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WELCOME new members and leaders to Belknap County 4-H! After a full summer of preparing for the Belknap County 4-H Fair, and finalizing year end reports, it is time to organize our club activities for 2011. Many resources are available at the 4-H office. For now, please contact Giegie or Wendy Brock if you have questions.



Thank You to everyone for making my 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ years in Belknap County one of the most rewarding times in my life. My early retirement is critical due to family needs but I will miss each of you. I am so proud of the accomplishments of both our 4-H'ers and Volunteers. I'm sure you will see me at various functions such as regional 4-H volunteer training. Remember, "If you stop getting better, you will stop being good." So be sure to sign up for training whenever possible as this is the key to maintaining a quality youth development program.

Best Wishes,
Becky



Volunteer Training is CRITICAL for continued success! Are you new to 4-H or could benefit from a refresher course?

This e-Learning course is designed to acquaint you with basic volunteer information and is divided into 4 modules. Each module will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and can be completed at different times.

"About 4-H"

"Positive Youth Development"

"Getting Started in 4-H",

"Leadership & Teaching"

http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001265_Rep1627.pdf

Here is what other volunteers are saying about the course:

- ✓ Very interesting-able to learn new info about 4-H that I had not known
- ✓ Very well done, quick training method!
- ✓ Helped my confidence knowing what I am responsible for providing to members.
- ✓ format-easy to understand

Don't postpone, complete the modules today!



Cookie and Candy Sale Winners!

In 2009 the profit, after the cookies invoice was paid, totaled approximately \$1,900 (half to the Foundation and half to the clubs). In 2010 the profits totaled approximately \$2,626 even though we sold less cookies overall. The increase in price allowed us to stay current in the market. As a small county we order less cookies than other counties and therefore are charged more per case. This is one reason we have had to raise the sale price when other counties may not. I know many of you enjoy the cookies/candy, but it would be nice if we had a healthy snack to sell instead.

CONGRATULATIONS TO our top sales person and clubs!

Hannah Chaignot, Amazing Clovers - Top Individual Salesperson

Town Line 4-H Club - Top Small Club (Less than 10 members)

Hustlers 4-H Club - Top Large Club (10 or more members)

4-H Tractor Supply Company Partnership with National 4-H!

For Specific information &
Registration, go to:

[http://www.tractorsupply.com/content/stor
eevents/4h](http://www.tractorsupply.com/content/stor
eevents/4h)

Tractor Supply stores in communities across the country have long supported 4-H clubs, and now, Tractor Supply Co. has entered into an official partnership with the National 4-H Council as your National 4-H Project Headquarters.

This means that Tractor Supply will help raise money for county 4-H programs, as with the Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraiser that benefits state and local 4-H programming. Local clubs and 4-H members can also reap rewards from Tractor Supply with the new TSC Clover Card. The card is FREE and is mailed to you in the name of your local club.

By registering for a card, you'll get special notifications from TSC and 4-H and access to special deals at TSC only available to TSC Clover Card holders. Best of all, each time you use your card, your club has a chance to win additional funding from TSC.

"Many of our stores have been involved with 4-H clubs for years. Now, Tractor Supply Company is proud to have an official chain-wide



relationship with 4-H," said Jim Wright, Tractor Supply Company Chairman and CEO. "For us, this is an outstanding way to support our current and future customers and future team members, and it's a way to give back to the 900-plus unique communities we serve." Talk with the store manager about what act about what activities and partnership opportunities exist in our area.

Enrollment Forms for 2011! Don't let your club miss out on 4-H mail and liability insurance coverage by failing to enroll your MEMBERS and LEADERS each year.

The fillable member form is available at:

http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000068_Rep70.pdf Fillable leader form is

available at:

http://extension.unh.edu/resources/representation/Resource000140_Rep153.pdf

Don't forget to have a parent/guardian sign the bottom & mail it or give it to your leader!

4-H Insurance Coverage

There has been some confusion on the types of insurance coverage available to those in the 4-H program.

1. Liability Insurance - UNH has liability insurance to cover when activities are held at a location and that location wants proof of liability insurance. This request for a certificate of insurance is made by the club to the Extension office.
2. As a recognized volunteer (screened and annually enrolled) you are protected by NH RSA: 508:17 which provides legal protection for volunteers by limiting the liability of an enrolled volunteer who is working within the scope of his or her official duties and following the guidelines and policies of the 4-H program.
3. Medical coverage can be purchased by 4-H clubs in two ways. Annual coverage or for a club or group and the second as daily special event coverage. For more information,

<http://www.americanincomelife.com/FourHCoop.aspx>

How to improve your 4-H club?

