



## 4-H Green Mountain Clovergram

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

April 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)

### Attention 2026 4-H Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations on this milestone and all the work it took to get here. We're proud of you and excited to see what's next. We'd love to recognize you by sharing your photo and 4-H story on Facebook and featuring you on our graduate wall at State Communications Day and at the county fairs this summer.

To participate, please complete the survey and upload a photo.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**VERMONT 4-H CLASS OF 2025**



**YEARS IN 4-H:**  
6 years

**4-H PROJECTS:**  
Community service, Gardening, Leadership, Sewing, Photography

**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:**  
Attending UVM fulltime!

**FAVORITE 4-H MEMORY:**  
I really enjoyed the teen leadership weekends I attended.



**CAITY PACKER**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

University of Vermont Extension College of Agriculture and Life Sciences



Kids Fest: Celebrating Health + Safety

April 26, 2026

10:00am-1:00pm

Greater Burlington YMCA

A family party that combines New American Safety Day and YMCA Healthy Kids Day!

- Tons of fun for kids, health and safety info for parents/caregivers
- Activity booklet, crafts, face painting, games, bounce house, gym
- **Free bicycle helmets and t-shirts (while they last)**
- Family Fitness sampler classes
- See Champ, Monty the Moose, and Rally Cat!
- Music with DJ Melo Grant, food from local vendor
- [More information](#)

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## Stop the Bleed Certification

May 2, 2026



In partnership with Southern Area Health Education Center (AHEC), this free Stop the Bleed Certification Workshop will teach 4-Hers ages 11-18 how to recognize life-threatening bleeding and take quick, effective action using direct pressure, wound packing, and tourniquets. Participants will practice real-world skills with trained instructors from Rescue INC and earn a nationally recognized Stop the Bleed certification upon completion. By participating in this training, 4-H'ers will be Beyond Ready to be confident leaders, responsible community members, and prepared helpers at farms, worksites, and everyday settings.

[Register Here!](#)



## Bake for Good with King Arthur Baking Company!

Virtual, May 19th at 5:00pm

Vermont 4-H is excited to offer Bake for Good, a free virtual program from King Arthur Baking Company to 4-H'ers in grades 4–7! This engaging experience is built around three simple goals: learn, bake, and share.

Participants will explore the math and science of bread baking while making dough from scratch using a simple recipe (with some ingredients provided). Each batch makes two loaves; one to enjoy at home and one to share as an act of kindness.

During the live virtual session, youth will follow along with a Bake for Good instructor to prepare their dough and learn shaping techniques while it rises.

[Register by May 1st](#)

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## Clean Escape

May 30th, 2026

[Miller Research & Educational Center](#)

Get ready - germs are everywhere, just waiting to hitch a ride. But not on your watch! Make a Clean Escape and prove you are a contamination-fighting pro. Your mission: design and test a clever plan to stop germs from being tracked in or out of a simulated facility entrance. Then, put your strategy to the ultimate test in a fast-paced team relay. Think fast, move smart, and help your team race to victory without leaving a trace.



[More information](#)

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## Engineering & Design Summer Camps! UVM College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (CEMS)

In partnership with 4-H, CEMS is offering four week-long camps in the summer of 2026. Students will explore different engineering and design principles through engaging experiments and projects and see examples of how engineers and scientists apply these skills to improve the quality of our lives and the environment:

Makers I: Design and Rapid Prototyping Camp  
Robotics Design and Testing Camp (grades 8 & 9)  
Robotics Design and Testing Camp (grades 6 & 7)  
Makers II: Advanced Design and Prototyping Camp  
[More information & Registration](#)

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### Explore Vet Science Academy! UMass Extension

Do you love animals? Have you considered becoming a veterinarian? On June 13th and 14th, 2026, MA 4-H Animal Science and UMASS Vet Science will be welcoming students, ages 13 to 18, interested in Veterinary Science. Youth will be learning about the wide range of opportunities in this profession and will get TONS of hands-on animal experience.

[Learn more & Register!](#)



**Beyond  
Ready**

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## Upcoming Events

### State Hippology & Quiz Bowl

April 11, 2026

Waterman Building, Burlington

### Central & Southeastern Dairy Judging Contest

April 12, 2026

Hartland, VT

### Learning to Judge Sheep & Goats

April 18, 2026

Wiggly Goat Farm, Panton VT

### Turkey Calling Contest

April 18, 2026

Kehoe Conservation Camp

## Volunteer Vibes

(Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay inspired.)

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### April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month!

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want to take a moment to recognize the incredible dedication of our 4-H volunteers. Your time, energy, and passion make a lasting impact on the lives of youth across our communities. Whether you're leading a club, supporting events, or mentoring young people, you are helping shape confident, capable leaders. Thank you for all that you do!

Stay tuned for statewide volunteer awards being announced during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25.

