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Hello 4-H Families and Friends of 4H! This year the 4-H Fair Theme is "**Red, White, Blue, and Green: Honoring Our Hero's**" Anyone that has impacted your life, eg: volunteer, military, relatives, historical character, etc. can be considered. Club displays use this theme.

2010 NH 4-H Hippology Contest, April 10

The New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest is a comprehensive, skill-based competition where youth demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry. Practical application of knowledge and skills through hands-on and written tests, skill stations and a horse judging contest are components of this contest. **Entry Deadline: March 26th**

Juniors: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Seery Hill Stables
26 Camp Marlyn Lane 20 School Street
Andover, NH 03216

Seniors 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Andover Elementary/Middle School
20 School Street
Andover, NH 0321



Fair Competition! Start Today!

Starting today, document how much time your Members & Volunteers spend working at the fairgrounds together preparing for the fair or event. The 4-H Fair Assoc. will **RECOGNIZE and REWARD** our top winners: 1 Cloverbud (5-7), 1 Junior (8-13) and 1 Senior (14+) at the 4-H Jubilee. Example: A 4-H member and 2 parents working together for 4 hrs = 12 volunteer hours

Time CAN include, but not limited to:

Help maintain the grounds (mowing, painting, building repair), help during the fair (e.g. Gate, Farmer Daze, Stock bath house).

Time DOES NOT include:

Time spent on personal projects, normal preparation of your exhibit area, working at club booth, running games, time the adult spends without 4-H member assistance Your club leader will have the forms for your to complete by the end of the month.

Any questions about what can and can not be considered for this competition. please contact Paula Glover at 968-7497.

THE 4-H FAIR: Currently, we are the only agricultural fair and Fair Association in NH with 4-H in our name. We are not owned by 4-H but are a non-profit under the 4-H umbrella and have no paid employees. The fairgrounds, as we know it today, were purchased by fundraising efforts by 4-H volunteers and parents. Currently Belknap County 4-H Fair Association owns and operates the fair-ground proper, and assists with managing and upkeep of the abutting property owned by the Belknap County 4-H Foundation.

The Fair Association by-laws provide that all Belknap County 4-H adult leaders and 4-H members are automatically members of the Fair Association. Adults that have attended 2 General Fair meetings over the preceding 12 months are voting members. The annual meeting in January is considered a General Fair Meeting. If you have not attended enough meetings to be a voting member, you can still attend to voice your ideas and opinions and have your voice be heard. The Board of Directors works very hard to put the fair together, but are disheartened when no one chooses to attend the General Fair Meetings nor the Annual Fair Meeting. The Annual meeting is critical as Board Member positions, the fair theme and the fair dedication are discussed and voted on. General Fair Meetings are your chance to be heard...**YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**, so what are you waiting for? You can take part in making improvements to fairgrounds and the fair, helping it to succeed and ensure that it's here for generations to come.

I cordially invite you to join me at the next General Fair Meeting (see schedule below). Other than prior commitments keeping you away, if there is another reason why you do not, I would like to hear it. Please call me, Wendy French, at 286-3213 or 75 Forrest Rd., Northfield, NH 03276. Thanks.

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Mark Your Calendar - 4-H Fair Dates!

DATE	TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
03/04/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
03/18/10	7 PM	General Fair Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
04/01/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
04/07/10	7 PM	Foundation Meeting	Belmont Library
04/13/10	6 PM	State Fair Assoc Meeting	Alan's Restaurant
05/06/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
05/20/10	7 PM	General Fair Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
06/03/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Fairgrounds
06/08/10	6 PM	State Fair Assoc Meeting	Alan's Restaurant
07/01/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Fairgrounds
07/15/10	7 PM	General Fair Meeting	Fairgrounds
08/05/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Fairgrounds
08/14/10		FAIR	Fairgrounds
08/15/10		FAIR	Fairgrounds
09/02/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Fairgrounds
09/16/10	7 PM	General Fair Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
10/07/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
10/26/10	6 PM	State Fair Assoc Meeting	Deerfield Fairgrounds
11/04/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
11/18/10	7 PM	General Fair Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
12/02/10	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
01/06/11	6 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Belmont Firehouse
01/20/11	7 PM	Annual Fair Meeting	Belmont Firehouse

GET TO KNOW YOUR FAIR OFFICERS

Wendy French, Acting President

Hi Everyone,

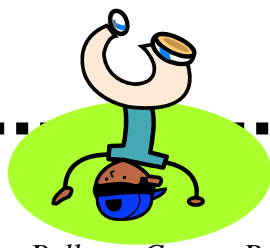
I am a native of NH. I graduated from Concord High School, earned a BS degree in Music Education with a Minor in Mathematics from Plymouth State College (now Plymouth State University) and have been working full time at Lincoln Financial Group for 27 yrs. I am currently a Quality Assurance Project Leader and I earned my Project Management Professional (PMP) designation in 2007. I love to have fun, and try my best to make even the most tedious tasks fun.

