



## MA 4-H HORSE CHAT



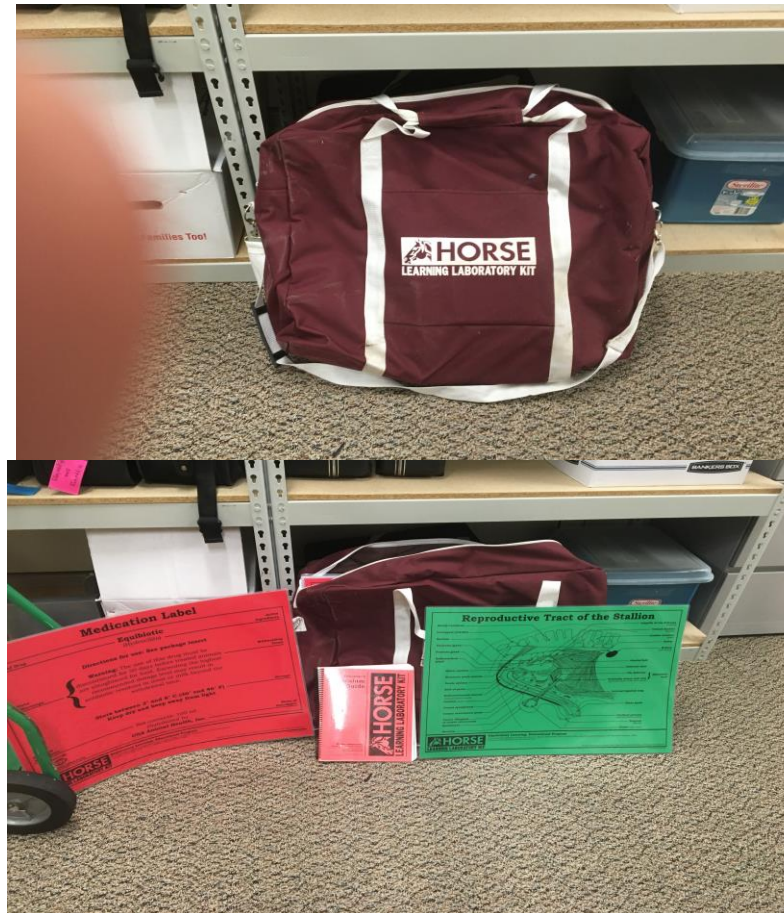
## 4-H Opportunities for Horse Leaders & Members

1. Resource Library at every 4-H office
2. Leaders – County 4-H Councils and State 4-H Horse Committee
3. 4-H Foundation – grant funds and matching funds
4. Knowledge and Communications Contests (Shari Morris)
5. Educational Workshops
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8. Horse Shows – County, Regional, State and New England
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## Resource Library at every 4-H office



## County 4-H Horse Councils & State Horse Advisory



**The county 4-H horse councils are made up of representatives of each of the 4-H horse clubs, and supports 4-H horse activities at the club, county, and state level in Massachusetts.**

**The State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee is made-up of representatives from each of the county or regional horse councils. They set-up contests for the 4-H horse program. Help to fundraise for national contests and serves as a governing body for horse programming in the state.**



# Massachusetts **4-H** Foundation

FOSTERING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- **Grants for clubs**
- **Grants for camperships**
- **Grants for scholarships**
  
- <https://www.mass4hfoundation.org/for-families-clubs/grants-and-awards/>

## County and State General Knowledge & Communications Contests

- Organized by the county or regional 4-H horse advisory
- Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging – usually in late fall or early spring
- Horse Communications – Public speaking or Presentations (Individual and Team divisions) – usually held in April
- Resources and Contest Rules - <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/clubs-programs/animal-science-program/horses>

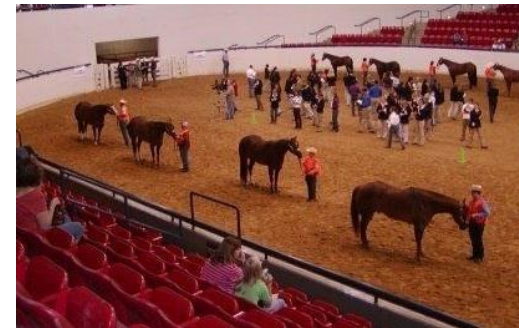


# EASTERN NATIONAL 4-H ROUND-UP

Annually held in November at the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.

