

Cape Cod Cooperative Extension - Barnstable County



4-H NEWSLETTER
JUNE/JULY 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS

TACO BAR AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL - June 28, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy an evening with fellow 4-H friends and families. The evening will offer an opportunity to learn more about the “behind the scenes” of Fair, how to operate the 4-H kitchens, and youth building before, during and after fair and an opportunity to ask questions. Also, tips and advice will be offered on how to make your exhibit a blue ribbon winner. The evening will wrap up with a brief 4-H awards ceremony. If you would like to join us for this event please **RSVP by June 23rd**. *This is very important so we have a head count for food.*



BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR - July 16-23, 2011

We are still looking for many volunteers to help us out at the Fair in July. Please review the Fair flyer for shifts and/or times that you may be available to help out. We are looking for help in the 4-H Kitchen, the Demonstration Kitchen, the Youth Building Exhibits and Action Exhibits. Please let us know as soon as possible your availability as all adult volunteers will need to have a CORI on file prior to Fair.

PHOTO GALLERY



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PRE FAIR WORKDAYS

Schools Out For Summer 4-H Fair Workday ~ June 23

Our first workday in the Youth Building is scheduled for Thursday June 23rd from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We did this last year and had a great turnout. We were able to get so much done before the Fair madness of July set in. Please spread the word and be ready to use some elbow grease to get things clean and shiny to show that 4-H Makes the Best Better! The second workday is scheduled for July 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Call Judy for more info at 508-375-6696 or email jvollmer@barnstablecounty.org

DINNER AND DESSERT ANYONE!

On Tuesday, June 28th all 4-H members and their families are invited to attend a Taco Dinner and Ice Cream Social at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The intent of this evening is to offer 4-H members and their families an opportunity to learn and ask questions about how to operate the 4-H kitchens and youth building, before, during and after fair. Also, tips and advice on how to make your exhibit a blue ribbon winner. The evening will wrap up with a brief 4-H awards ceremony. If you would like to join us for this event please **RSVP by June 23rd**. *This is very important so we have a head count for food.*

4-H DOG EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The State 4-H Dog Camp was held again at 4-H Camp Farley May 20-22 with many participants and their dogs! WOW that's a lot of woof! It was wonderful to see all the 4-H kids and their dogs participating in numerous educational workshops. This annual event focuses on many aspects of dog knowledge including first aid, obedience, grooming, service dogs, dog agility and clicker training. Other than a little damp and cool weather there was a great 4-H attitude and all 4-H dog members participated in a very valuable learning opportunity. Many thanks to Nancy Searle for organizing this event and of course our own 4-H Volunteer Judy Dow and all the other 4-H Muddy Paws parents/volunteers who served as chaperones and also doubled as workshop presenters. Leslie Harmon who did her first aid workshop, Jimmy Hazelton and Jake Smith for running errands and lugging luggage and Maria Smith for her workshop on scrap booking. We really appreciate your support for being an integral part of this experience. Congrats on a job well done!

State 4-H Dog Show was held June 11th at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds and once again thanks to Judy Dow for all her efforts to organize, manage and support this annual event. Also "Congrats" to Emeline Janowicz for her outstanding showmanship class award and Judy says "next year she has to make the 4-H Dog Knowledge test even harder," just kidding!

Also Muddy Paws 4-H Club says thanks to the Osterville Library by contributing a puppy basket to their auction as the club meets there occasionally, thanks to Chris Connor for putting it all together!

4-H WALK FOR HEALTHY KIDS

The 6th annual 4-H Walk for Healthy Kids was a very successful event for Barnstable and Plymouth County 4-H programs. Once again it was a beautiful warm spring evening with lots of activity on the canal and lots of walkers. Following the walk many 4-H'ers participated in a kite flying activity, experiencing the power of wind. A picnic supper concluded this event and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all our volunteers that made this event such a success.

