**Regional Day and State Day**

Thank you to everyone who participated in Southeast VT Regional Day. All the work you put into your 4-H projects and exhibits really showed. You all did a wonderful job!

Congratulations to everyone who has qualified to go on to State Day. We're very proud that you'll be representing Windham County and wish you the best of luck!

**Kurn Hattin 4-H Club at State Day:**
- 4 Traditional Photos and 3 Digitally Enhanced Photos

**River Riders II 4-H Club at State Day:**
- Amy Blazej - Traditional Photo, Table Top
- Arin Kenyon - Table Top
- Karli Knapp - Educational Poster, Digitally Enhanced Photo, Traditional Photo, Table Top

**Leslie Rogers - Traditional Photo**

**Karli Knapp - Educational Poster, Digitally Enhanced Photo, Traditional Photo, Table Top**

**Whitingham Reins 4-H Club at State Day:**
- The whole club will perform in Group Stage
- Joy Kondracki - Individual Stage
- Samantha Morse - Individual Stage
- Joey Rafus - Traditional Photo
- Brianna Rafus - Traditional Photo
- Alissa Walkowiak - Digitally Enhanced Photo, Individual Stage
- Kassidy Walkowiak - Educational Poster
- Karlee Walkowiak - Individual Stage

**State Day Judges Needed**

4-H State Day is being held on Saturday, May 21 at the Barre Auditorium from 9am - 3pm.

Evaluators are needed to help judge a variety of project areas. Experience in those areas is not necessary and training on our rubric is provided. Amount of time varies, and some projects can be evaluated in advance. If you're interested in helping, please contact Sarah Kleinman, State 4-H Program Director, at sarah.kleinman@uvm.edu or 1-800-571-0668.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Livestock Approval Forms Due**
- at the Brattleboro 4-H Extension office.
- Dairy Approval/ID Forms due by April 30
- Horse Approval/ID Forms due by May 12

**State Day is on May 21**

**UVM Extension Video**

In celebration of UVM Extension’s 100th Anniversary in early 2012, we are creating a video that will include testimonials from people who value the work of Extension. We are looking for people to go on camera and talk about what 4-H and Extension mean to them. Do you have a great story to share? Please contact Kurt Reichelt at kreichel@uvm.edu or toll-free at 1-866-622-2990.

**ATV Safety Training**

We all know that ATV safety training is a good idea. It's also the law. Under Vermont law, ATV operators under 18 must have “safety education certification” to ride anywhere off their family property. Youth can receive training and complete the safety exam either online or in-person.

**Online**
- This is an option for young people who are comfortable studying on their own and who have easy access to the internet. The cost for certification is $30.

**In-Person**
- During April and May, the Vermont All Terrain Vehicle Sportsman's Association (VASA) is offering classes around the state.
- Go to: [http://vtvasa.org/Safety.php](http://vtvasa.org/Safety.php) for more information. These classes - including certification - are free of charge.
Natural Resources Management Academy
July 8—July 10, 2011 at Green Mountain Conservation Camp, Buck Lake, Woodbury, VT

Are you a high-school student interested in the environment and ready to explore, in depth, your passion for Vermont’s natural resources? The Natural Resources Management Academy has been developed for individuals just like you! The Academy is a weekend full of fantastic learning opportunities aimed at understanding Vermont’s forests, wildlife, soils and water ecosystems. All programs will be hands-on and mostly outdoors. Come ready to explore natural resources management, and share a weekend with other high school students from around Vermont with the same interests.

Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Natural Resources Management Academy
1. Learn about and enjoy Vermont’s diverse natural resources.
2. Explore natural resources management issues and what you can do to help.
3. Find out about careers related to natural resources management.
4. Learn from University of Vermont faculty, UVM Extension and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department staff, and other natural resources professionals.
5. Make new friends from across the state and learn about where they are from.
6. Enjoy a chance to be independent from your family in a safe, friendly environment.
7. Learn new ideas, skills and techniques you can use for the rest of your life.
8. Develop your leadership abilities.
9. Paddle a canoe, catch a fish or shoot a shotgun under expert supervision.
10. Smores at the campfire!!! Need we say more….

