



# The Gazette

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## In the Granite State

### **1. 4-H Afterschool ...What's Happening**

- **Lights On Afterschool** - Afterschool programs are in the news this month! October 14<sup>th</sup> marks the fifth anniversary of *Lights On Afterschool*. This event calls attention to afterschool programs and the resources needed to keep the lights on and the doors open between the critical hours of 3:00-6:00 p.m. This is a project of the Afterschool Alliance. Participation at the local level is encouraged by the National 4-H Afterschool team. Sponsors include C.S. Mott

Foundation, the JC Penney Afterschool Fund, the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, and the Open Society Institute. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is serving as chair of the event and has been invited to speak at New Hampshire's statewide event, along with the national Presidential candidates. To find local events in New Hampshire, go to [http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa\\_2004/glance.cfm](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa_2004/glance.cfm). If you know of an afterschool program holding an event not listed, you can encourage them to register through the Afterschool Alliance web site.

- **Talking Points** - How do we describe our 4-H Afterschool work? Do you get a little tongue tied? The National 4-H Afterschool team would like us all to speak the same language across the nation and gives the following advice:

“Find ways to uniquely position 4-H and 4-H Afterschool using words such as the new 4-H message that was devised through the help of 4-H members: “**4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship & life skills**” and the new 4-H Afterschool message: “**It is 4-H that trains after-school staff, develops quality programs and creates after-school communities of children across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, & life skills.**”

- **Kudos** - WMUR featured afterschool programming in a 3-minute noon-time interview with Deb Cheever on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Although Deb was upstaged by the Governor's visit, the segment hit on some important points for parents to consider. Thanks, Deb, for taking the challenge and speaking out for afterschool!
- **Research updates on attendance** – The Harvard Family Research Project has released four new briefs in their “Issues and Opportunities in Out-of-School Time Evaluation” series. **Brief #6** addresses the difficult challenge of attracting and sustaining the interest and participation of youth in programs. “*Moving Beyond the Barriers: Attracting and Sustaining Youth Participation in Out-of-School Time Programs*” uses implementation and impact evaluations to develop a new set of promising strategies. **Brief #7**, “*Understanding and Measuring Attendance in Out-of-School Time Programs*,” examines intensity, duration, and breadth of program, three critical indicators of youth attendance. The study identifies links between attendance and outcomes. **Brief #8**, entitled “*Promoting Quality Through Professional Development: A Framework for Evaluation*,” examines the role of professional development of staff in promoting quality programs, and offers a framework for evaluation of such efforts. **Snapshot #5**, entitled “*Detangling Data Collection: Methods for Gathering Data*,” describes common data collection currently being used to evaluate process and outcomes in out-of-school time programs. All of these reports can be read or downloaded from the Harvard Family Research Project web site: <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/afterschool/resources>  
Powerpoint presentations for out-of-school time programs can also be found at: <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/afterschool/conference>

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## **2. New Graduate Assistant at the Equine Center**

Laura Gunnels is the new graduate assistant in the Equine Center, working under Lisa Townson. Laura is from Atlanta, Georgia and is working towards her masters in the Environmental Education program here at UNH. She completed her undergrad studies at Indiana University this past spring with a degree in communications and environmental studies.

Laura will be working on mapping the activities in our CCS curriculum to the New Hampshire State Curriculum Standards and she'll be assisting with some training with the hope that we can get our curriculum used in a wide variety of settings, including after school, 4-H camp, home school families, in-school settings and 4-H clubs as well.

Please join us in welcoming her to the state 4-H office. Her office is at the Equine Center and she can be reached by phone at 862-4812 or email at [lcx4@unh.edu](mailto:lcx4@unh.edu).

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## **3. ECI Reporting – Quick Q. & A.**

When do I need to use the ECI reporting system forms? Use these forms whenever you provide training for child care and afterschool program providers. Also collect data on any collaborative work you do related to child care and afterschool programs.

