



4-H Connections



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

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Leader Appreciation Dinner

Our Annual Leader Appreciation Dinner was held at the Notre dame Spiritual Center on March 4. A wonderful meal of pot roast and veggies was enjoyed by all who attended. The highlights of the evening were the Years of Service Pins awarded. It is truly amazing the number of years these wonderful volunteers have dedicated to York county 4-H. Here is a list of this years recipients:

Beth Hill	5 Years
Karen Miller	5 Years
Angela Hussey	5 Years
Annette Austin	10 Years
Tina Hogan	10 Years
Jen Mellette	10 Years
Dot Brown	15 Years
Ann Boucher	20 Years
Diane Qualey	20 Years
Donna Flint	20 Years
Hannah Phillips	25 Years
Barbara Peterson	25 Years

The evening was concluded with some wonderful stories by Joanne Piazza a storyteller from StoryHome in Rochester, NH. Here are my final thoughts Lynn shared with everyone about her first year as your 4-H Aide.



Things I Learned This Year

It always rains the weekend of Acton fairgrounds clean-up

We're never getting a new exhibit hall at Acton Fair until the one there falls down.

Seth Kenneway should never be given a horn and a funny hat.

Deanna NEVER gives up when filling the shifts for the food booth at Acton Fair.

Even in the middle of a field there are telephone poles.

When you need a Farmer's Olympics you call Beth Hill.

You can never have too many judges for the exhibit hall.

When you have a question on project records or how much we paid for anything ever, ask Barb.

Deanna makes one mean American Chop Suey.

The word "Cloverbud" can cause a ruckus.

Without Volunteers there would be no 4-H.

VOLT Training

Welcome newly VOLT trained leader Jennifer Bridges to Dirigo Dairy and York County 4-H. Along with teen member Dana Tripp, Jennifer, Beth Hill and I had a wonderful session of VOLT training in February. Big thanks to Seth Kenneway from Intrepid Adventurers for our snacks and setting up the location. Thank you to the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library for allowing us to meet in their charming establishment. Welcome also Marilyn Champagne. Marilyn was trained this month at her home in Kennebunkport. Marilyn will be joining Seth Kenneway with the Intrepid Adventurers Club.

Lynn will be holding VOLT training for anyone who needs it on Monday March 31, 2008 at 6:00 PM. The training will be held at the Springvale Office. Please let Lynn know if you will be attending.

March Birthdays

Jared Kimball
Cole Hussey
Alyx Dubois
Nicole Bellottie
Matthew Johnson
Ashley Cunningham
Garrett Palmer
Megan Hall
Michah Peverill



Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

York County Leaders Association

Our next Leaders Meeting will be held April 7 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office in Springvale. Please come and help make York County 4-H all it can be.

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. Bring your own lunch and clothes you can paint in.

Spring Fling

Our Spring Fling event is being changed this year to an event held in July (tentatively the 26th and 27th). In July we are planning on an animal based event. Kids can bring their animals and get tips on showing, and caring for their animals, along with some educational clinics. We plan on having lots of fun events. More information will be coming. If you are interested in helping plan this new and fun event make sure to come to the Leaders meetings.

Acton Fair Novelty Exhibit

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

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 can not 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.

Vaughn Island Camp Brochures

Did you get your information about Vaughn Island? If not call the office or check out <http://www.umaine.edu/umext/york/vaughnislnd/vaughnislnd.htm>

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.



March 29-April 3	National 4-H Conference http://4hconf.4-h.org/
April 1	ESE Horse - Intent to Participate forms due
April 7	York County Leaders Association Meeting 7:00PM

Dairy Calf Sale in Massachusetts

Fifth MA 4-H BLUE RIBBON CALF SALE
March 29, 2008 - 10 am workshops, Noon Sale, Big E fairgrounds, west Springfield, MA
5% discount towards the purchase of one heifer - 4-H members age 8-18 years old

Website: www.blueribboncalfsale.com or information can be obtained from:
Carrie Chickering-Sears
Director of Community Education in Animal Agriculture
UMass Extension
Manor House - Hadley Horse Farm
111 North Maple Street
Hadley, MA 01035
Phone 413-549-3257

Kids Day America

This is being presented as a fundraiser for York County 4-H, so please be sure to check it out and support the cause!

Free food, fun, balloons and *prize drawings* donated by local organizations, merchants & sponsors. Kids are entertained by favorite characters such as McGruff the Crime Dog* and Sparky the Fire Dog*, Many more fun, surprises and activities to excite children of all ages!

TOTALLY FREE ACTIVITIES

Health

- spinal health screenings
- healthy eating habits
- fitness & exercise

Safety

- child ID cards
- bicycle safety
- fire safety

Environmental Awareness

- pollution control
- energy conservation
- recycling

When: Saturday May 17th 2008

Where: Howard Sports Saco, ME

Why: To promote Health, Safety and Environmental Awareness for Kids

<http://www.childrenswellness.com/kids-day-america-international.html>

National 4-H Trips

It is time to apply for the National 4-H Trips, **Conference** and **Congress**. To apply please fill out an application and submit your 4-H Story and your Resume. 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> and 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. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2008.

- Nat'l 4-H Congress will be held 11/28/08 – 12/2/08 in Atlanta
- Nat'l 4-H Conference will be held in Washington DC 3/28/09 – 4/2/09.

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.html>

Also your horse approval form is due by April 1 only if you are trying out for Eastern States.

