fairgrounds, June 27, 28, and 29. It will be a weekend full of personal enrichment workshops as well as livestock events. Camping is encouraged and entire families are welcome.

National 4-H Trip

It is time to apply for the National 4-H Trip to Congress. To apply please fill out an application and submit your 4-H Story and your Resume and mail your completed application to the State 4-H Office. Guidelines for writing your 4-H story can be found at <http://www.umext.maine.edu/4h/events.htm> (click on the event you wish to apply for). Interviews will be held in Orono on Saturday, May 3rd.

You may also pick up an application at your local County Extension office. Nat'l 4-H Congress will be held 11/28/08 – 12/2/08 in Atlanta . Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2008.

Tanglewood Hosts Open House

Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center, a program of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension will host two open houses, April 20 and May 11, at both Lincolnville and Tenants Harbor camps from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Parents and potential campers will have the opportunity to meet Tanglewood staff, explore the camps, participate in ecology activities, and go on hikes through the woods.

Affordable program offerings for 2008 include

family camps and a variety of youth day and residential, discovery, and leadership camps for ages 5-18 years old. New programs this year include residential camp and family camp at Blueberry Cove in Tenants Harbor. Tanglewood is partnering with the St. George Sailing Foundation to offer quality sailing programs at the seaside camp. Also new this summer is a Leadership Development program for teens where participants will get a chance to climb Mount Katahdin!

To see or request a catalog or for more information visit www.tanglewood4h.org or call (207) 789-5868.



Dog Camp at Maine 4-H Days

Dog Camp will begin on Friday June 27 and continue through the 28 and 29 at the Windsor Fairgrounds. Dog Camp is open to Maine 4-H participants of all ages and experience levels even if you do not wish to attend ESE for dog. This year our breed group focus will be on the Toy Group and as always the major focus will be on having fun with our dogs.

Planning is still in progress but we have some exciting events underway. This year there will be a presentation about behavior counseling through the use of Bach Flower remedies. We will also have Showmanship and Obedience workshops for multiple experience levels.

Back by popular demand this year are Agility workshops, a pizza party, and Quiz Bowl. Dog camp is always a fun and informative experience for everyone and we hope to see you there!

Teen Conference on Wheels

Save the date for Teen Conference on Wheels - July 14 to 17, 2008 featuring Citizenship, Leadership and Entrepreneurship themes being planned by the Youth in Governance Program Leadership Team.

2008 Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum

The 2008 Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, New Hampshire from October 23-26, 2008. For more details, a promotional flyer is available on our website at:

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVol/08NEVF.htm>

The full registration brochure will be available in May. Stay Tuned! We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

4-H EDGE: Connecting Kids to Campus May 17 and 18, 2008

Find all the latest EDGE information – workshop choices, registration forms (coming soon), maps, program schedules and other information as it becomes available-at the 4-H EDGE website

<http://extension.umaine.edu/4h/events/edge.htm>

It's time to register for this year's 4-H EDGE: Connecting Kids to Campus. This year's 4-H EDGE is bigger and more exciting than ever! If you are an 11to15 year old 4-H member, we have an exciting weekend planned for you including 29 different workshops for you to choose from.

You might learn about sensor technology, biomedical robotics, tracking whales with GIS, marine botany, technical theater, robotics, museum display design, and geometric origami to name just a few of the choices. There are math workshops, art workshops, new chances to explore the meaning of gender equity and the topic of bullying from a university perspective. Explore many faces of engineering – wood composites, civil engineering, biological engineering, lasers, and surface technology.

You will stay over night in Oxford Hall, eat in the one of the University Commons, swim in the new Recreation and Fitness Center, see the new Physics Road show and have a great time with 4-H members from around the state. The cost for this weekend will be \$50 per person. Second and additional members from the same family can come for \$35 each.

To get a registration form, go to the 4-H EDGE website:

<http://extension.umaine.edu/4h/events/edge.htm>
or call your county office and ask to have one mailed to you. We expect to have the registration forms posted on-line on March 24. Deadline for registration is April 25. If you are a 4-H member ages 16-18, we are preparing a day-long experience to introduce you to some of the information given to prospective UMaine students in the Open House program.