Where do I find the participant forms? The ECI forms and materials can easily be found and downloaded through a link on our 4-H page to the ECI home page. They can also found by going directly to <http://eci.ext.msstate.edu/forms> and clicking on forms and materials or by using the “reporting and evaluation” button on the 4-H Afterschool web site home page at [www.4hafterschool.org](http://www.4hafterschool.org). Select the Client Satisfaction form designed for your intended audience (community, Extension, families, or providers and staff). Be sure to use the forms listed under Northeastern Region.

What do I do with the completed forms? Send them to Moiles House, attention Brett Barbeau. Be sure to attach the ECI Participant Sign-In sheet, which is also available on the forms and materials page. We do not need the Participant Comments forms.

When are semi-annual reports due? The two reporting periods are October 1 – March 30 (data accepted by the system until May 30) and April 1 – September 30 (data accepted by the system until November 30). Download the 12 reporting questions from the Forms and Materials section of the ECI page at <http://eci.ext.msstate.edu/forms.html>. The information gathered has been extremely helpful in documenting “need for/impact of” Extension’s involvement in child care and afterschool programs. We welcome reports for the April-September period anytime between now and November 15th.

How do I submit the semi-annual report? Complete the semi-annual report questions as soon as possible after the end of the reporting period. Send your completed report: hard copy goes to the attention of Brett at Moiles House, or send electronic copy to [bmbh@unh.edu](mailto:bmbh@unh.edu)

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# Reminders –

## 4. Policy Changes/Clarifications

### 1.3-1 Membership – effective for the 2005 program year

4-H Membership is open to all youth who are 5-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current program year regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, familial status, economic status, marital status or veteran’s status.

4-H age is an individual’s age on January 1 of the current program year. The following age groups apply:

- 4-H Cloverbud Member – ages 5-7
- 4-H Junior Member - ages 8-11
- 4-H Junior-Intermediate Member – ages 12-13
- 4-H Senior Member – ages 14-18. If a member is still in secondary education beyond the age of 18, they may continue their 4-H membership until they leave high school.

### Participation in State Events – effective for the 2005 program year

To participate in state level competitive events, 4-H members must be 12 years of age or older, 4-H age.

This includes, but is not exclusive to: SAD day, animal science quiz bowls, judging contests, shows (ESE included).

Community based fairs and the 4-H State Dairy show are exempt from this policy. They are not special state level events. They are held by a host groups such as a fair board (open and youth shows happening simultaneously) or in case of the dairy show, NH PDCA. A 4-H member does not have to compete to pre-qualify to participate in the event.

Also, Statewide events that are exclusively educational in nature (not held in conjunction with a competitive event)

### Minimum Standards for a 4-H Club to Receive A Charter: (As defined by the USDA)

A 4-H Charter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture may be requested by 4-H groups after they have finished at least one year or season of operation provided the group has:

- Five or more members enrolled
- Elected officers in charge
- A planned program
- One or more volunteer leaders
- Reached a major portion of the year’s program

In subsequent years, a seal to be attached to the charter may be requested when the above conditions have been met. A 4-H group may function without a charter or without meeting the charter requirements.

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# The National Scene

## 5. Military Child Education Coalition Train the Trainer Workshop

Kansas City, Missouri  
September 27-30, 2004

On Monday September 27th a team of seven will be departing for Kansas City, Mo. to take part in the second [Military Child Education Coalition](#) (MCEC) train the trainer workshop on "Supporting the Children of Those Who Serve in the National Guard and Reserves". MCEC is a non profit organization whose purpose is to deliver accurate information about the issues that military children are faced with and ways that schools and other youth organizations can provide support for these children. This training is an integral part of the Operation: Military Kids project that 4-H Youth Development has been tasked with.