I grew up participating in Girl Scouts, but always admired the 4-H exhibits at the local agricultural fairs. When my oldest daughter turned 8 and I inquired about a local 4-H Club for her to join, I realized there was not one in my immediate area, so I became a 4-H leader and started the Tilton-Northfield Pines 4-H Club and later established the Harvest Home Family 4-H Club. Over the years I served as a Belknap County Teen Club leader, on the Belknap County 4-H Foundation Board and on a temporary NH 4-H State Advisory Board. I served as Secretary of the Belknap County 4-H

Fair Association for 5 years, and would have been more than happy to continue in that role, but in 2005, circumstances left me as the only remaining fair officer with experience, I agreed to become President of the Fair Association, a 3 yr. Term. In 2008, I chose not to run a 2nd term but to date; a suitable replacement has not stepped forward to replace me.

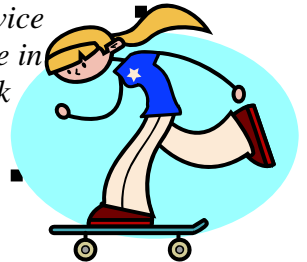
Before becoming President I had never run a business and from my experience, I am not a genius, but I have discovered what makes an effective leader; Dependability, Open-Mindedness, a Willingness to remain objective, and most importantly, **INITIATIVE**. Fair Association By-Laws only allow me to remain in the position of President until December 2011, so it is crucial that someone step forward for me to mentor. Is there anyone that is willing to do what it takes to ensure that the fair survives? Someone who is willing to learn? Someone with initiative to help keep the fair going for generations to come? If this sounds like you or someone that you know, please let me know.

Just me, Wendy



Teen Believers 4-H Club

The Belknap County Believers 4-H teen club meets the first Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The club is planning several activities including an opportunity to learn about landscaping and growing cut flowers for the fair. The club led the experiments and activities at Food Festival in order to jump start the Healthy Living Challenge. Anyone 12 and older interested in leadership and community service opportunities are invited. Meetings are held at the Belknap County 4-H office in Laconia. We have a lot of fun and enjoy coming together as a team. We look forward to having lots of teens hang out together and learn new skills.



4-H Foundation Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th, 7pm at the 4-H Office in Laconia. This is a **CHANGE OF DATE** but with many new members we needed to readjust the schedule. We will be electing new members and voting on bylaw updates.

Teen Believers 4-H Club “Hero Packs” Service Project CHALLENGE!

The Teen Believers club is sponsoring a challenge to any group that wants to participate in the wholesale purchase of items for "Hero Packs" in order to stretch our resources. The club has voted \$50 to purchase supplies and is challenging each club to match their donation or give what is affordable! By purchasing wholesale we can purchase a journal, photo album, colored pencils, stationery with envelopes, and a plush 10" gorilla. More info about "Hero Packs" for NH children of deployed parents can be found at the 4-H web site: <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/documents/HPguide.pdf> The total cost for each backpack would be \$8. This also includes shipping. I need to know if your club is interested in joining the challenge and how many \$8 backpacks you want to sponsor. Checks should be made payable to BC Teen Believers Club and in the 4-H office by April 1st in order to pay the bill. (I'm waiting to see if Kodak will donate some disposable cameras, if so each kit will receive one). Contact the 4-H office at 527-5475 or rebecca.levesque@unh.edu if you have any questions.

2010 State 4-H Teen Conference “2010: Let the Future Begin”

**All Youth 14 and Older or
Those who have completed the 8th grade**

4-H Teen Conference will be held June 27-30 at the University of NH in Durham. Teen Council has been planning fun new workshops along with the classic favorites. Some highlights will include shooting sports, African drumming with *Akwaaba*, ballroom dancing, fly fishing, and jewelry making. This super fun conference will feature an opening night carnival, a trip to Hampton Beach for a BBQ, and a futuristic closing dance complete with light show! The cost will be \$210 for the entire 4 days. Room, meals, activities and t-shirt are included (some workshops carry an additional fee). The Teen Council can't wait to : There will be partial scholarship the Belknap County 4-H Found 4-H Teen Believers Club. Since the price has increased this year clubs may want to have more fundraisers to help teens during these hard economic times.





**New Hampshire
4-H Shooting Sports
VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAINING
May 15-16, 2010**

Have you heard? The White Mountain 4-H Shooting Sports Club is building a new range at the Belknap County 4-H Fair Grounds! The range is for 4-H use only and not open to the public. 4-H members **MUST** have a 4-H certified shooting sports instructor present to use the range. The White Mountain 4-H Shooting Sports Club has 4-H certified instructors in the following disciplines Archery, Handgun, Rifle and Shotgun. The Club meets on the first and third Saturday of the month. We will post dates as we get closer to opening. New members 8 – 18 years old are encouraged to join the club, but are required to have an adult attend with them. Any questions can be sent to Don Hook at:

en2hook@hotmail.com;

Thank you and hope to see you in May.

