

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN MERRIMACK COUNTY

| TIME OF YEAR/EVENT | ELIGIBILITY | DESCRIPTION | AWARDS |
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| SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER | | | |
| Club Re-enrollments | Everyone needs to re-enroll every fall - Leaders and Members | | |
| Achievement Nights | All Clubs are encouraged to hold an Achievement night | Installation of club officers and recognition of leaders and members. | Members and Leaders receive pins, seals and certificates for each year completed in 4-H |
| Resume Clinic | For members 14 and older to develop 4-H Resumes | Members develop a 4-H Resume using the "Marketing You" materials. | County Recognition State Recognition National Recognition |
| OCTOBER/NOVEMBER | | | |
| Honors Evening (Sponsored by Jr. Leader Group) | Older Juniors 12-13 Seniors 14+, Adult Leaders | Recognition of Older 4-H'ers 5 & 10 year members 5 or more year leaders | County Medals Service Awards Membership Awards Trip Awards Achievement Awards |
| National 4-H Week 4-H Cookie Sale | | Held the 1 st week of October. Clubs are encouraged to do activities in their communities to highlight 4-H. Some clubs do the 4-H Cookie Sale Fund Raiser. | |
| Fall Leader Training | All leaders are eligible to attend. | Offered by County and State level staff Subject Matter and Life Skill Training | |
| Roundup | Juniors 8-11 | Junior 4-H Recognition Day All Junior Members invited Recognition for 8-11 yr. olds Outstanding Achievements | Jr. Record Demonstrations Public Speaking Fashion Revue Posters Photography Action Exhibits |
| Northeast Leader Forum | Leaders are welcome to attend. Teen Leaders welcome also. | Training offered by Northeast States Rotates annually from one state to another Subject Matter Like Skill Training. | Scholarship assistance available from Merrimack County 4-H Leaders and Merrimack County 4-H Foundation. |
| NOVEMBER | | | |
| National 4-H Congress | State Resume winners. Members 14 and older need to submit 4-H Resumes for County Judging. | Recognition event for those older 4-H'ers to be recognized for their overall accomplishments and Achievements. | State Sponsored National Trip |

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| Public Speaking | Juniors 8-13 Seniors 14+ | Speeches can be given on any topic member chooses Speeches are to be original Levels include: Novice, Junior, Senior | Participation Ribbons Participation award for everyone Representation State Activities Day Older Junior/Senior Levels - 12+ |
| Food Show | Members enrolled in the Foods project 8-18 | Food Members only Prepare favorite dish Exhibits judged Members bring display Place setting Menu Food Poster | Participation Ribbons Special Foods Award |
| Garden Seeds | Members 8 - 18 | Free Vegetable seeds are made available to 4-H members Garden visits available Members exhibit vegetables at fair | Danish Ribbons for all fair exhibitors Best Collection Award at Hopkinton Fair Best Plate Award at Hopkinton Fair |
| MARCH | | | |
| Presentation Day Demonstrations | Members 8-18 Time Guidelines for each age group | Members show "how to do" something on any project from beginning to end. Demonstration handbook is available for what to bring and making posters | Participation Ribbons Participation Awards for everyone Representation State Activities Day Older Jr/Sr - 12+ |
| Presentation Day Action Exhibits | Members 8-18 | Involves 1-3 members Ongoing type of demonstration | Participation Ribbon Award to all who participate Up to six exhibits go to State Event |
| Poster Event | Members 8-18 | All Posters 14x22 Poster can be black and white or color Can use any mediums Designed around a theme | Participation Ribbon Top three go to State Event |
| Photography Event | Members 8-18 | Picture can be black and white or color Picture cannot exceed 8"x10" | Participation Ribbon Top three go to State Event |
| Teen Conference Applications | All teens 14 and older or who have completed 8 th grade | 3 day, youth led conference held at UNH Workshops, Activities, and Events Chance to experience campus life | Scholarships available from Merrimack County Leaders Association and Merrimack County Jr. Leaders |
| APRIL | | | |
| Fashion Revue Evaluation Fashion Selections | Members enrolled in clothing/consumer project Fashion Selection members, 12 and older | Garments evaluated by judges Fashion Selections evaluated on participant | Participation Ribbons County Winner Awards 12+ winners named to State Event |
| Higher Education Book Awards | Graduation Seniors | To request scholarship assistance one needs to fill out a 4-H Book Award form | Scholarship Assistance from the Merrimack County 4-H Foundation |
| Approval Forms | Horses Qualifying to show at ESE4-H Horse Show | Approval form must be in on time for member to qualify | |

| MAY | ELIGIBILITY | DESCRIPTION | AWARDS |
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| Fashion Revue | Members enrolled in clothing project Fashion Selection Participants | Members participate in Fashion show Members model garments for audience Members develop script for their garment | County Winners named Representatives to State Fashion Revue named |
| Animal Approval Lease Forms | All enrolled animal science members Take description from approval form. | Approval forms <u>must</u> be in on time and are mandatory to show at all NH 4-H fairs. | |
| JUNE/JULY | | | |
| 4-H Camps | All Youth 6-14 Open to all Youth | Camps are located at: Bear Brook State Park, Allenstown, NH Barry Conservation Camp, Milan, NH Request brochure for program details | |
| State Activities Day | Members 12+ named county winners | Public speaking Demonstration Action Exhibit Posters Photography Fashion Revue | Varies depending on the event |
| JULY | | | |
| Animal/Horse Approval Forms | All active and enrolled Animal Science members | Approval Form needed to show at fairs in 4-H capacity. Organization Leader and Extension Educator signature needed along with parent/guardian and member signature on ALL forms | |
| AUGUST/EARLY SEPT | | | |
| August/Early September Hopkinton State Fair | Merrimack County 4-H'ers 8-18 | Help at 4-H Food Booths Special Activities Animal Shows Exhibit 4-H projects in exhibit building | Premiums Ribbons on all items entered |
| County Kitchen Ice Cream Parlor Chicken BBQ | All members, leaders and their families are expected to participate | These three food booths are the only source of fund-raising for 4-H Programming in Merrimack County | All funds go back into leader and member scholarships and awards |
| Exhibit Hall | All members expected to exhibit at least one or more items. | Opportunity for members to showcase completion of project items. | All exhibits judged on Danish system. All exhibits receive a blue, red or white ribbon. Up to 20 Judge's Special Awards given for exhibits from the following categories; crafts, heritage arts, woodworking, better rooms, knitting/crocheting. Also special awards for foods and gardening. |

Volunteer Opportunities

The events listed above are all volunteer run. We need volunteers to serve as judges. Parents, community members and 4-H volunteers; all can provide leadership by helping with events.

Check our web site at <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Merrimack/Merrimack.htm> for supplemental information on events and supporting event materials.

WATCH 4-H NEWSLETTERS FOR SPECIFIC DATES AND DEADLINES!