There will be several states sending teams to this training. These states include: Florida, South Carolina, Idaho, and Texas. The New Hampshire team members that will be representing NH are:

- ★ Kathy Jablonski, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
- ★ Linda Willard, Interim Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
- ★ MSG Peter Merritt, State Family Program Coordinator, NH National Guard
- ★ Bonnie Rice, Family Readiness Coordinator, NH Air National Guard
- ★ Virginia Irwin, Division Director, NH Department of Education
- ★ Susan Paige-Morgan, Service Learning & Citizenship, NH Department of Education
- ★ Jay Rice, son of NH Air National Guard member & 4-H youth
- ★ Michael Morison, Pastoral Associate, St. Peter's Church

The purpose of this training is to train OMK state teams in understanding military culture and finding ways to support children and youth of National Guard and Reserves so that they can train 4-H members, volunteers, educators, community groups in their states. Four components of the training include: history, roles, and demographics of National Guard and Reserve forces; issues of military families and children; responses and resilience of military children and families and communities; and actions steps communities can take to support youth of National Guard and Reserve members. The OMK state team will return with the task of creating a broader understanding of the challenges of military life throughout the state.

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## 6. New National Program Leader at 4-H Headquarters

Suzanne Le Menestrel, Ph.D. is the new National Program Leader, Youth Development Research. Here is her first effort to keep all youth development professional up to date in research.

"I am pleased to announce the creation of a new moderated listserv for youth development researchers called the "Youth Development Research Forum." The Youth Development Research Forum is a virtual community for researchers and others with an interest in youth development research. The Forum is a venue for sharing information about new studies, discussing methodological issues, learning about opportunities for funding, and creating new collaborations and partnerships. The Forum is moderated by the National 4-H Headquarters at the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

To sign up for the listserv, please send an e-mail to: [lyris@lyris.csrees.usda.gov](mailto:lyris@lyris.csrees.usda.gov). Include the word "subscribe youthresearch" in the body of the message, and do not include a subject in the subject line.

Please include your signature line for our information only.

Thank you for your interest, and please distribute this message to other interested colleagues.

Suzanne Le Menestrel, Ph.D. National Program Leader, Youth Development Research, National 4-H Headquarters, Families, 4-H, and Nutrition, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA, 202-720-2297, 202-720-9366 (fax), <http://www.csrees.usda.gov>

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## **Opportunities Unlimited**

### **7. Opportunity to Pilot New Dog Curriculum**

The first draft of the revised National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System's dog curriculum is available to be piloted, and we are now soliciting pilot sites from throughout the country. If you have 4-H dog clubs or other youth groups that would like to pilot and evaluate one or more of these educational activities, please contact [Susan Kerr as noted below and she'll](#) send more information.

Susan R. Kerr, DVM, PhD, WSU Extension Director-Klickitat County, 228 W. Main St., MS-CH-12 Goldendale, WA 98620, Phone 509-773-5817, Fax 509-773-5707, [kerrs@wsu.edu](mailto:kerrs@wsu.edu)

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### **8. Youth and Adult Partnership training**

Details of the November Youth and Adult Partnership training are on the 4-H Website under What's New. This should help you publicize with partners, 4-H clubs and afterschool groups. Contact Wendy with questions.

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### **9. Volunteer Fall Conference**

Come join us for a day filled with workshops designed for YOU!

A committee of 4-H Extension Staff from NH & VT has been working to plan this Volunteer Conference to be held November 13, 2004 at Lake Morey Resort, in Farley, VT.

This annual conference is for all 4-H leaders, teachers, and others who work with youth, you do not have to be involved with 4-H to participate. Please encourage your junior leaders or teens 13 and over to come. New this year is a track titled "Youth as Partners"

The day is set up with four sessions, with registration at 8:30 am. You have a choice of three workshops from each of the three sessions offered. The 11:00 -12:30 session is a general workshop that will be presented by our Key Note Speaker, Judy Branch, an Extension Educator from VT. Her workshop will be on the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System, Inc. (CCS), Judy has been a member of the Design Team that has written some of the project workbooks.

The brochures will be in the mail soon. Registration forms will be due in the Goffstown office by October 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25, which includes breaks and lunch. Leader scholarships are available at a number of county offices. Please call yours for more information.

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## **10. FSA Loans**

The New Hampshire Farm Service Agency (FSA) is putting out the word to make sure that all Youth/4-H and Agricultural Resources Extension Educators know about the FSA Youth Loan Program.