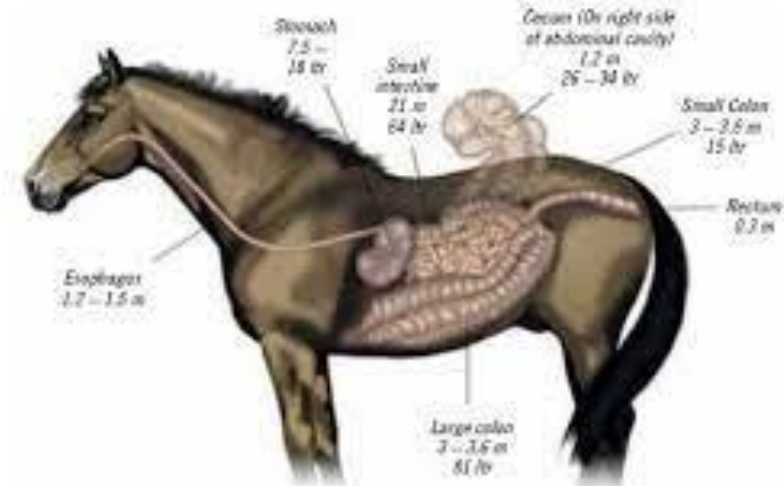
- Horse Communications (Public Speaking & Presentations)
- Hippology
- Horse Bowl
- Horse Judging

Sixteen youth have the opportunity to travel to compete. Must be age 14 -18 years old. Teams are selected at the state contests held in the spring.



## Educational Workshops

- Club based workshops, county and state (Equine Seminar)
- Equine Affaire (November 14-17) ESE Fairgrounds, West Springfield, MA
- Zoom Workshops – Nutrition, Genetics, Knowledge Contests, and Showmanship Techniques
- Judges School – spring 2022



A horse has the same requirements for energy, protein, vitamins and minerals as other animals but differs in the type and function of its digestive system, falling between a ruminant and non-ruminant.



# MA State 4-H Newsletter

<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/newsletters>



## UMass Extension 4-H Program

October 8, 2021

Weekly NewsBlast

The UMass Extension 4-H E-NewsBlast is sent to all 4-H families and volunteers in Massachusetts. Unless otherwise noted, all virtual programming is available to 4-H members everywhere, no matter where you live or what club or group you belong to! Check these sites, and your local county Facebook page, for more details and for updates to programs: <https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h>, and <https://www.facebook.com/Mass4H/>

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- October 3-10 – National 4-H Week!
- October 6-17 – Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign
- October 13 – 4-H Online Volunteer Training: Starting 4-H Clubs
- October 14 – Horse Chat
- October 19 – 4-H Member Zoom: The Essential Elements of 4-H
- October 20 – Career Exploration Series Zoom: Mara Breen

### Coming Soon! New 4-H Horticulture Series

Please stay tuned and keep an eye out for details about a 4 week virtual Gardening and Horticulture series. We will be covering topics such as fall crop storage, seed saving, winter soil preparation, winter growing in New England, Spring planning and seed ordering. This is open to all 4-H members and volunteers.

### Zoom Info series designed for 4-H Members

Come and learn about 4-H history and how 4-H works from a behind the scenes view. This program is open to all 4-H members, whether new or returning! Join for one session or all four and discover more than you ever imagined about 4-H!