Do you sometimes feel your 4-H club lacks a little zip or 4-H meetings are boring? Be sure to check out the resources on the state 4-H website to give you some club management tips. Visit

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/P4HVR.htm>

4-H Fair Association

Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 20th**, 7:00 pm at the Belmont Fire Station Meeting Room. Nominations are being accepted for the President and (1) General 4-H Leader representative, and Treasurer. If you are interested, contact Wendy French 286-3213. Please send at least 1 person from your club to the meeting in order to insure the success of the 4-H Fair for our members!

4-H Teen Conference 2010

Representatives

(Front Row, left to right) Kamal Dangal, Pampha Tiwari, Ganga Dahal, Manuka Dhakal, Megan Guarino, Katelyn LaChance



(Middle Row, left to right) Ganga Timsina, Lachi Dahal, Champa Dulal, Deependra Dangal, Jamuna Dahal, Mondhira Dahal, Jessie Fogg, Brooklyn Hadley, Jessica Stowell, Hannah Silverman

(Back Row, left to right) Keith Silverman, Chaperone, Gayatri Subedi, Rebecca Callow, Sarah Nelson, Sylvia Romero, Kathryn Esty, Stephen Uhlman.

Save the date for the 2011 Teen Conference June 26-29, 2011. The teen club will be supported by scholarship dollars given in recognition of Becky's years of service to 4-H in Belknap County.

4-H Science is Everywhere

4-H is looking for leaders and members, 10 and older, who are excited about their 4-H project areas and science, and would like to become 4-H science ambassadors. As 4-H science ambassadors, you will help 4-H meet its national goal of helping to develop One million new scientists. One million new ideas, by learning fun science related to your 4-H projects and bringing it home to teach and share with others in your community. Those interested in becoming 4-H science ambassadors will be invited to a **4-H Science Everywhere Discovery Institute at UNH on February 12** to learn cool science activities in one of 4 areas (plant & animal science, health and food science, environmental science & natural resources and engineering and physical science). Youth and adult science ambassadors will receive training and follow up support to help bring the message of science fun back to your club and your county. While at the institute participants will experience some of the scientific research that's going on at UNH through the faculty and graduate students responsible for the research. If you are interested in becoming a 4-H science ambassador please call Mike Koski at the Hillsborough county office at 603-641-6060 or email mike.koski@unh.edu

Barry Conservation Camp - Summer 2011*

Great news! Thanks to the inspired work of many, Barry Conservation Camp will be open for the summer of 2011 and promises to be better than ever. Many of the facilities have been substantially upgraded and we're looking forward to a terrific summer.

Barry Conservation Camp is operated by the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in cooperation with the N.H. Department of Fish and Game. It is located in the White Mountain National Forest at the Berlin Fish Hatchery. Barry Conservation Camp provides a close-knit community for its 38 campers and 11 staff. There are 6 cabins, each housing up to 7 campers and a counselor. Campers are grouped by age and gender. There are central toilets, shower facilities and a dining hall complete with kitchen.

Barry Conservation Camp is a great program for kids who love the outdoors, enjoy hands-on learning in environmental and conservation programs and can benefit from participating in a small camp. Staff takes pride in creating a special place where kids can discover their individual strengths. Campers and staff work together as a team in the hope that everyone leaves camp with a greater awareness of themselves and the world around them.

Tentative 2011 Camp Program Schedule

- [Natural Leaders](#)
 - June 26-July1, ages 14-17
- [Mini-Camp](#)
 - July 5-8, ages 8-12



- [Hunter Education](#)
 - July 10-15, ages 12-16
- [4-H Shooting Sports](#)
 - July 17-22, ages 10-16
- [On the Wild Side](#)
 - July 24-29, ages 10-16
- [Aquatic Adventures Program, "Let's Go Fishing"](#)
 - July 31- August 5, ages 10-16



*Check www.extension.unh.edu often. We plan to have registration information posted in January.

Many sportsmen's clubs and town conservation commissions in Belknap County have scholarships available to youth in Belknap County. Please check with your local groups.

Animal Science Events, Activities and regulations

To stay current with information related to 4-H animal science in NH bookmark

<http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4-HAnimalScience.htm> on your computer. This is where you will always find the most current information, opportunities and deadlines. For questions and support with animal approval forms or other animal science questions please contact Nancy Evans, Merrimack County 603-796-2151 or nancy.evans@unh.edu.

Career Opportunities!

The **4-H Agriculture and Food Systems Career Day** will be hosted on **January 22, 2011** by the [University of New Hampshire](http://www.unh.edu). The day will be focused on sharing what UNH has to offer students 15 or older who are considering a career in agriculture/food systems. The day will begin at the [Thompson School for Applied Science](#) at UNH in Durham. Parking will be available in G Lot or Barton Lot. For directions, visit <http://www.unh.edu/unhedutop/map>.

For more details including registration please go to <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4H.htm>
And check the What's New Box.

