

4-H Green Mountain Clovergram

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

March 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)

STEM Showcase 10.0

Saturday, March 21st

UVM Campus, Burlington

Join 4-H and the STEM Ambassadors on Saturday, March 21, for a unique showcase of hands-on STEM learning, from 10am-12:30pm on the UVM campus. Geared towards middle grades, but youth ages 8-14 (grades 3-9) are welcome!

Workshops:

1. Animal Track Detective: Finding the Prints
2. Churn It Up with Digestion!
3. Creating Catapults: The Physics of Fling
4. Surfing Soundwaves: Science of Speakers
5. Designing Bridges
6. Constructing Cartilage
7. Bright Ideas: Hands-On Circuit Building



THE UVM STEM AMBASSADORS PRESENT:

STEM SHOWCASE 10.0

Saturday, March 21
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Workshops will run simultaneously. Choose 2 to attend. For grades 3-9.

To request language interpretation/translation assistance and/or a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact: Caroline McKeever at Caroline.McKeever@uvm.edu as soon as possible.

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Register here or use the QR code:
<https://go.uvm.edu/stemshowcase>







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Coding club for middle & high schoolers!

What: Coding club for middle and high schoolers (all gender identities welcome!)

When: Saturdays 10am-12pm

Where: A computer lab on UVM's Burlington campus

Details and RSVP: [UVM's Girls Who Code Club Spring 2026 – Fill out form](#)



1st Annual Rabbit Clinic

July 11, 2026

Bethlehem, CT

The Bethlehem Fair Society and Lavender's Refuge are hosting the 1st Annual Rabbit Clinic on July 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Bethlehem, CT Fairgrounds. This clinic provides required health certificates for rabbits at a cost of \$50 per family (covering all rabbits). Permanent tattoos are required; tattooing will be available on-site for \$10 per rabbit if needed. Pre-registration is strongly recommended by June 1, 2026. Contact Amy White (thehappybunny2019@gmail.com) or Kate Fitzgerald (sierracallie82@gmail.com) to register.



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)

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.

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.

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.



Upcoming Events

Southwest Regional Hippology & Quiz Bowl

March 7, 2026

Rutland Town Elementary School

4-H Poultry Day

March 21, 2026

Waterman Building, UVM Campus

STEM Showcase

March 21, 2026

UVM Campus, Burlington

Turkey Calling Contest

April 18, 2026

Kehoe Conservation Camp

State Communications Day

May 9, 2026

Davis Center, UVM Campus

[See all upcoming events here](#)

Volunteer Vibes

(Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay inspired.)

NH 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference

April 11-12, 2026

Common Man, Plymouth NH

[Register Here!](#)



4-H Volunteer Connections

Moving into a New Era of Leadership with Teens

March 18, 2026

In this session, you will learn how to partner with teen leaders to support the 4-H agenda. We'll explore strategies for collaboration and share real-world examples from Maryland and D.C. 4-H programs.

[Learn More or Register](#)

Poster & Tabletop Workshop!

Members of the Whispering Pines 4-H Club had a wonderful time at their Poster & Tabletop Workshop. Youth spent the day exploring creative ways to share their project learning, talking through ideas, and getting hands-on with designing their own displays. They learned how posters communicate information visually and how tabletop exhibits bring projects to life with props and interactive elements. There was lots of creativity, teamwork, and excitement as members worked on their exhibits and built confidence getting ready to share their projects at the upcoming Regional Communications Day.



Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology Contest!

Youth from across the region came together for a day filled with learning, friendly competition, and teamwork. Participants tested their horse knowledge through the Hippology exam, tackled hands-on stations like tack identification and measuring, and jumped into exciting Quiz Bowl rounds that kept everyone engaged.



Addison County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest!

The Addison County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest was held on a snowy Saturday, February 21 at the Bridport Central School, bringing together 29 youth for a day of learning, teamwork, and friendly competition.

Participants included Caroline Allen, a member of Vermont's 2nd place national Dairy Quiz bowl team in 2025, adding excitement and inspiration for younger members.

Cloverbuds; Charley Moulton, Carson Parker, and Colton Kerr all participated in learning activities focused on dairy and each received Cloverbud rosettes.

Many thanks to the volunteers and parents who helped read questions, keep score, and make the day run smoothly. Their support helped create a positive and engaging

8-9 year olds

1st – Corbin Kerr
2nd – Ellis Chittenden
3rd – Jade Gorton



12-13 year olds

1st – Rowdy Pope
2nd – Caroline Compagna
3rd – Tom Allen
4th – Olivia Tudhope
5th – Sutton Chittenden
6th – Desiree Plouffe
7th – Annie Farr
8th – Camile Plouffe



10-11 year olds

1st – Ella Pope
2nd – Normandie Cesario
3rd – Amelia Tudhope
4th – Leonne Plouffe
5th – Addie Farr
6th – Nora Plouffe
7th – Blake Moulton
8th – Lucas Gorton



14 & older

1st – Tenley Chittenden
2nd – Payton Lucas
3rd – Kylee Shepard
4th – Bella Roell
5th – Jayden Ploof
6th – Greyson VanderWey

4-H'ers visit Hildene Farm!

4-H'ers recently explored the farm and forests at Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, in Manchester VT where history and agriculture come together in a hands-on learning environment.

Youth visited the goat barn, interacted with the herd, and learned about animal care, feeding, and daily farm management. They also explored fiber production, examining raw wool and discovering how fleece is sorted and prepared for use.

From livestock management to fiber science, the visit offered a meaningful look at how agriculture, sustainability, and history connect at Hildene. It was a day full of curiosity, great questions, and real-world learning in action.



4-H Working Steer Members Compete in State Quiz Bowl Contest!

4-H'ers ages 8–18 (and even a few brave adults) put their knowledge to the test at this year's State Working Steer Quiz Bowl Contest. Youth competed in lively rounds of verbal questions covering working steer and other bovine-related topics, demonstrating their dedication and depth of learning in the project area.

In the Junior Division, Clair Lucas of Orwell took first place, followed by Brock Pike of Bradford, Clyde Tracy of South Royalton, and Lydia Larocque of Randolph Center. In the Senior Division, Lily Larocque of Randolph Center earned first place, with Rosalee Bell of Washington placing second, Matt Whitney of Chelsea third, and Morgan Hutchins of Haverhill, NH fourth.

Deb Skoda of Randolph kept score throughout the contest, and Amy Ferris of Braintree served as moderator, helping the day run smoothly. After youth completed their two rounds, the adults took their turn in the hot seat with youth stepping up to serve as officials. It was a fun and engaging day filled with learning, leadership, and a little friendly competition for all involved.



back row: Clyde Tracy, Matt Whitney, Lily Larocque and Rosalee Bell
front row: Brock Pike, Clair Lucas, Lydia Larocque and Morgan Hitchins

Photo by Wendy Sorrell

Northeast Regional 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest!

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest was an exciting day of learning, teamwork, and friendly competition for youth from across the Northeast region. 4-H members put their dairy knowledge to the test, answering questions on animal health, nutrition, breeds, and the dairy industry.



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