Upcoming Events

Calendar

SRI 4-H Fair Clean Up
July 1
ERI & NRI 4-H Fair Entries Due
July 1
Sheep & Goat (0-6 months) ESE Management Forms due at State Office
July 1
State 4-H Horse Show
July 7

GIS Training
July 10

ERI 4-H Fair
July 20 & 21

Block Island and Roger Williams Zoo Bike Tours
July 23rd

Foster Old Home Days Fair
July 25th-28th

Resume and Interview Workshop
July 30th

Mighty Middletown Studies Marine Biology
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The Mighty Middletown 4H club has studied marine biology this year. They have had many opportunities to study the plants, animals, and ecology of the aquatic habitats of Rhode Island.

On April 30th, the Mighty Middletown 4H club cleaned up the Carr Point Beach in Middletown. This made the beach a better place for plants and animals to live, and also more enjoyable for people to visit. They found glass bottles, plastic soda can holders, and other garbage. All of those things can endanger the animals and suffocate the plants.

Mighty Middletown 4H also took a trip to Biomes, a marine biology center in North Kingston, Rhode Island. There they learned about marine animals of Narragansett Bay and the Atlantic ocean. Among the fun exhibits in this hands-on center was a live demonstration of a puffer fish, and shark and skate-petting.

Lastly, the Mighty Middletown visited Sandy Point Beach for a scientific investigation of aquatic life and trash on the beach. We learned to use a transect line to count and collect data on the numbers of shells, crabs, and trash present on the beach from the tidal zone to the dune zone. Look for our club exhibit on shore creatures and trash at the Eastern RI 4-H Fair!
National 4-H Conference is an annual “working” conference of approximately 300 4-H teens from all fifty states, Canada, and US Territories and is held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This six-day experience provides opportunity for input from youth, volunteers and staff into the National 4-H Program. Conference delegates spend about 12–15 hours in an issue group where they get to know each other, have open discussions, and write up a proposal to the Secretary of Agriculture that they design to help the nation’s youth, participate in special interest forums chosen by the delegate, attend assemblies with top-notch inspirational speakers, and spend a day on Capitol Hill sharing information with our state’s Congressional delegation. Besides the work, there is plenty of time for fun! Delegates spend their free time sightseeing the major monuments including the Jefferson, Lincoln, W.W. II, Vietnam, 9/11, and Theodore Roosevelt Memorials, Arlington Cemetery during the changing of the guard, Washington Monument, and more, exploring the Smithsonian Museums, having a night on the town in Washington D.C., relaxing at dinner theater, talent shows, dances, and making new friends. In additional to all this there is also a spectacular closing banquet each year at a variety of unique places from river cruises to the Smithsonian Museum of American History after closing time.

To be eligible you must be:

- 15–18 years old as of January 1st, 2013
- be enrolled in 4-H
- submit a 2-page resume highlighting skills you developed in 4-H and
- participate in a group interview

Up to 3–4 delegates can be selected, and must score a minimum of 90 on their applicant score sheet. The deadline for all forms to be into the State 4-H Office is October 30th, 2013. For more information visit: [http://web.uri.edu/4h/4-h-projects/national-conference/](http://web.uri.edu/4h/4-h-projects/national-conference/), or the National 4-H site: [http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/).
4-H Club Foundation Golf Tournament

On Saturday, June 8th, 82 golfers participated in the 4-H Club Foundation's Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. This year's tournament was dedicated to the memory of Dave Burnham, a long time 4-Her and past President of the 4-H Club Foundation Board of Directors. The sun was shining bright when the golfers “hit the links” at the Laurel Lane Golf Course in West Kingston. After 18 competitive holes, the golfers and volunteers enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner, a raffle, and a silent auction. Awards to the top golfers were presented.

Not only was it a fun day, but the tournament raised funds that will support 4-H programming and activities throughout the year. We owe a great deal of thanks to Mike Camacho and his hard working Golf Committee as well and the many 4-H volunteers who helped make the day a huge success.