The following web link describes the national youth loan program  
<<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/youth%20loans.htm>>.

Please contact Keith Farrell or Sherrill Harris for more information about this loan program in New Hampshire or for information on FSA Farm Loan Programs at their Concord office at 223-6003.

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## **11. Coming Your Way Soon...**

### **CYBERCHASE AND INTEL CORPORATION BRING YOU... THE 2004 CYBERCHASE ONLINE CONTEST!**

Here is the latest cyber-scoop (scroll to the bottom of this message for a repeat of the details):

- The CYBERCHASE Online Contest runs from September 13th through October 11th, 2004. (Entries must be postmarked by October 15th.) The Online Contest promotion has already begun on the CYBERCHASE Web site.

- For your local distribution to schools and educational organizations, a downloadable CYBERCHASE Online Contest promotional flyer is available. To access the CYBERCHASE Online Contest promotional flyer and other back-to-school materials, go to [www.thirteen.org/pressroom/cyberchasebacktoschool](http://www.thirteen.org/pressroom/cyberchasebacktoschool).

- AND NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOUR LOCAL WEB SITE.....A CYBERCHASE ONLINE CONTEST LINK BUTTON. The CYBERCHASE Online Contest link button is attached. The URL needed for your local Web site with the link button is: <http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/contest/index.html>.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT THE FIRST TIME, HERE'S A REPEAT OF THE 2004 CYBERCHASE ONLINE CONTEST DETAILS:

#### **WHAT & WHEN:**

CYBERCHASE and INTEL CORPORATION are teaming up to offer another exciting online contest for kids. The 2004 CYBERCHASE Online Contest ([www.pbskidsgo.org/cyberchase](http://www.pbskidsgo.org/cyberchase)) comes to cyberspace starting September 13th and runs through October 11th, 2004. (Entries must be postmarked by October 15th.) Kids will be challenged to use brain power to tackle ten math-based puzzles and riddles. Streaming video clips from brand new episodes of CYBERCHASE will provide tips and clues to help fans figure out the answers.

#### **PRIZES:**

Exciting news!!! Twenty-two INTEL(r) CENTRINO (tm) Mobile Technology notebook computers will be provided by the INTEL CORPORATION to all Grand Prize and First Prize winners AND to those winners' schools or community groups. The Grand Prize winner will also receive a visit to their school and performance by series stars "Digit," "Harry" and "Bianca!" All Contest winners---1 Grand Prize, 10 First Prize and 50 Second Prize winners (with correct answers)--will be chosen at random from throughout the country. Winners of all three prize levels, and their school or community group, will also receive a selection of CYBERCHASE products and goodies. Winners will be announced in November.

**HOW:**

Kids will be required to print an online entry form, answer the questions correctly, and have their parents sign and mail the completed entry to the designated address. Complete rules and regulations will appear with the Contest entry information on the Cyberchase Web site ([www.pbskidsgo.org/cyberchase](http://www.pbskidsgo.org/cyberchase)) on September 13th.

**HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:**

We need YOU to get kids in YOUR area to participate for the chance to win an INTEL(r) CENTRINO (tm) Mobile Technology notebook computer provided by INTEL CORPORATION, and other great CYBERCHASE products. And...winners' first names-and your station name-will appear on the CYBERCHASE Web site! Here's how you can help get the word out:

- A link to the downloadable version of The CYBERCHASE Online Contest promotional flyer is available at [www.thirteen.org/pressroom/cyberchasebacktoschool](http://www.thirteen.org/pressroom/cyberchasebacktoschool). Please make the flyer available within your local Web site and/or make copies or e-mail the CYBERCHASE Online Contest promotional flyer to local schools, education and after-school organizations, or other relevant groups for distribution to teachers, parents....and KIDS!

Brain Power Rules!

