

4-H Connections



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Acton Fairgrounds Spring Clean Up Day



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 June 2 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.

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.

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. All of the fair regulations and forms are online this year at www.ossipeevalleyfair.com Check it out!

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

Acton Fair Food Booth Sign-Up

If you have not heard from Deanna Thompson about the food booth sign up please contact her at:

deanna9040@yahoo.com or 490-9040.

Make sure to sign up early and get the time you want! EVERYONE is asked to participate in the food booth. EVERYONE benefits



from it's income. If you are an independent and need to buddy up with another independent we can make that happen for you. Please help us in filling all the slots early this year. Deanna graciously volunteers to organize the times, help her out and sign up soon!

May Birthdays

Abigail Clock
Madison Ricker
Patrick Guptill
Alexandria Shults
David Parker
Matthew Violette
Olivia Broadrick
Kate Sobanik
Keely Trabold
Crystal Boucher
Courtney Boucher
Reid Whitney
Collin Whitney
Grace Ciccarelli

Bangor State Fair

The Bangor State Fair information and entry Forms have been posted on our County Website, here's the link:

http://www.umaine.edu/umext/york/4H/2008/bangor_state_fair_informati.htm

Maine 4-H Days

Maine 4-H Days at Windsor Fairgrounds will be June 27, 28, and 29. It will be a weekend full of personal enrichment workshops as well as livestock events. The Craft Extravaganza will be full of different choices like silk batiks, kite making, Mexican tin work, and making cork fishing lures. There will also be woodworking, mask making and making a friendship bracelet. See the incredible demonstrations at the Physics Road Show again this year as well as a Fishing Derby which is new this year. Check out the Dog Camp as well as all the fun goat activities. There will be a horse show as well as lots of horse events. The Earth Connections track will show you about composting, tree

identification and the water cycle. The Youth in Governance track will help you to take a community service idea and put it into action. Camping is encouraged and entire families are welcome. The registration brochure will be mailed out soon.



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. 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 and we will be having a presentation from a Chihuahua Rescue. 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!

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/4HV01/08NEVF.htm>

The full registration brochure will be available in May.

Stay Tuned! We look forward to seeing you in the fall!



National Horse Team Tryouts Hippology, Horse Judging, Quiz Bowl, Communications

The National Horse Teams travel to the Eastern National Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY each year to compete. These are the four teams that participate and each team has four members.

Hippology - Horse knowledge, horse judging, team problems

Horse Judging - Place classes based on conformation and give oral reasons defending your placings

Quiz Bowl - A fast-paced question and answer team

Communications - Public speaking, demonstrations or illustrated talks (Entries for Communications Team send a video of their presentation to Kate Slattery, postmarked by May 30)

Tryouts for these teams will be held on **Tuesday, May 20 6:00 to 8:00 pm** via video conference. There will be a short study session before the tryouts. 4-Hers must be 14 years of age as of January 1, 2008 to try out.

Locations for the video conference Tryouts are:

Cape Elizabeth High School
Houlton High
Gardiner High
Mt. Blue High, Farmington
Nokomis High, Newport
Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris
Presque Isle High School
Searsport District High School

Pre-registration for Tryouts is encouraged. You can find the pre-registration form and more information on the 4-H website at www.umext.maine.edu/4h/resources/horse.htm or

contact Kate Slattery at slatterk@sad44.org 836-3217 for more information. Junior teams will be starting this year.

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 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 are trying out must have their packet postmarked by May 10, 2008 and sent to
Knox/Lincoln Cooperative Extension
377 Manktown Road
Waldoboro, ME 04572

You 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.



Market Lambs for Windsor and Fryeburg Fairs

You are no 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

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*

Ages 12-15

Program aides ages 16-18 – see below

Maine 4-H and the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology Program Team are excited to announce that there will be two 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 registration form will be posted on the Aroostook County 4-H website in early April and can also be mailed to you by calling to Houlton Office.

The western Maine 4-H GIS Camp will be held at the Bryant Pond Conservation Center July 6-8. Information about the program and costs will be available soon. 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.

4-H Day at the Skowhegan State Fair

Somerset County 4-H Leaders Association invites any 4-H Club or 4-H Member to take part in the 6th Annual 4-H Day at the Skowhegan State Fair on Sunday, August 10th, 2008. This special day will begin with a parade around the racetrack with line-up beginning at 11:30 AM. The parade can include floats, club members, led or ridden animals, etc. Anyone taking part in the parade will be admitted free on 4-H Day. Livestock demonstrations will begin at 1 PM.

If you would like to participate in this event, please contact the Somerset County Extension Office, 4-H Secretary, Johanna Cliff, to receive the necessary paperwork and contact information, (207) 474-9622 or jcliff@umext.maine.edu Hope to see you there. The Parade Application has been posted on our county website at: <http://www.umaine.edu/umext/york/4H/4-Hhome.htm>



2008 Northeast Livestock Expo Events

If you are a sheep enthusiast of any age, lamb producer or love to eat lamb, mark your calendars and plan to attend the second annual Northeast Livestock Expo (NELE). NELE is a multi-species event that includes shows, sales, youth activities and cook-offs for beef, goat and of course lamb. NELE is held May 16-18 at the Windsor Fairgrounds.

The activities include:
American Lamb Board Cook-Off
Purebred, Feeder Lamb and 4-H Market Lamb Show and Sale
Youth Show and Activities

For more information or to receive entry

forms, please contact Wendy Reinemann at (207) 785-2978, or by email at quiniridge@gmail.com or by visiting the website at www.northeastlivestockexpo.com.



Maine 4-H Teen Conference on Wheels - July 14-17, 2008

This Youth in Governance Teen planned conference features leadership citizenship, and entrepreneurship themes.

Program Schedule - Subject to change - see schedule at the Maine 4-H Teen Conference on Wheels Webpage for the latest information

Monday Noon – Registration – Hitchcock Hall followed by campus activities and overnight in the dorms at University of Maine in Orono

Tuesday Morning – Check out of dorms, load bus, breakfast to go, visit Maine State Aquarium at Boothbay Harbor with lunch, check into Darling Marine Center in Walpole, grab box dinner for Puffin Boat Tour, overnight in dorms at Darling Marine Center

Wednesday Morning – Check out of dorms, load bus, breakfast and lunch at Darling Marine Center with activities & center tours, bus to Skowhegan for Margaret Chase Smith Home/Library tour, followed by an outing at Lake George, after a cookout dinner, leave for University of Maine overnight in dorms.

Thursday Morning – Check out of dorms, breakfast and campus activities take us to closing activities and release at noon.

Registration Deadline June 18, 2008. Forms are available at Maine 4-H website – under “What’s New?” Contact Debra by phone at 474-9622 or by email at dkantor@umext.maine.edu or Barb by phone at 942-7396 or by email at bbaker@umext.maine.edu.