Congratulations to all the 4-H Clubs who received sponsorships especially from Equus Friends 4-H Club and Muddy Paws 4-H Club for their contributions. We all had a wonderful evening and many folks only left because it was getting dark, as it was really a wonderful night. We are already looking forward to the 2012 4-H Walk, but in the meantime stay active, keep walking and be healthy!

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following 4-H'ers who received 4-H scholarships through the generosity of the Barnstable County 4-H Advisory Council: Nicole Tyndall of Marstons Mills, Maggie Mondou of Sandwich, Kara Felegian of Centerville, Leah Murphy of Plymouth, Jennifer Estes of Falmouth, Nicole LaCroix of Yarmouth Port, Melanie Dorn of Plymouth, Erin O'Rourke-Robbins of Bourne, Sean O'Connell of Chatham, Kristin Branzetti of Sandwich and Kristen Handiwork of Falmouth.

Nicole Tyndall a member of the Saddle Up with 4-H Club will be attending the University of Findley in Ohio. Maggie Mondou, Leah Murphy and Melanie Dorn are members of the Equus Friends 4-H Club. Maggie will be attending the University of NH, Leah will be attending UMass Dartmouth and Melanie is going to the University of Vermont. Erin O'Rourke-Robbins was a 4-H Teen leader and Junior Fair Director for the past 6 years she will be attending UMass Boston. Kara Felegian, a member of Muddy Paws 4-H Dog Club will be attending Keene State. Sean O'Connell who was in the Pleasant Bay 4-H Hoppers for many years will be attending Johnson & Wales. Nicole LaCroix, a member of the Horsin' Around 4-H Club will be attending a college in Boston. Kristin Branzetti is an alum of Muddy Paws 4-H Dog Club currently at St. Anselm's. Jennifer Estes and Kristen Handiwork both prior members of the Apples & Oats 4-H Horse Club, attending Smith College and Boston College respectively.

We are so proud of you all and know that wherever you go you will take along all the life skills and fond memories you have gained from 4-H!

The money for these 4-H scholarships is raised at the 4-H Kitchen during the Barnstable County Fair, which takes many days of blood, sweat and tears to stay up and running for 8 days! Please help us continue to fund such incredible 4-H'ers by signing up for a shift or two in the 4-H kitchen.

CLUB NEWS/UPDATES

Well it's been a busy spring/early summer so far as there are many new 4-H clubs and programs happening all over the county. Hopefully everyone will get a chance to meet some of our new 4-H members at the June 28th event at the Fairgrounds.

Welcome to the following folks: Dru Crowell of Harwich leading the new **4-H Mini Hoofbeats** club focusing on miniature horses and a bit on dogs! Also "Welcome Aboard" to Anne Jennings, Grace O'Toole, Jan Foster and Amanda Waas at Smithfield Farm in Falmouth (formerly Moonakiss) for their new **4-H Horse Club**.

Our new **4-H Theatre Arts** club under the leadership of our own Tasha Ramos, who works here at Extension, is meeting regularly and enjoyed attending the 4-H Walk for Healthy Kids. She will also be helping out at the Fair this year. We can't wait to see what they are rehearsing!

The **4-H Beekeepers** club has been busy with prepping for the Fair. They've been cleaning up their pollinator garden that is in front of the Youth Building so please make sure to check it out when you come on June 28th. Get the lowdown on their experience with bee stings when servicing their hives.....a bit of tricky business!

The **Cape Cod 4-H Livestock** club is getting ready for fair season as well. They will be showing their animals, in fact, show season has already started for them and they are learning as much as they can. They also are great helpers in the 4-H Kitchen so we'll look forward to seeing them quite a bit.

The **4-H Wanderers** are so busy wandering around its incredible! Last weekend they did a bike trip from Dennis to Provincetown and before that they camped out in numerous places, keeping very active. For those of you who like the outdoors, make sure to ask them about some great camping or hiking ideas when you see them on June 28th.

