

State 4-H Association & State 4-H Foundation: An Overview

The New Hampshire 4-H Association, Inc.

The Association was incorporated as a New Hampshire voluntary corporation on June 7, 2012 for the purpose of serving as a central organization by supporting, exercising supervision and control over all 4-H clubs, affiliates and 4-H programming in the State of New Hampshire and to provide a tax exemption for all 4-H clubs and affiliates in the State of New Hampshire.

The local clubs and affiliates (leaders groups, county foundations) which make up the 4-H programming within the State of New Hampshire are considered subordinates to the New Hampshire 4-H Association and renew certification with the association each year. The principal purposes of the Subordinates are to promote positive youth development, facilitate learning and engage youth in the work of their community and to foster educational opportunities within the club, county and state.

One representative from each county, 3 staff appointments by the Dean and Director of UNH Cooperative Extension and a representative of the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire compose the board of directors. There is one standing committee which is a youth advisory committee made up of a teen from each of the ten counties. Their purpose is to advise the board on issues and opinions of youth in New Hampshire and especially those enrolled in 4-H.

The 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire

Since 1958, the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire has been primarily responsible for private resource development for the 4-H Youth Development program of UNH Cooperative Extension for the purpose of furthering 4-H Youth Development work and 4-H programs in the State of New Hampshire. The Foundation provides for strong leadership for resource development through representation by key UNH Cooperative Extension volunteers on its Board of Trustees.

The 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire development efforts include: family events such as Fisher Cat Games and UNH Hockey games; fund raising events such as Tom Fairchild Friend of 4-H Golf Tournament and selling ice cream at Farm and Forest; annual mail campaign and other efforts.

The 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire helps support many of the events 4-H club members take part in. These include: State Activities Day, State 4-H Teen Conference, curriculum libraries in county offices, dairy and horse quiz bowl, judging and state shows; Barry Conservation 4-H Camp and camp scholarships; and many other activities.

4-H clubs may apply for grants as long as their request supports other groups within the county or statewide. Grant applications are accepted in January, but other requests will be accepted throughout the year. For more about the foundation visit the website www.4hfoundationnh.org or follow on facebook.