NH Farm and Forest Expo Feb 4 & 5
Center of NH Manchester
Something for everyone

Whether you are a youth or adult, agri- business person or small backyard farmer, there is something for you at the 2011 Farm and Forest Expo. For a full schedule go to <http://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org/schedule.htm>

Support the 4-H Foundation of NH with the purchase of Blake's ice cream or new this year Stonyfield's frozen yogurt and purchase a raffle ticket for the Feb 25th UNH/North Eastern Hockey game at UNH.



New **Agriculture Career Reception**

Saturday February 5th, 10am-12pm, in the Hale room, hosted by the New Hampshire Agriculture and Food Pioneers and refreshments will be provided.

A Youth Focused Reception: Producers and professionals working in New Hampshire-based agriculture and food systems will be available to network and discuss career development within their fields. Areas of expertise will include: Options

for agricultural education Agriculture Banking & Finance New and Young Farmers The production/marketing of value added food products Equipment Retail.

Oct. 1 - Sept. 30, 2011 4-H CALENDAR

January 2011

- 14 - 4-H NH Horse Quiz Bowl Entries Due to State 4-H Office
- 15 - National Conference, National Congress, and Dairy Conference Interviews (Based on 4-H Resumes)
- 22 - 4-H Agriculture and Food Systems Career Day
- 29 - 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl - Belmont Middle School

February 2011

- 1 - Approval Forms for Beef Steers going to ESE due to State 4-H Office
- 4-5 - [Farm & Forest Expo](#) - Center of NH - Radisson, Manchester
Agriculture Career Reception at the NH Farm and Forest Expo
- 6 - 4-H Horse Awards Program, Gilmanton Corners Community church, 1-4pm
- 12th - [Belknap County 4-H Food Festival](#), 4-H Office 9 - Noon
- 12- [4-H Science Everywhere](#)- UNH Campus
- 25 - 27 Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop, 4-H Training Center, Ballston Spa, New York
- 28 - 4-H Foundation Meeting, Belmont Library 7 - 9pm

March 2011

- 1 - Eastern States Trustee 4-H College Scholarship Applications Due to State Office
- 7 - Teen Conference Information [Posted on Web](#)
- 18 - 4-H Horse Judging/Hippology Contests Entries Due to State 4-H Office

19 - 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl - Location TBA

April 2011

- 1 - 4-H Approval Form Deadline for Horses Qualifying for ESE - due to BC office
- 2 - 4-H Horse Judging/Hippology Contest - Location TBA - Andover Elementary School
- 9 - Belknap County Activity Day (fashion, demonstrations, public speaking, posters, photo contest)
- 15 - 4-H Dairy Judging Entries Due to State 4-H Office
- 30- 5/1 - 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

May 2011

- 1 - 4-H Approval Form Deadline for Llamas, Dogs, Working Steers, Dairy Cattle, Beef Heifers Going to ESE & Horses Not Going to ESE
- 1 - 4-H Entry Deadline for Beef Heifers Going to ESE due to State 4-H Office
- 1 - 4-H Horse Show Program Book Ads Due to State 4-H Office
- 7-8 - Sheep and Wool Festival - Hopkinton
- 17 - Governors Conference on Volunteerism, New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord
- 20 - Tom Fairchild Friend of 4-H Golf Tournament - Candia Woods Country Club
- 15 - 4-H Horse Approval forms (12 & over) & Previous Qualifying Show Data Due
- 30 - Charles Buck Memorial College Scholarship application due to Hillsboro Cty 4-H office

June 2011

- 1 - State Dairy Show Information Posted on Web
- 2 - Fashion Revue Garment Judging - Memorial Union Building, UNH
- 4 - State Activities Day - Memorial Union Building, State 4-H Office, NH (Tentative Location)
- 15 - Approval Forms Due for ALL Swine, Sheep, Goats, Small Animals and Beef Not Going to ESE (Note earlier deadlines for beef going to ESE)
- TBD - 4-H Dog Weekend, 4-H Youth Center, New Boston
- 26-29 - State 4-H Teen Conference - UNH

July 2011

- 1 - State Dairy Show Entries Due to Cheshire County Office
- 8-10 - NH 4-H Sheep Clinic, 4-H Youth Center, New Boston
- 10 - State Working Steer Show
- 11-12 - Focus on Finance 4-H Career trip are July
- 22 - 2010 ESE New England Center Invitations mailed to SAD Participants
- 15-17 - State Horse Show - Lancaster Fair Grounds
- 22 - State 4-H Working Steer Show - Stratham Fair

August 2011

- 9-10 - State Dairy Show
- 14-15 Belknap County 4-H Fair

September 2011

- 25-28 - National 4-H Dairy Conference
- 25-28 - National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

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