You will participate in a campus tour, and then have an afternoon series of sessions giving you lots of information on what to expect as you go through the college application process and what life might be like as a new college student.

Also for 4-H adults – In order to make the 4-h EDGE weekend is safe and fun, we are asking for some volunteers to help chaperone the 11-15 year old portion of this event. Chaperones will arrive with the youth on May 17 and stay until the end of the program on May 18 and will be able to participate in the workshops and other activities or can choose to attend the parent sessions on Saturday if they wish.

If we have more volunteers than we can use, we will try to make sure we have at least one from each county that has youth attending. We will notify you either way by the end of April. Chaperones will not need to pay the registration fee. You can volunteer to become a chaperone by using the Adult registration form found on the EDGE website.

Horse Team Study Sessions

Study Sessions for Hippology, Horse Judging, Quiz Bowl and the Communications Teams will be held one Tuesday night a month at high schools around the state via video conference.



You do not need to be a team member to participate and tryouts for these teams will be on May 20 during the video conference.

April 15, 6-8 pm
May 20, 6-8 pm

At these locations:

Cape Elizabeth High School (NEW)

Houlton High
Messalonskee High, Oakland
Mt. Blue High, Farmington
Nokomis High, Newport
Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School,
South Paris
Presque Isle High School
Searsport District High School

For information on the tryout dates and times for the Hippology, Horse Judging, Quiz Bowl and the Communications Teams, please check the Horse Page on our website at www.umext.maine.edu/4h/resources/horse.htm or contact Kate Slattery at slatterk@sad44.org for more information.

Nurture Nature Kids Drawing Contest

Maine children in grades 3-7 are invited to participate in a statewide reusable bag drawing contest. The winning artist will have their design printed on 1000 special Bulletin Bags, receive public recognition and win a \$100 gift card!

As a leader at the Maine 4-H you have direct interaction with the age groups eligible for the contest. Please take a moment to register here:

http://www.bulletinbag.com/component/option.com_chronocontact/chronoformname.KidsCare/ for a Nurture Nature Contest Kit, which you can give to your Youth Coordinators and have available to kids who use your facilities.

The kits include information about the problems with disposable paper and plastic bags, entry forms, official rules and a return envelope for mailing completed forms (please allow 2 weeks to receive your Contest Kit). The first 1000 children who enter will be sent a free Bulletin Bag printed with the winning artwork AND be entered to win more great prizes (stay tuned for prize details!). The contest ends April 30, 2008.

Horse Vaccination Requirement

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will require certain vaccinations for horses who participate in 4-H events during the 2008 season:

4-Hers attending 4-H horse events in 2008 must provide proof of current, annual vaccination for rabies as well as a current, annual Coggins test done by a veterinarian. EVH-1 and Equine Influenza are also required. Horse owners may, however, administer their own EVH-1 and Equine Influenza inoculations and a sales receipt will be sufficient evidence for proof of vaccination." EVH-1 and Equine Influenza are considered effective for six months. Plan the timing of your inoculations with your last event in mind.

If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact your county Extension office or you can call the State 4-H Office at 1-800-287-0274.

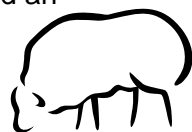
Horse Tryouts for Eastern States

The Eastern States tryouts for the horse team will be held June 20, 21, and 22, 2008 at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds. Maine 4-Hers who would like to try out for the horse team can find the packet at www.umext.maine.edu/4h/resources/horse.htm

Members who cannot access the packet on the website can contact their county Cooperative Extension Office for a packet. 4-Hers who intend to participate in the Horse Tryouts also need to fill out an Intent to Participate form and send it in by April 1. The intent form is at <http://www.umext.maine.edu/4h/forms/eseintents/horse.htm>. Also your horse approval form is due by April 1 only if you are trying out for Eastern States.

Market Lambs for Windsor & Fryeburg Fair

You are longer required to send an Intent to Participate Form for Market Lambs being shown



at Windsor and Fryeburg Fairs, however, if you are planning to show at these fairs, you still need an Approval Form and to have your lambs tagged. There are four lamb tagging sites this year and bringing your lamb to one of them for tagging will constitute your intent to participate. When your animal is tagged, you will be given an Approval Form that must be signed and embossed by your county educator or professional. The deadline is June 30.