Don Hook, Organization Leader

If you're interested in the 4-H Shooting Sports project, then get out your calendar and save the weekend of May 15. This is when the New Hampshire 4-H Shooting Sports Program will host a workshop to certify volunteer leaders at the 4-H Youth Center in New Boston. This training is designed for current 4-H volunteers as well as those who wish to become involved in the 4-H program. Shooting experience is not essential, but a willingness to learn about how to work effectively with youth is. Teen leaders 16 and older are welcome. Certified teen leaders must work under the direct supervision of a certified adult instructor. Folks from out-of-state are invited to attend as well. However, priority will be given to NH 4-H volunteers.

The shooting sports project is a little bit different than most other 4-H projects because leaders must be officially certified before they can teach youth. During this weekend workshop leaders will be trained to teach in one discipline. Choose from archery, black powder, pistol, rifle, shotgun, advanced shotgun, or wildlife & hunting. Once enrolled as 4-H leaders, adults will be certified to teach their discipline to youth participating in a formal 4-H shooting sports program. All NH 4-H leaders must complete an orientation before being officially enrolled and it is highly recommended that volunteers enroll with their local county office of UNHCE before attending this training.

All sessions will be conducted in the 4-H way - "learn by doing." There will be approximately 12 hours of discipline-specific instruction and 6 hours focusing on youth development and how to work effectively with youth. The registration fee is \$45 for New Hampshire volunteers and \$65 for those from other states. This includes food, lodging, and materials. We have received generous support for this training from the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire, the Monsanto, and Federal Cartridge. Additional scholarships may be available from county 4-H foundations. Contact Becky Levesque, 4-H Educator at 527-5475 or Rebecca.levesque@unh.edu for additional information or for a brochure and registration form. Registrations must be received by May 3. Please note that deposits are not refundable if cancellation is made after May 3.

**NH 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training
May 15-16, 2010 -- REGISTRATION FORM**

Name _____

Telephone () _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____

County Belknap Amount Enclosed _____

Please select your top 3 discipline choices (1 = most desired):

- Archery Black Powder Pistol
 Rifle Shotgun Advanced Shotgun
 Wildlife & Hunting

Make checks payable to **"Coös 4-H Youth"** NH
volunteers \$45 (\$65 non-NH)

Registrations must be received by **May 3**

**Mail to: UNH Cooperative Extension, 629A Main
Street, Lancaster, NH 03584**

Youth Opportunities at Maine 4-H Camps <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm>

Summer is the time to think about going to camp. 4-H has a long tradition of providing a safe environment which features a blend of exploring the surrounding natural resources, developing leadership, being part of a team and making friends that last a lifetime, while having fun! New Hampshire youth have been invited to attend the 4-H Camps of Maine. See <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm> for more information.

Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center

Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Lincolnwood and Blueberry Cove at Tenant Harbor Tanglewood is a part of 4-H and our programs are based around [4-H Earth connections](#). We use the Four Dimensions of 4-H (Head, Heart, Hands & Health) to help structure our programs and the Core Concepts, or "Laws of Ecology," are often a part of activities.



Bryant Pond 4-H Learning Center

Bryant Pond 4-H Learning Center offers a variety of summer program opportunities. The weekly routine for most programs includes cooling swims and paddling at our beautiful waterfront, hiking, arts and woods craft, team-building on our ropes course, learning basic survival and camping skills. Everyone looks forward to Thursday night campfire, a fun-filled evening of skits, songs, stories and laughs. Unless otherwise noted, programs are one-week (Sunday through Friday). **Looking for a job? Both camp**



sites are offering summer employment:

[Employment at Bryant Pond](#)

[Employment at Tanglewood](#)


NEW This Year!

4-H Fair Animal Show and Exhibit Barn entry forms MUST physically be in the 4-H office no later than July 15, 2010 by 4pm! No Exceptions. Learning RESPONSIBILITY is a critical life skill that 4-H'ers need to learn and our Superintendents need time to prepare for their show. Thank You.

Favorite Food Festival "Healthy Living Challenge" was most successful with 40 youth and adults showcasing their favorite foods, giving food demonstrations, and participating in fun activities led by the Teen Believers 4-H club. Awards were given to the following:

- Jr. Exhibit Tie: Madison Garrity & Maggie Randall
Sr. Demonstration: Kendall Donohoe
Top Poster Award: Makala Chandonet



Congratulations to ALL our members for their hard work! A big Thank You goes to: National 4-H and Walmart  for the sample food, pedometers and jump ropes that were provided!

Fair Schedule Goes Here

