



## 4-H Green Mountain Clovergram

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

May 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)

### Eastern States Exposition Scholarships Available!

Did you know there are several scholarship opportunities available through Eastern States Exposition for youth who have participated in Big E programs? These scholarships support New England students pursuing higher education and recognize leadership, participation, and commitment to agriculture and youth programs. [Deadlines are quickly approaching so check them out today!](#)



### Vermont FEAST Youth Summit May 21, 2026

FEAST season is fast approaching! If this is your first time hearing about this program, FEAST stands for Food Education And Sustainable Thinking. It is an annual youth led summit centered around bringing students together. At FEAST, participants will delve into new learning with youth-led workshops discussing topics like agriculture, food systems, culinary skills, gardening,



composting, climate, and more. FEAST will take place on May 21 at Billings Farm in Woodstock. Reach out to Dana Hudson with questions at [dhudson@shelburnefarms.org](mailto:dhudson@shelburnefarms.org) or [Register Here](#).

## 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](#)



## 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](#)

## 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!](#)



## Animal Approval Forms Due!

Rabbits and Poultry approval forms are due July 1st.

Approval forms can be found on the **4-H website**; scroll towards the bottom of the page to find your animal project.

Thank you for getting your forms in on time.

## Upcoming Events

### 4-H State Communications Day

May 9, 2026

Davis Center, Burlington

### State 4-H Working Steer Workshop

May 17, 2026

Tunbridge Fairgrounds

### 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl

June 7, 2026

Bridport, VT

### State 4-H Horse Communications Contest

June 10, 2026

South Burlington

### Northeast Region 4-H Horse Clinic

June 14, 2026

Orleans County Fair

### State 4-H Horse Show

July 10-12, 2026

Essex Junction, VT

### Outdoor Family Weekend

September 11-13, 2026

Stillwater State Park

See all upcoming events here

## Volunteer Vibes

(Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay inspired.)

### Volunteers Needed: State Communications Day

We're looking for volunteers to support our State Communications Day on Saturday, May 9 at UVM! Help is needed with registration, judging, and tallying results. This is an amazing event that showcases Vermont 4-H youth through presentations, performances, and exhibits, so you won't want to miss it.

Interested? Reach out to [amy.miller@uvm.edu](mailto:amy.miller@uvm.edu) to get involved!

### Vermont 4-H Foundation Informational Session May 20, 2026 12:00-12:30pm

Want to make a lasting impact on youth across the state? The Vermont 4-H State Foundation is looking for new board members to help grow opportunities, strengthen programs, and support the next generation of leaders. Whether you're a 4-H alum, parent, partner, or simply someone who believes in Positive Youth Development, your skills and passion are needed.

Take your lunch break with us and hear what board involvement looks like and how you can get involved.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89094973767?pwd=aTAITk34MznHOvOUTA8eMZ6Vullax1.1>

Meeting ID: 890 9497 3767

Passcode: 636508

## 4-H Highlights & Stories

(Head. Heart. Hands. Health.)

## New 4-H Shooting Sports Club: Nocked and Loaded!

We were excited to see our new 4-H Shooting Sports club, Nocked and Loaded, participate in Tractor Supply's Demo Days! 4-H'ers brought great energy to the store, helping create a fun, welcoming atmosphere while also boosting support for 4-H through in-store fundraising. Thank you to the Nocked and Loaded club for representing 4-H and making the day a success!



## Youth Turkey Calling Contest!

The 20th Annual Bart Jacob Memorial Youth Turkey Calling Contest, sponsored by the Oxbow Mountain 4-H Club and underwritten by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department was a huge success, with 50 participants. Our biggest year ever!



**Division I (ages 1-7)**  
welcomed 14 young callers  
and every participant took  
home a prize—way to go!

**Division II (ages 8-10) had 13 callers**

1st: John Davenport (age 9)

2nd: Blake Butler (age 10)

3rd: Mack Parsons (age 10)

**Division III (ages 11-13) had 18 callers**

1st place: Sawyer Sheldon (age 11)

2nd place: Reed Shepard (age 13)

3rd place: Liam Quesnel (age 13)

**Division IV (ages 14-18) had 5 callers**

1st: Samuel Luis (age 18)

2nd: Spencer Sheldon (age 18)

3rd: Noah Buck (age 15)



A big thank you to the Oxbow Mountain 4-H Club and all who helped organize and support this long-standing event. It continues to be a favorite tradition for Vermont youth!

## State 4-H Horse Judging Contest!

Youth from across the state gathered for the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, where they demonstrated equine evaluation and selection skills while strengthening their communication and decision-making abilities. Youth evaluated classes, placed horses, and practiced explaining their reasoning, building confidence along the way.

Thank you to our volunteers and organizers who made the event possible, and congratulations to all participants for their hard work! Results will be posted on Facebook.





## State 4-H Quiz Bowl and Hippology Contest!

4-H youth put their equine knowledge to the test at the State Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology events on April 11th, 2026! Participants demonstrated their understanding of horse science, management, anatomy, and more through fast-paced quiz bowl rounds and hands-on hippology stations.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success: Jean Fay, Ashley Prisco, Martha Blades, Jolene Fontaine, Stephanie Bradley, Amanda Gifford, Melissa Morin, Catherine Thrasher, Carlie Rondeau, Aleigha Riendeau, Jenesy Zwart, Kelsey Paradee, Jaimie Grindle, Mary Fay



## Learning to Judge Sheep & Goats!

Youth had fun building their livestock evaluation skills during the Learning to Judge Sheep & Goats workshop. Participants learned how to evaluate animal structure, condition, and overall quality while practicing decision-making and communication skills. A big thank you to Wiggly Goat Farm for opening up their space and helping provide this hands-on learning opportunity!

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