Tagging Sites:

May 17 NE Livestock Expo, Windsor Fairgrounds, tagging will start after the sale in the sheep barn.

June 7 Franklin County 4-H June Jamboree, Farmington Fairgrounds, 9 to 10 am

June 7 Cumberland County 4-H June Jamboree, Cumberland Fairgrounds, 12noon

June 21 Oxford County 4-H June Sheep Jamboree, Oxford Fairgrounds 9:00 to 11 am

Agriculture Specialty License Plate

Perhaps you have seen the colorful, new Agricultural Specialty plate which raise money



for agricultural education through the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom program. This is not affiliated with Maine 4-H, rather a national program that provides training and resources to classroom teachers to promote agricultural education in the schools.

The Agricultural Specialty plate has been very successful so far with over 3,000 plates issued in the first four months. The Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Association has 500 vouchers still available so that the full \$20 cost of the plate submitted in the first year will benefit the Agricultural Education program. They do not expire until 2009.

To receive a voucher, mail a check for \$20 per set of plates with your name, phone and mailing address to: Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Association, 28 State House

Station, Augusta, ME 04333 and they will mail your voucher immediately. For more information go to www.maineagintheclassroom.org/, e-mail maitca@maine.gov or call (207) 287-5522.

2008 Summer GIS Camps – this Year in Northern and Western Maine

Northern Maine 4-H GIS Camp @ *Greenland Pont Center in Princeton, ME, July 20-23*

Western Maine 4-H GIS Camp @ *Bryant Pond Conservation Center July 6-8*

There will be two 4-H GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Community Mapping Camps this summer.

These camps provide hands-on experience with GPS (Global Positioning System) data collection and GIS mapping software for campers ages 12-15. Participants will use their new skills to do a community service mapping project for the camp site. In addition, campers will be able to participate in many of the conservation activities offered such as swimming and boating, games, and campfires.

The Northern Maine 4-H GIS Camp will be held at the *Greenland Pont Center in Princeton, Maine, July 20-23*. Campers will be mapping new recreational and interpretative trails and having an opportunity to work with forestry and wildlife professionals. Cost of the camp is \$75.00. There will be a conservation camp running at the same time so campers will also get to take part in some of those activities. GIS campers have also been invited to remain at the Greenland Point Center conservation camp for the rest of the week for an additional \$100. For more information on this camp, call Christy Fitzpatrick at the Houlton Extension office at 532-6548 or 1-800-287-1469 or email her at cfitz@umext.maine.edu.

The western Maine 4-H GIS Camp will be held at the Bryant Pond Conservation Center July 6-8. For more information about this camp, contact Susan Jennings at the Oxford County.

Important news for 16-18 year olds with GPS/GIS experience - both camps are looking for up to four program aides to help with the GPS and GIS work and other camp chores. If you would like to apply to be a program aide, please contact either Christy or Susan as soon as possible. Program aides will get to participate in all of the activities, but will get to come to camp for a reduced fee. For Greenland Point, the fee will be \$45

Central Maine Bird Fanciers Presents

The annual junior showmanship education program Sunday April 20, 2008 at 10 am evening star grange, Washington free! for all youth ages 6-18 if you are interested in raising poultry: geese, ducks, chickens, turkeys and exhibiting at the fairs do not miss this program!! Learn about: choosing and raising poultry, how to prepare your birds for showing we will also introduce some new exhibiting opportunities for youth at the common ground fair! if you raise broilers or laying hens do not miss this event!!! for more information contact: Johanna Moore (207)582-6512 fairflyers@yahoo.com



UNH Teen Conference

Maine 4-H Teen Members have been invited to join other teens from across New Hampshire and neighboring states at the University of New Hampshire for the 30th Annual Teen Conference. The conference is open to all teens completing the 8th grade (or age 14 by 6/29/08) up through 12th grade.

Each Day is packed with fun educational activities and social time. Stay at UNH dorms and bring a sleeping bag or bedding, casual clothes, dress clothes for the banquet and money for snacks.

Check out the Website <http://extension.unh.edu/4h/teenconf.htm> to register or contact Lynn 324-2814 or lynno@umext.maine.edu and request a paper application.