Meeting take place at 6:30PM on Zoom. To register contact 4-H Educator Tom Waskiewicz at [waskiewicz@umass.edu](mailto:waskiewicz@umass.edu)

**SIGN UP**



To register use QR code.  
For more information  
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- October 19 - The Essential Elements of 4-H
- October 26 - The Structure & History of 4-H
- November 2 - Understanding the 4-H Culture.
- November 9 - Club Basics

### Online 4-H Volunteer Training

Volunteers are encouraged to attend the upcoming sessions of 4-H 101 to learn more about the UMass Extension 4-H Program. Click on this link to register <http://forms.gle/Tu5Zru4du2FoA4q3Z6>. Or reach out to VaShon Hiltbold at [wallace@umass.edu](mailto:wallace@umass.edu) with questions.

- Oct. 13-Starting 4-H Clubs
- Oct. 20-Club Basics & Putting the Experiential Learning Model to Practice
- Oct. 27-Conducting Club Meetings & Planning the 4-H Club Year
- Nov. 3-Marketing 4-H Clubs & Recruiting, Training and Recognizing Volunteers
- Nov. 10-Recognizing 4-H'ers Accomplishments & Making Action Plans

### Animal Science Programs

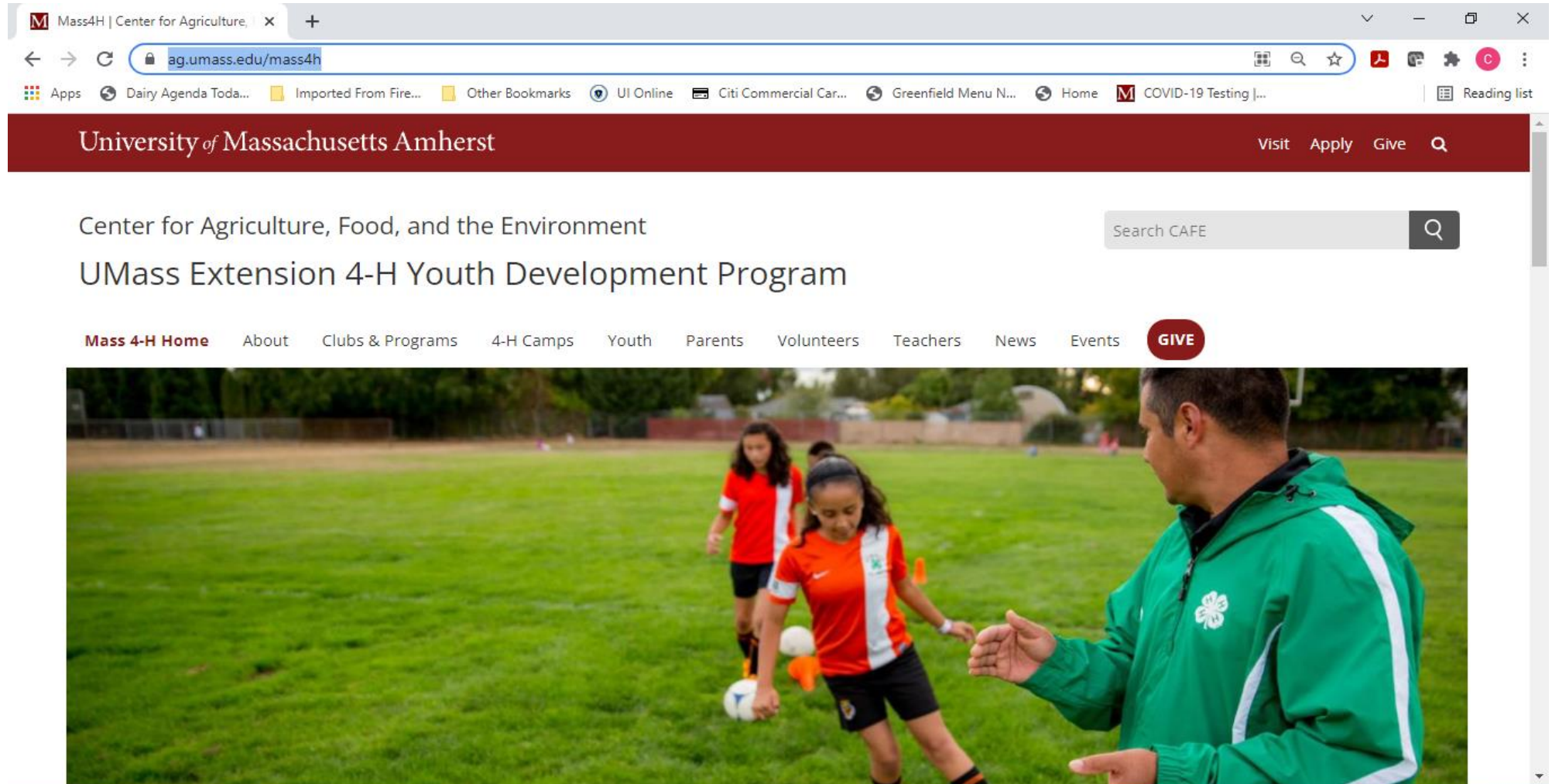
Contact Carrie Sears with any questions or to register for any of the events below at [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu)