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**12. NACAA Conference, Buffalo, NY**

The annual conference of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) will be held in Buffalo, NY in 2005. This meeting will provide a unique opportunity for 12 to 15 4-H acts from the Northeast region, which will be chosen to participate. The talent revue is a highlight of each NACAA meeting, and it is a chance for members to perform before a national audience of at least 1600 people. Acts can be of any type - vocal, instrumental, comedy, dance, etc. Through our budget for the Talent Revue we can offer to pay for transportation, lodging, meals and entertainment to include a visit to Niagara Falls, for the selected talent acts.

*You can receive an Entry Blank directly from your local Cooperative Extension office or you can e-mail me at [lrh6@cornell.edu](mailto:lrh6@cornell.edu) or call 845-344-1234 and ask for Larry Hulle. Entries are due by January 3, 2005.*

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**13. DONATION NETWORKS OPENS IT'S DOORS**

The Donation Networks held it's Grand Open House on August 26th and 27th at their two locations at 21 West Auburn Street, Manchester and 18 Franklin Street, Nashua.

The Donation Networks replaces the old Donation Depot formerly run by Southern New Hampshire University which served over 1200 registered non-profit organizations across the state. Donation Networks, is a 501 ( c ) (3) non-profit organization established to provide continuous product support to New Hampshire's schools/Home schools, non-profit organizations, and religious organizations in reaching their goals. The depot receives and distributes surplus inventories i.e. computers hardware and software, office equipments and supplies and school supplies for redistribution to registered members. The Depot is open Wednesdays to Fridays 10:00am-4: 30pm and the first Saturday of every month, from 10:00am-4:00pm.

The program helps businesses keep pace with the ever-changing technology as they donate their used computers to the depot. These computers are reconditioned and channeled into the community to build capacity among individuals and non-profits. The depot will strategically provide impetus to the "Computers In Every Home Program", a program run by INTERCED that involves the provision of computers to low-to-moderate income residents across the state of New Hampshire for personal and career development.

For more information on this program please visit our website at [www.DonationNetworks.org](http://www.DonationNetworks.org). For more information, please contact Kaitlyn Lee, Assistant Director at 603-624-6102 (klee@interced.org ).

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## **14. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognize students in middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service. The awards program is sponsored by Prudential in partnership with the [National Association of Secondary School Principals \(NASSP\)](#).

Applications are solicited each fall through more than 40,000 public and private middle-level and high schools, and through officially designated local organizations across the country. These organizations include [Girl Scout councils](#), [county 4-H organizations](#), [Campfire USA councils](#), [American Red Cross Chapters](#), [YMCAs](#), and member [Volunteer Centers of the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network](#). Local Honorees are selected at participating schools and organizations in November, and from these winners, two State Honorees are chosen in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Meet the 2004 [State Honorees](#). Finally, 10 National Honorees are picked by a panel of prominent judges, and announced at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May. Meet the 2004 [National Honorees](#).

Who is eligible? Any young person who:

- Is in grades 5–12 as of the last weekday in October during the applying year, in any state, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico.
- Has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the 12 months prior to the date of application.
- Completes an application form following all directions carefully, and submits it to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by the last weekday in October.

*(Employees of NASSP, Prudential, or any of its affiliates, and any firm involved in the program, their children, and previous National Honorees are not eligible. Previous State Honorees are eligible only if their submitted activities are significantly different from previously honored activities.)*

What Qualifications must be met?

The application:

- Must describe an individual community service activity or an individual's significant leadership in a group activity that has taken place during the previous year.
- Must be completed and submitted to a school principal or the head of an officially designated organization by the last weekday in October.
- Must be certified by the principal of a middle-level or high school or the head of an officially designated local organization. These individuals should review the implementation instructions available on their website at <http://www.prudential.com/productsAndServices>

What do Honorees Win?

- Local Honorees receive a certificate of recognition from their schools or organizations.
- State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events.
- National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, and a trophy for their school or organization.

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## *Pearls of Wisdom*

"Success is the child of audacity."

Disraeli

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Theodore Roosevelt

"The road to success is always under construction."

Lily Tomlin

"Life is a succession of moments. To live each one is to succeed."

Corita Kent

"If at first you don't succeed you're running about average."

H. M. Anderson