This program is sponsored by the University of Vermont Extension 4-H and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Registration is open to any high school students entering the 9th grade in 2011 or older, including recently graduated seniors. Cost is $90. For more information, contact Lauren Traister, 4-H Educator, at 1-866-260-5603 x 402 or lauren.traister@uvm.edu.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Details on these events can be found on the [Vermont 4-H Calendar](http://www.uvm.edu) or by calling Brattleboro Extension office at 802-257-7967.

To submit photos, events or articles for the next newsletter email: debbie.fajans@uvm.edu or gail.makuch@uvm.edu.

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**Becoming an Outdoor Family Weekend**

Join us June 3-5 at Groton State Park for our 14th year offering outdoor educational experiences for the whole family. This program is a joint effort by the University of Vermont Extension and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources' Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Forests, Parks and Recreation to promote, address, and instill in the general public a basic understanding of environmental conservation, safety and fun in the out of doors.

Expert instructors begin each class with the basics, providing hands-on experience and encouraging participants to ask questions. The variety of classes includes wildlife, forestry, orienteering skills, hiking, wildlife photography, fitness, camping, kayaking, canoeing, firearm safety, fishing, and much, much more. Cost per family (up to 8 people) is $165.

For more information, visit [http://www.uvm.edu/extension/family/?Page=outdoorfamily.html](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/family/?Page=outdoorfamily.html)

To register online visit [www.vtbecominganoutdoorfamily2011.eventbrite.com](http://www.vtbecominganoutdoorfamily2011.eventbrite.com)

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**State 4-H Horse Judging Coming to Windham County**

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest is held every year on the first Saturday in May. The location of the contest rotates between northern and southern counties in the state. And this year, the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be in Windham County thanks to the effort of Windham County’s Horse Council representative and River Riders II leader, Alison Trowbridge. The Contest will be held at Winchester Stables in Newfane, VT on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 - 4:00. For information, contact Wendy Sorrell, UVM Extension 4-H Livestock Educator, at 1-800-571-0668 or email: wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

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**Fantastic Raffle to Benefit the 4-H Horse Program**

The annual fundraiser for the VT State 4-H Horse Council to raise money to help pay for state 4-H events is happening right now. First prize is a choice of a super duper lawn mower, and ATV or $5,000 cash. There will be many other prizes, too (like a western saddle). Tickets are $10. Contact Alison Trowbridge at the May 7 State Horse Judging Contest for more information.

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**2011 Windsor County 4-H Horsemanship Clinic**

Green Mountain Horse Association, South Woodstock

June 19-25, 2011 – Youth Horsemanship Clinic—$300

June 22-25, 2011 – Adult Horsemanship Clinic—$225

**Windsor County 4-H Horse Show will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011 and is open to the public.**

This clinic is organized by the Windsor County 4-H Horse Leaders Association and is open to all youth 8-18 (4-H or not) and adults who wish to participate. Scholarships are available.

Registration information will be sent to all current 4-H Members and Past Clinic Participants when available. For details or an information brochure, contact Lisa Muzzey at (802)885-8386 or lisa.muzzey@uvm.edu
LEADER RESOURCES

National 4-H Resource
Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. There are more than half a million caring adults and youth across America helping young people learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through 4-H. Now there is a place to find resources to help youth in your community and connect with other volunteers across the country.

On 4-H.org/volunteers, you can
- Learn more about the 4-H movement
- Find out how to volunteer
- Locate 4-H events and conferences
- Download resources to help educate youth
- Link to great 4-H websites
- Browse and share club and program ideas on facebook.com/4-H

Vermont 4-H Resources
UVM Extension 4-H website
http://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/?Page=4h-programs.html&SM=4h_menu.html

The 4-H Leader Resource page has leader information, member forms, the Club Officer’s Handbook and more at http://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/?Page=4hleaders.html

The 4-H Project page has downloadable project books at http://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/?Page=projects.html

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