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**Spring Paper Clover Campaign**  
April 17-May 3, 2026

### Sheep & Goat Quiz Bowl

April 23, 2026

Middlebury Extension Office

### TSC Demo Days

April 25, 2026

Local Tractor Supply Stores

### Kids Fest

April 26, 2026

Greater Burlington YMCA

### 4-H State Communications

Day

May 9, 2026

Davis Center, Burlington

### Bake for Good with King Arthur Baking Company

May 19, 2026

Virtual Program

[See all upcoming events here](#)

The Paper Clover Campaign is a bi-annual fundraiser held at Tractor Supply stores in partnership with 4-H. Since 2010, it has raised more than \$24 million to support youth development, helping young people build the skills they need for work and life. Customers can donate at checkout, with 100% of funds benefiting 4-H, 90% stays in the state where it's raised, and 10% supports 4-H nationally.



### Demo Days Feature: Saturday, April 25

4-H volunteers and clubs are invited to take part in Tractor Supply's Demo Days on Saturday, April 25. This hands-on, in-store event lets customers test riding lawnmowers, ask questions, and learn more about equipment for their properties.

Partnering with your local Tractor Supply store is a great way for 4-H'ers to engage with the community, create a welcoming atmosphere, and help increase funds raised to support Vermont 4-H.

Reach out to your county educator to learn how your club can get involved.

## 4-H Highlights & Stories

(Head. Heart. Hands. Health.)

### STEM Showcase 10.0!

A late winter snowstorm could not keep over 60 young Vermonters away from the Spring STEM Showcase. Organized by UVM 4-H and sponsored by the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (CEMS), the event was hosted by UVM's corps of STEM Ambassadors—undergraduate students studying science, technology, engineering, or math, and trained to deliver experiential STEM activities to younger individuals. In addition, two UVM engineering professors and representatives from VTRANS presented at the event.



This year's educational showcase featured a wide range of fun workshop topics including: how to decipher animal prints in nature; understanding how digestive systems function; designing and building a functioning model catapult; discovering the science behind soundwaves and speakers; engineering and testing different bridge structures; building electrical circuits to light different colored LEDs, and learning about the makeup and function of human cartilage by making their own facsimile.

Thank you to all of our STEM Ambassadors, presenters, volunteers, and parent chauffeurs for making this edition of STEM Showcase another amazing opportunity for Vermont's next



## Exploring Equine Dentistry!

The Whispering Pines 4-H Club of Westford were treated to a wonderful educational evening with Linda Corey, an equine dentist. Linda had some fabulous photos of various dental problems with horses, as well as two skulls showing how the teeth function, both for eating and for how they work with various bits. Thank you Linda for sharing your knowledge and making learning fun!

## 4-H Poultry Day!

10 Vermont 4-H'ers from three counties participated in VT 4-H Poultry Day 2026. Participants tested their poultry knowledge with a skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, breed ID, and participants were invited to enter posters, photos, and an egg dessert made ahead. Julie Merlo won the *Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook* for her egg-based pound cake.

Also participating were: Paisley Murphy, Eddie Gordon, Clairra Lucas, Ellen Hodgdon, Henry Lawrence, Emilee Gordon, Merissa Gordon, and Alexis Whipple.



Photo courtesy of Aubri Richards and a big thank you to Amanda Gifford for leading the charge on this event.



## 4-H Day at the State House!

Middle and high school Vermont 4-H members spent February 24th at the Vermont State House. They explored the building, learned how bills move through the Legislature, met officials—including Department of Labor Commissioner Kendal Smith (4-H alum!), Representative Michelle Bos-Lun (previous Extensionist!), Representative Topper McFaun, and Lieutenant Governor John Rodgers (4-H alum!)—and shared their own 4-H experiences throughout the day.

Photo credit to Molly McFaun

## 4-H Team Builds Award Winning Bridge!

Way to go Henry Lawrence, Ian Kascha-Hare, and Lane Fortune of the High Hopes 4-H Club. They participated in Vermont State University's Middle School Bridge Competition. In their engineering project with their 4-H club, they built scale models. Then, they chose the design features of each model and blended them into a cohesive, whole bridge. Their bridge held 3rd highest weight in the contest against 31 other middle school teams.

Photo credit Amy Lawrence (in the photo, left to right is Lane, Ian, Henry)





## Young Explorers 4-H Club!

Shoutout to the Young Explorers 4-H Club in Bennington! This group is all about hands-on learning, trying new things, and having fun, from baking and agriculture to STEM and outdoor adventures. It's great to see young members building skills, confidence, and friendships while exploring everything 4-H has to offer. Keep up the awesome work!

[Learn More!](#)

## Chittenden County Quiz Bowl!

After a snowstorm forced us to postpone the Chittenden County 4-H Quiz Bowl Contest, we were able to bring both the Hippology and Quiz Bowl contests together for one exciting evening on Friday, March 27 at the University of Vermont. Just under 30 4-H members from Chittenden, Addison, and Lamoille counties participated.

A big thank you to the leaders and parents who helped with correcting, monitoring rooms, scorekeeping, and moderating, these events truly take a village to make possible for our 4-H members.

Photo credit Mary Fay (full contest results can be viewed on our Facebook page)



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