Foundation Raffle

The RI 4-H Club Foundation sponsors a number of fundraising activities throughout the year and the proceeds go to supporting RI 4-H programs. One of the Foundation’s biggest fundraisers is our Annual Raffle. Tickets will be on sale at our Golf Tournament (June 8th) and at all the Fairs this summer. Tickets can also be purchased from any Foundation Board member. So, why not take a chance to win these great prizes and support RI 4-H?

R.I. 4-H Club Foundation

LAWN TRACTOR RAFFLE

Drawing to be held on October 26, 2013 at the RI 4-H Club Foundation Annual Alumni Event at Metcalf Elementary School, West Greenwich, RI

**TICKETS $20.00 EACH – MAX 1000 SOLD**

- **First Prize**
  2013 John Deere X300 Lawn Tractor with 42 inch deck and 10P Utility Cart
- **Second Prize**
  Timberwolf TW-P1 Log Splitter
- **Third Prize**
  Honda Generator EU2000I
Join RI 4-H for some fitness fun!

- **Block Island Bike Tour**– July 23rd, Must be 12 or over, parents welcome, $25 cost per person for round trip ferry ride or $35 per person including a bike rental. Pack a bag lunch or bring money for food. Pre-register by July 5th at 4 p.m. by emailing Heidi Wright at heidiw@etal.uri.edu

- **Roger Williams Park Bike Tour**– July 23rd, Any ages with adults required, $5 cost per person with a swan boat ride included in that cost. Pack your own lunch. This ride will be a scenic 2 mile ride with some hills. After the ride you can explore any of the following: RWP Zoo ($10/kid, $15/adult), the Carousel ($2/ride), the Boathouse, or Botanical Gardens ($1/kid, $3/ adult). Pre-register by July 5th at 4 p.m. by emailing Kristy Horan at kstone@uri.edu

**REQUIRED FOR ALL RIDES:**
- You must bring your own bike, except Block Island
  - You must bring & wear a helmet.

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**Resume and Interview Workshop**

Held on July 30th from 7-9 p.m. at the West Greenwich Community Center, this workshop will focus on how to write a good resume and give a great first impression at an interview, to help you stand out on paper and in person. These skills are applicable nearly everywhere now a days from getting a job to applying for a college scholarship. If you are applying for National 4-H Conference then you will be able to write your entire resume here and get pointers from the reviewers.

This workshop will be run by Deb Imondi, R.I. 4-H Foundation Chair and 4-H Scholarship Reviewer, and former 4-Her and National Conference delegate Samantha Tickey. Food and drinks will be provided. Pre-register by July 23rd by emailing Samantha Tickey at samanthatickey@yahoo.com

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**GIS Map Making Workshop**

Held on July 10th from 6-8 p.m. at Woodward Hall at the URI Kingston Campus.

This workshop will explore how to use the arcGIS Mapping Program to turn plant and animal sighting data collected by 4-Hers this past spring into maps. 4-H members parents and volunteers are invited to this workshop lead by Kim Pond and Ashley Bettencourt. Mass and CT 4-Her’s welcome too! Pre-register by emailing Heidi Wright at heidiw@etal.uri.edu.
ERI 4-H Country Fair

Cow Pie Throwing Contest
If you are looking for some fun why not bring your family out to throw some cow pies?! Judged by Amanda Leonardo from Cat Country’s Morning Show, this contest has phenomenal prizes this year with the under 12 year old winner receiving a $50 gift card to Barnes and Noble, and the over 12 year old winner receiving $150 cash! Visit http://eri4hfair.webs.com/ for official rules and we hope to see you there!

July 20th and 21st, 2013 located right on Glen Rd. in Portsmouth, RI
- $2.00 admission
- Fair is open from 9-5 both days
- Tons of free games and activities for

Mad Science
Mad Science will be hosting 3 free shows at ERI Fair at 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00 on Sunday July 21st. The feature performance will be their “Fire and Ice Science Show” where they conjure up a storm using dry ice, float a ball in mid-air, make taste-able burp potions, and much more!

Shows and Exhibits
Also don’t forget to check out the amazing exhibits! There will be a 4-H Dairy Cow Show, a 4-H Dairy Goat Show, a 4-H Poultry Show, an Open Beef Show, an Open Rabbit Show, an Open Horse Show, and both Club and Individual Exhibits! Support your local 4-Hers and go check out some of their projects in action!