

## 4-H Green Mountain Clovergram

### Vermont 4-H...Your First Class at the University of Vermont

February 2026

This newsletter is your go-to source for updates, opportunities, and highlights from across our 4-H community. Each issue is designed to keep families, volunteers, and youth informed, celebrate the great things happening in our programs, and help everyone stay connected throughout the year.

Clovergram newsletters are now [archived](#) for easy reference so you can revisit past announcements or share with your friends.

If you have 4-H news, achievements, photos, or upcoming events you'd like featured in a future Clovergram, please reach out. We love sharing the good work happening across our 4-H community!



## Heads Up! 4-H Happenings

(All things 4-H & Youth, from your VT backyard to the big stage)



### Youth Turkey Calling Contest!

Saturday, April 18  
Kehoe Conservation Camp  
[Registration Form!](#)

All youth are invited to enter the 20th Annual Bart Jacob Memorial Youth Turkey Calling Contest, sponsored by Oxbow Mountain 4-H Club and underwritten by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

Event Details:

- Doors open at 10:00 a.m., contest begins at 11 a.m.
- There is no fee to participate.
- Participants are encouraged to register by Friday, April 10, but walk-in participants are welcome.



- Prizes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third Place in each age.
  - Lunch will be available for purchase and the Tea Cup Auction is back.
  - We will have a drawing to win a shotgun for all participants (ages 8-18) who enter the contest. You must participate in the contest to be eligible to win.
- Contact Tom Wilson, 802-394-2445 or [powertomove@hotmail.com](mailto:powertomove@hotmail.com) with questions.**
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### Animal Approval Forms

**Important Update:** The approval forms for **Sheep & Goat, Equine, Dairy, Beef, and Working Steer** have been **revised**.

**New Requirement:**

- All members **ages 8–18** must complete a **county-level event**.
- **Senior members, ages 14–18**, must complete a **state-level event**.

These requirements are outlined on the **new approval forms**. **Do not use blank forms from previous years**, as they are no longer valid.

Approval forms can be found on the [4-H website](#); scroll towards the bottom of the page to find your animal project.

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### Vermont 4-H Poultry Day Saturday, March 21st

A day of learning about poultry and showing off your knowledge! Presentations will be given on 4-H Poultry Showmanship or Selecting Chickens based on APA Standards, and the all-new Big E 4-H Poultry Show!



[Register](#) by Friday, March 6th

Open to all youth between the ages of 5–18 (as of January 1, 2026)

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### Day at the State House [Register Now!](#)

4-H Day at the Vermont State Capitol will take place on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in Montpelier and offers middle and high school 4-H members a hands-on opportunity to explore state government and civic engagement. Youth will tour the historic State House, observe the legislative process, visit the Vermont Supreme Court for an interactive mock trial experience, and meet with elected officials. Participants will also have the chance to share their 4-H experiences and see how youth voices connect to real-world leadership and decision-making.

For more information check out the [event page](#).

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### Governor's Institutes of VT Summer Learning Adventures!

The Governor's Institutes of Vermont (GIV) is now accepting applications for its 2026 residential summer programs! Passionate, curious students in grades 9–11 who live in or attend school in Vermont are invited to apply for a learning adventure unlike any other.

This summer, GIV will offer eight immersive Institutes: Arts, Engineering, Entrepreneurship\*, Global Issues & Youth Action, Health & Medicine, Mathematical Sciences\*, Technology &

Design\*, and Weather & Climate Science\*. Each Institute brings together motivated students for a life-changing experience built around deep learning, community, and collaboration.

Thanks to generous support, students can attend for as little as \$10, making these programs accessible to learners across Vermont. Applications are open now and close March 31, 2026.



*Several Institutes\* also include embedded college credit, giving students a head start on future careers and postsecondary opportunities.*

[Learn more or apply today!](#)

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### Scholarship Opportunities

**DeShazer 4-H Scholarship:** This award is for current UVM students who demonstrate financial need, are active in community service, have a 4-H background, and are Vermont residents.

