Upcoming Events Calendar

SRI 4-H Fair
June 27-29

State 4-H Horse Show
July 06

ERI 4-H Fair
July 19-20

NRI 4-H Fair
July 25-27

Washington County Fair and ESE Horse
Entry Forms Due
August 01

Washington County Fair
August 13-17

ESE Dairy, Sheep, Goats, and Dog
Entries Due
August 20

The Big E
September 12-28

Fair Season!

Summer brings 4-Hers many opportunities to show off to the public what you have raised, built, and learned in the past year. Members and Cloverbuds who are in animal projects can enter shows at the fairs to show how they have worked with, trained, groomed and cared for their animals all year. In the Exhibit Hall, you can enter many different individual or club projects. Things like baked goods, vegetables, handmade clothing, crafts, art work, posters, photos, woodworking, a topic exhibit on the environment, on your club community service project, or on anything you have learned in 4-H can all be entered for the chance to win! Each 4-H fair also has several opportunities to get involved in the leadership of the fair. Members can give a speech, demonstrate a project, sponsor a fun or fund raising booth, lead games, or present a talent. Each fair also has unique classes such as bunny racing, hay loading contest, obstacle course, pie eating contest and many more!

Entry deadlines for each fair are:
ERI 4-H Fair: July 1st
NRI Fair: July 1st
Washington County Fair: August 1st

For more information on the fairs and entry forms, go to each fair’s page, all of which can be found here:
http://web.uri.edu/4h/fair-guides-and-rules/

For More Information:
Web.uri.edu/4h
401-874-2959

The URI 4-H Program is an educational program that combines hands on education and life skills. Youth can join community clubs, do 4-H in after-school settings and join as individual members. To join 4-H contact Kristy Horan at kstone@uri.edu.

URI is an equal opportunity employer committed to the principles of affirmative action.
On Saturday June 7th the Cantering Colts 4-H club participated and excelled in the annual Jr Solar Sprint Car race held at the Deering Middle School in Warwick. Middle school aged youth from all over the state gathered to race their solar car creations. Overall results of race day:

1st Place in Creative Design: "Fiji Flower" designed and built by Holly Lotter & Lydia Hughes

The Junior Solar Sprint is open to young people between the ages of 10 and 14, who design and race their own model solar electric cars with the guidance of teachers, troop or club leaders, parents or other helpful grownups. Young people develop hands on skills as engineers, craftspersons, scientists and solar power whizzes through this highly motivated learning experience. JSS teams use a standard photovoltaic solar panel, motor, rules and appropriate instruction, and they create the fastest, coolest car they can.

Leanne Warhol, Cantering Colts club volunteer says, “As our first time participating, we were not expecting much other than to learn a few things and have a great time. Well, our club far exceeded our expectations! We all (children and parents alike) had a great time in researching, building, and racing the Solar Cars. We look forward to more events such as this in the future.”

Participating club members were: Emily & Melanie Brown, Emily & Holly Lotter, Xen Fay, Gabreale Chace, Grace Barden, Lydia Hughes, and Joey Parent.

Back in March, 4-H leaders from several clubs around the state attended a training workshop at the Apeiron Institute’s Sustainable House in Coventry. Here, leaders received information and hands-on experience on bringing the solar sprint car program to their club members. All participating clubs received parts kit to build 10 cars, provided by funding from the RI 4-H Club Foundation.
Member Spotlight: Megan Elwell

Megan Elwell of the Aquidneck Riders club was recognized on May 9th with an award of the RI Secretary of State’s 2014 Civic Leadership Award. One male and one female student who make outstanding contributions to their high schools and their communities are nominated from high schools in RI. Recipients are picked based on who best meets the ideals of the award: public service, leadership ability and academic achievement. Megan received the overall award for the state based on her commitment to civic leadership which involves her Citizenship activities through 4H as well as beyond.

July Leaders Meetings

In July, there will be several meetings for 4-H leaders to plan for the 2014-15 year. The dates and places are:

ERI Leaders Meeting:
Tuesday 7/8, 7:00PM— 8:30PM at
Middletown Community Room at the Police Station
123 Valley Rd, Middletown, RI 02842

SRI Leaders Meeting:
Saturday 7/12, 8:30AM— 10:00AM at
West Greenwich Community Room
274 Victory Hwy, West Greenwich 02817

NRI Leaders Meeting:
Monday 7/14, 6:00PM— 7:30PM at
Greenville Public Library
573 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI 02828

If you would like to attend one of these meetings, contact Heidi Wright at heidi_wright@uri.edu and let her know which meeting you would like to go to.

Refreshments will be served at all meetings.

Congratulations to all of our 4-Hers who are graduating this year! All of us at the 4-H office wish you good luck in your future!
On Saturday, June 7th, 96 golfers hit the links, playing in the Annual RI 4-H Club Foundation Golf Tournament. This year’s tournament was held in memory of Joe Hunt, a long time Foundation Board member and avid supporter of RI 4-H. The sun shone brightly on Fenner Hill Golf Course as players competed in a scramble format. Afterwards, participants, volunteered and guests enjoyed a delicious steak fry dinner and a raffle. All proceeds from the tournament will go to be fit RI 4-H programs and activities.