

March 1 - May 2, 2026



RI 4-H News

University of Rhode Island, Cooperative Extension

4-H Leadership Training

On March 14th, 15 4-H youth and 10 4-H Volunteers took part in a joint youth/adult Leadership Training at URI's East Farm. Led by Dr. Tolani Eiland, we started out by learning how to work with each other and introduce partners by learning about our strengths and interests. Then we pivoted to learn about evaluation as a tool for growth, different types of evaluation and tips and hints for using and understanding evaluation in 4-H. The day ended with a hands-on activity learning how to evaluate recordbooks!



Upcoming Events

5/9 - Rabbit Workshop

6/6- 6/7 - 4-H Teen Retreat

6/13- Junior Adventure Day

6/26- 6/28- SRI 4-H Fair



Horse Ed. Symposium

The 4-H Horse Symposium brought together a half dozen speakers and 4-H leaders who taught over fifty 4-H youth on March 15th. Dr. Alice Enis led the charge with a very hands-on workshop on equine vetting. We also learned from local experts about saddle fitting, equine massage therapy, and more. This event brought together those from within and without the horse community! A special thank you to our friends at Journey's End for hosting this event and for their enthusiasm to help with 4-H equine education!

Ignite Washington Trip

Eight RI youth, and 2 chaperones attended the 2026 Ignite 4-H Conference in DC. The youth participated in workshops focused on career tracts, listened to multiple keynote speakers and participated in team and skill building activities. They pitched a Water cleanup day at the "Lead to Change Program" and submitted for a \$2000 youth led grant opportunity. The youth are incredibly grateful to the RI 4-H Club Foundation and the National 4-H Council for helping fund this experience.

4-H Photo Fine Arts Fair

The Warwick Mall again graciously allowed us to hold our yearly Photo Fine Arts Fair at their facilities. Over 140 artworks were exhibited by 4-Hers across the state. Thank you to all the volunteer judges and the RI 4-H Foundation Volunteers Domenic & Karilynn Distefano, Marcia Morreira, Anne and Dan Shippee for their help throughout the night. This art fair allows the youth to reflect on the world around them, learn to express themselves and learn new artistic skills and techniques. It is also a great 4-H advertising opportunity.



PBS field Trip

To complement our 4-H communications programs, a collaboration with Ocean State Media (formerly RI PBS) has taken shape culminating in a field trip to the studio. On April 24, 26 youth toured the Ocean State Media facilities, from the control rooms, to the makeup studio, to the sets! We learned how live radio and TV programs are planned and aired, and then we filmed, edited, and screened our own educational videos.



Roger Williams Natural History Museum and Planetarium

On May 2, 30 youth visited the planetarium at Roger Williams Natural History Museum for a private show about how the cosmos were created. Then, we took a self-guided tour of the museum. This trip also offered free zoo tickets for all youth participants, so we could spend the rest of the day learning about animals at the Zoo!