**Leroy Ingalls 4-H Scholarship:** This is an award for current UVM students that showcase outstanding merit in character, 4-H club record, and scholastic attainment in college. The 4-H experience may come from Vermont or another state.

[Applications are due by March 10, 2026](#)



## SAVE THE DATES

### 2026 4-H COMMUNICATION EVENTS

- March 21** Southwest Regional 4-H Day  
(Bennington & Rutland Counties)
- March 28** Northwest Regional 4-H Day  
(Addison, Chittenden, Franklin & Grand Isle Counties)
- April 4** Northeast Regional Spring Showcase  
(Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille & Orleans Counties)
- April 4** Southeast Regional 4-H Day  
(Windham & Windsor Counties)
- April 4** Central Region 4-H Spring Showcase  
(Washington & Orange Counties)



Strong communication skills make a big difference in life and work. Through 4-H communication events youth build confidence and skills in public speaking and presenting.



### State Communications Day (new location!)

Saturday, May 9, 2026

UVM Campus, Davis Center

Theme: Celebrating and Honoring the USA's 250th Anniversary

[2026 Information can be found here!](#)



### Vermont Pitch Challenge!

Do you dream of starting a business and making a positive impact on the world? The Vermont Pitch Challenge gives high school entrepreneurs from across the globe the chance to pitch innovative businesses while competing for cash prizes and a scholarship to the University of Vermont.

[Submit your pitch by February 15th](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Northeast Regional Hippology & Quiz Bowl Contest

February 8, 2026

Lyndon Town School

### State Hippology & Quiz Bowl Workshop

February 14, 2026

Waterman Building, Burlington

### Northeast Regional Dairy Quiz Bowl

February 14, 2026

## Volunteer Vibes

*(Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay inspired.)*

### 4-H Volunteer Connections

Here is a great opportunity to connect with other 4-H volunteers across the Northeast: 4-H Volunteer Connections meet monthly on Zoom from 6:30-8:00pm. They dive into engaging topics led by experts and volunteers, and wrap up with breakout sessions to share ideas and learn from one another.

All for 4-H: What to Know and How to Use it  
February 18, 2026

Moving into a New Era of Leadership with Teens  
March 18, 2026

[Learn More or Register](#)

Waterford Elementary School

### **Discover Engineering**

February 21, 2026

Innovation Hall, UVM Campus

### **Working Steer**

#### **Quiz Bowl**

February 22, 2026

UVM Extension Berlin Office

### **Day at the State House**

February 24, 2026

State Capitol, Montpelier

### **Southwest Regional Hippology & Quiz Bowl**

March 7, 2026

Rutland Town Elementary School

### **Turkey Calling Contest**

April 18, 2026

Kehoe Conservation Camp

[See all upcoming events here](#)



## **Volunteers Needed to help with Discover Engineering Day! Saturday, February 21st**

We are looking for volunteers to help make Discover Engineering Day a success.

Opportunities include:

- Event set-up
- Registration table
- Helping serve lunch/snacks
- General assistance during the event
- Clean-up

If you're available to help for any portion of the day, we would love to have you join us. Please reach out if you're interested or would like more details. [Amanda.Royce@uvm.edu](mailto:Amanda.Royce@uvm.edu)



# **Beyond Ready**

## **4-H Highlights & Stories**

**(Head. Heart. Hands. Health.)**

### **The Daily Bear!**

Brattleboro Union High School students are operating a student-run food enterprise out of a commercial kitchen, managing both a school-based store and catering program. Through hands-on experience in food systems, entrepreneurship, and teamwork, students are involved in everything from growing ingredients and testing recipes to preparing food for real customers.

The Daily Bear is supported by a four-year University of Vermont Extension 4-H grant called Youth Innovators Empowering Agriculture across America (YEA), funded by the USDA. There are four other projects in New England funded by this grant, all focusing on improving access to 4-H experiential learning opportunities.

Photos below courtesy of [Food Connects](#)



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