Tanglewood Camp

Register today for Tanglewood programs! Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center, a program of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, has program descriptions and registration forms online at www.tanglewood4h.org. 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. Several new programs are being offered this year including residential and family camp at Blueberry Cove in Tenants Harbor and a new Leadership Development program for teens where participants will get a chance to climb Mount Katahdin! To see or request a catalog or to buy gift certificates visit www.tanglewood4h.org or call (207) 789-5868.

4-H EDGE Weekend 2008

Don't forget to mark your calendars for... The 4-H EDGE Weekend: Connecting Kids to Campus – May 17 and 18, 2008

The 4-H staff is hard at work on plans for this year's 4-H EDGE Weekend. The event promises to be bigger and (dare we say) better than last year! We look forward to a wide variety of workshops for all you 4-H members ages 11-15 along with the on-campus experience that we hope will set you on the track for college! Sleep in a residence hall, eat at the University Marketplace, take advantage of recreational activities, find out what interesting places are tucked away around the campus, and try out activities

related to just some of the many majors and career paths available through the University.

Older youth, ages 16-18, are invited to a day-long set of sessions on Saturday that will prepare you for the college life that is right around the corner for you. Practice some of the skills you will need for admission, learn how to deal with some of the pitfalls of college life such as drug and alcohol abuse and (too) easy credit. Find out how to position yourself to receive scholarships and financial aid. Think the University of Maine is too close to home? Find out how UMaine can be a springboard to study across the nation and around the world!

Of course, there will also be parent workshops. Get comfortable with the admission process. Learn that application for financial aid does not need to be scary or impossible. Find out what your child needs to do to be "scholarship ready". The registration forms will be ready about the beginning of March so watch the mail and save the date!! Get ready to get "connected to campus".

Cumberland County Extension Holds Public Supper

Cumberland County Extension Association is offering a Public Supper featuring Pulled Pork and BBQ Beef sandwiches to benefit construction of the Regional Learning Center at Tidewater Farm in Falmouth. This local foods focused event will also feature a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and a bottle drive. For more information, call Lois at 207-780-4213.

The supper will on Saturday, March 29th from 5-7p.m. at the Riverton Elementary School, 1600 Forest Avenue in Portland Maine. Prices are \$10 for adults, 7 for seniors, 5 for children 5-14 and children under 5 will eat free. The supper is sponsored by Oakhurst Dairy, B&M Baked Beans, the Maine Pork Producers, Luce's Slaughterhouse, Freihofers Bakery, Hannaford, Sebago Lake Ranch, Broadturn Farm and others. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Homemakers in Cumberland County will be donating

homemade pies. Local foods will be featured in the supper.

Cumberland County Extension Association, the local citizen's advisory group working in partnership with Cumberland County government and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, decided to build the Regional Learning Center at Tidewater Farm in Falmouth. The Center fundraising campaign is well underway with \$509,000 already raised toward the goal of \$1.9 Million. Cumberland County Extension Association is working with the Tidewater Conservation Foundation and University of Maine Cooperative Extension to raise funds for this grassroots effort.

Northeast Show Calf Summit & Sale

Friday & Saturday, April 4th & 5th
Cowtown Holsteins, derby line, VT.
Sponsored by the Vermont Holstein
association

Open to all youth in the northeast regardless of breed affiliation Registration applications may be obtained from: Vermont Holstein Assoc.

seifert@shoreham.net

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Orwell, VT 05760

Northeast Livestock Exposition **May 16-18, 2008**

Mark your calendars now for the second annual Northeast Livestock Exposition sponsored in part by the Maine Sheep Breeders Association (MSBA). This will be the second annual sheep show and sale at the Windsor Fair Grounds. NELE is quickly becoming the most exciting livestock event in the northeast. NELE is a multi species event combining several past individual events, including the Maine/New England Beef Expo where you can enjoy shows and sales for purebred cattle, feeder calves, Boer Goats, and sheep, as well as education sessions for all producers at all levels and youth activities and shows. Producers in the northeast have

different challenges and opportunities than producers in other regions of the country. One of these challenges is the ability to buy and sell top quality stock. The sheep show and sale will offer producers throughout the northeast opportunity to do just that, buy quality breeding stock and market lambs that will support their overall program needs. The Sale Committee is currently seeking and considering top quality sheep consignments at this time, including all breeds of sheep (purebred wool and meat breeds as well as feeder lambs and market lambs).

The deadline for consigning sheep is May 1, 2008. If you are interested in consigning sheep to the sale or want more information on the overall event please contact Wendy Reinemann at (207) 785-2978 or guiniridge@gmail.com.

If you are interested in buying sheep at NELE please call or send an e-mail to be added to the sale catalog mailing list or visit our web site where consignment will be updated weekly beginning in mid-April. Whether you are a sheep or other livestock producer makes sure you don't miss NELE. For more details, schedule of event, directions, forms, rules and list of vendors can be found at www.northeastlivestockexpo.org.

2008 Horse Vaccination **Requirements**

In 2008, the State 4-H Office will once again be requiring that youth bringing their horses to 4-H events this season vaccinate their horses for EVH-1 and Equine Influenza in addition to Rabies and a Coggins Test. This is our official statement:

*"4-Hers attending 4-H horse events in 2008 must provide proof of current, annual vaccination for Rabies as well as a current Coggins test done by a veterinarian. EVH-1 and Equine Influenza are also **required**, and administered within six months of your last 4-H horse event of the season. 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."*