Hold these dates for the following meetings:

- October 19<sup>th</sup> – 7pm – MA 4-H Beef Advisory Zoom Meeting
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – 7pm – MA 4-H Rabbit Advisory Zoom Meeting

# MA State 4-H Website

<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment (CAFE). The browser's address bar shows the URL [ag.umass.edu/mass4h](https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h). The website's header features the University of Massachusetts Amherst logo and navigation links for "Visit", "Apply", and "Give". Below the header, the text "Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment" and "UMass Extension 4-H Youth Development Program" is displayed. A search bar labeled "Search CAFE" is positioned to the right. A horizontal navigation menu includes links for "Mass 4-H Home", "About", "Clubs & Programs", "4-H Camps", "Youth", "Parents", "Volunteers", "Teachers", "News", "Events", and a prominent red "GIVE" button. The main content area features a large photograph of a male coach in a green jacket with a white 4-H clover logo on the sleeve, interacting with young girls in orange and white soccer uniforms on a grassy field. The girls are holding soccer balls.



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## 4-H Horse Shows

- **Club and County 4-H Horse Show– Liability insurance is covered on every enrolled 4-H member. Supplemental insurance (Medical – taken out on non 4-H participants – American Income Life)**
- **New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines on the MA 4-H website**
- **Show Report – Stewards/Managers Report**



## State Photography Contest

- **Ages 8-18 years old**
- **Various categories**
- **Usually held in late spring, early summer**
- **MA 4-H site posts information – B&W or color photos accepted**



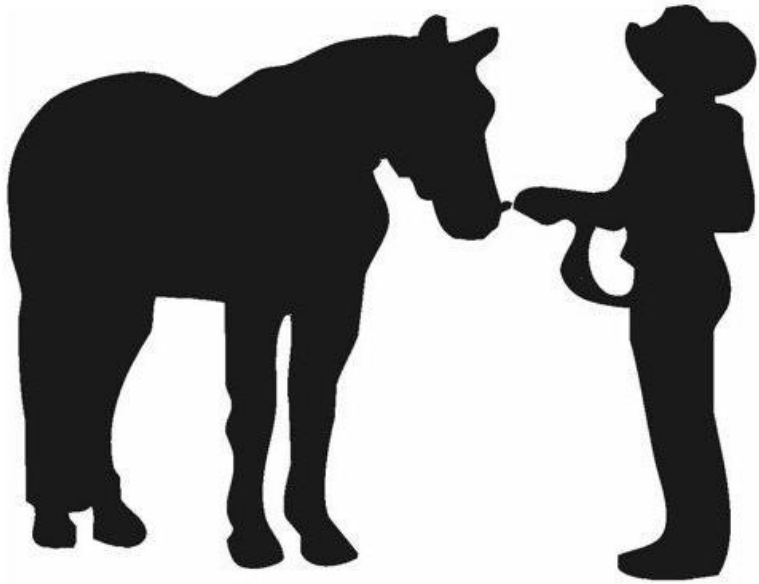




## Future

- More programs for Horse Management project youth and Cloverbuds – model horse shows, poster, arts & crafts contests, etc.
- Ideas??





*Horses do not build character.  
They reveal it.*

**THANK YOU!**

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