Congrats to **4-H Equus Friends** for reorganizing their 4-H Club and with a little PR now have 13 new 4-H members! This club captures the essence of what makes a fantastic club, not only for their 4-H horse projects and drill team but for the learning, the friendship and the commitment that the club members have for each other, for their leaders Jan Pitney and Cassie Vaughn and for the genuine love of the 4-H program. These new recruits are very lucky to be a part of this special group. In fact several of the 4-H members who have aged out of the program are now back as assistant leaders! Also thanks to the club for making more pillows for patients at their local nursing home and for bringing these folks some big smiles and warm wishes.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY AG SOCIETY

A huge thank you goes out to the **Barnstable County Agricultural Society** for hosting the State 4-H Dog show each year and for allowing our 4-H Clubs to hold their meetings. We are very grateful for the meeting space and use of the grounds!

OTIS 4-H CLUB HAPPENINGS

Once again, in honor of Memorial Day, the Otis 4-H Adventure Club and 4-H Jr Chef Club placed flags on the 50 monuments found on the memorial path at the National Cemetery in Bourne. After saying the 4-H Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance, the 4-H club gathered to pay tribute to the men and women to whom the monuments are dedicated by reading each monument and then placing two American flags on each side of the monument. We had a great group that was very respectful and conscious of the meaning of the activity they were doing.

4-H is offering a special 6 week summer program every Wednesday afternoon on base from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Crosswinds until July 13th, called "4-H for the Fair". Children will be making special projects to be entered in the Barnstable County Fair. This is a great way to have some summer fun while creating hands-on projects that could become blue ribbon winners!

Also once again we will be offering four different pool parties to get all new folks acquainted with each other as well as introduce them to the 4-H Program and what our Otis 4-H Adventure club offers. These programs are open to all Cape Cod military families.

4-H ALUMNI NEWS

Welcome back to our world traveler! 4-H alum & volunteer Joe Barry just returned from the Middle East. Yes that's right, he ventured into Jordan living with a host family and truly experiencing a whole new world and way of life. He ended his trip in Istanbul and made some incredible observations while on his journey. I'm sure he has many interesting stories to tell. We hope Joe will be a guest at one of our 4-H events to share some of his worldly encounters with us!

4-H ADVISORY COUNCIL

I am so pleased to have met new 4-H volunteer Lynn Laporte of Bourne who will be helping with the Fair this year as well as on our Advisory Council. Also joining us on the Advisory Council are long time veteran 4-H moms Mindy Tagher and Donna Tyndall. We are thrilled to have you back in the saddle again!

SPOTLIGHT ON CLUB LEADER

Congrats to our own Sharon Mendes on the publication of her first children's book about the love of horses and 4-H at Laura Lee Farm! Hopefully we'll have a copy at the Fair for folks to see!



BABYSITTING CORNER



Upcoming Classes:

Centerville Library: June 23 & 24 from 12 - 4:00 p.m.
Contact 508-790-6220 ext. 304 for more information.

Brewster Ladies Library: June 29 & 30 from 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
Contact 508-896-3913 ext. 12 for more information.



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MORE 4-H NEWS



4-H Youth Sunflower Growing Project

This spring Barnstable County 4-H launched a Youth Sunflower Growing Project county wide. We invited over 1,500 children including our own 4-H members, to participate in this sunflower growing project. Each participant will also have the opportunity to enter their sunflowers into either the Truro Ag Fair Contest in September or the Barnstable County Harvest Festival Contest in October. Contest registration forms can be found on our website.

International 4-H Program Update

In February, national 4-H Council invited a small group of executives from 4-H programs around the world to meet at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD for the First International 4-H Executive Conference. This group of leaders met to explore the potential for a global 4-H partnership. As a result of this convening, the group has outlined a vision meant to mobilize 4-H partners worldwide.

Many of you may remember many Barnstable County 4-H Volunteers hosting IFYE's (International Four H Youth Exchange) and participating in exchanges over the past 30 + years. This is exciting to see the momentum again with this effort. We've had many Japanese youth, and some from Switzerland/Germany and numerous others visit us over the years.



Be sure to visit the official 4-H website at www.4-H.org for up to date state news and information!