

Officially summer! What's your favorite thing to do in the summer?  
Mine is sitting on the deck with my morning coffee (and s'mores with homemade marshmallows from the Farmer's Market! The BEST!)

This week in the news:

- ✿ CDC Mobile game app for concussion safety
- ✿ Model Horse Show example (new this year in the Fair)
  - ✿ Goat Fitting Contest at our Fair!
  - ✿ Blue Slope Farm Camp Fire - TONIGHT
  - ✿ UConn Basketball Tickets on sale now
  - ✿ Field of Green Farmers Market
  - ✿ Association of CT Fairs news
- ✿ Incredible Wearables: 2017 4-H National Youth Science Day experiment
  - ✿ UConn Vegetable Specialist Position opening
- ✿ 4-H Qualifying Dog Show & Big E 4-H Dog Show info
  - ✿ Firefly Farms Fundraising opportunity for clubs

The Readers Digest version of Fair News :

- ✿ July 28-30
- ✿ Animal entry forms due July 10, available in the Fairbook and [here](#).
- ✿ Robotics Challenge 2017 4-H Fair (open to all CT 4-H'ers)- see attached
  - ✿ Link to the Fairbook online:  
<http://www.newlondoncounty4h.uconn.edu/Expo.php>
- ✿ Check out the new classes: Hay, Model Horse Show, Explorers, Yak
- ✿ Also new: 4-H Horse Exhibition, Draft Horse/Driving Exhibition and workshops, Ox Pull time change - 3:00 p.m. Sat., Goat Fitting Contest
- ✿ 4-H Market and Tag Sale - see attached, please spread the word
  - ✿ Challenge Grow - see attached
  - ✿ Scarecrow Contest - see attached
- ✿ Looking for someone to take charge of the Ice Cream Social for the weekend - the Superintendent Kiera will get the supplies and donations but will be away the weekend of the fair.
- ✿ Fair Family Movie is back to Saturday Night 9:00 p.m.

- ✿ Basket Bonanza located in the exhibit hall is in need of donations of all sizes: small, medium, large. The donation does not have to be in a basket.
- ✿ CT 4-H Explorers at the Fair- see attached

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## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Rocket Blades Gaming App
Concussion and Helmet Safety App

**Blast Off into Concussion Safety with CDC HEADS UP Rocket Blades!**

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The app aims to teach children:

- the different ways the brain can get hurt during sports activities.
- how important it is to tell a coach, parent, or other adult when an injury occurs.
- the importance of taking time to rest and recover if they have a concussion.

**Download the App for Free**

[Download the HEADS UP Rocket Blades at no cost!](#) (The app is currently only available in the Apple App Store. An Android version of the app is coming soon.)

Download on the App Store

**Concussion Safety and Rocket Blades**

Parents and Coaches: Kids want to hear from parents and coaches about concussion safety.

- [Download a handout on concussion to share with your kids](#) [PDF - 4 MB]
- [Get tips for talking to your kids about concussion](#) [PDF - 5 MB]

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In case anyone is wondering what a model horse show scene might look like, here is a simple example. The flower box is actually a painted pencil holder, and the jump is made from balsa wood and held up with binder clips.



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**Goat Fitting Contest!**  
**Sunday, July 30, 9:30 a.m.**

The Goat Show Fitting Competition will start at 9:30 on Sunday morning in the goat barn. The participating goat showmen will be split into teams. The contest is a chance for 4-Hers to work together to fit an animal to their best ability. The participants will have 45 minutes to fit the animal they are assigned. The shortest blade that participants may use is a size ten. One of each of the following per team may be used, milking stand, clippers, extension cord, tarp, five gallon bucket, brush, baby wipes and a broom. Participants may not trim their animal's feet with hoof trimmers! The team that fits their animal the best will be chosen by a judge and will win a prize.

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**Blue Slope Farm Campfire TONIGHT!**



**Summer Campfire at Blue Slope Country Museum on June 23**

Come on and pull up a seat!  
Come and join us at our campfires.  
Roast Marshmallows, Drink Lemonade or water  
hear a tale or two, non scary.  
sing old, new, rounds, actions and folk songs.  
**Added surprises each night!**  
\$5.00 per person/\$20.00 per a family  
please bring something to sit on.  
campfires go on whether its raining or dry.  
come on and have some fun!



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**SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

SEASON TICKET HOLDER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Personal service contact
- The best seats at the best prices
- Access to payment plan option
- Exclusive time to select your season ticket location(s) using our new Huskies Seats 3D online selection system
- 2 Husky Athletic Fund priority points per seat
- 25% off Husky gear on gamedays
- Invitation to exclusive events

MEN'S BASKETBALL		WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
HOME OPPONENTS INCLUDE VILLANOVA, WICHITA STATE, & CINCINNATI		HOME OPPONENTS INCLUDE NOTRE DAME, MARYLAND & LOUISVILLE	
CAMPBELL	<b>10</b> GAMES <b>\$320</b> PER SEASON TICKET*	CAMPBELL	<b>7</b> GAMES <b>\$168</b> PER SEASON TICKET*
XL CENTER	<b>8</b> GAMES <b>\$256</b> PER SEASON TICKET*	XL CENTER	<b>7</b> GAMES <b>\$168</b> PER SEASON TICKET*

\*Note: All prices include \$2 per game F.I.T. (Facilities Investment Together) fee. For more information, please go to UConnHuskies.com/ST

**BUY YOUR SEASON TICKETS NOW >**

For personal service call **877-AT-UCONN** (or 860-405-6000)

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[Visit our website for more information](#)

## Mark Your Calendars – Summer Markets are Here! Field of Green

Join us as we open our two amazing markets:

- July 7, at Williams Park in New London
- July 11, at Washington Park in Groton

All markets are open from July – October and all from 3-6pm. YAY!

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Register here [click](#)

For more information [click here](#)

Agenda: among the items up for discussion are the bylaws & fair classification changes. All are welcome!

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***National Youth Science Day Experiment***

*I encourage you to watch the video to see this year's experiment. The 4-H office will have kits arriving in August and myself or Ms. Heidi are happy to visit a club and do the experiment with you!*

Incredible Wearables!

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## ***Sneak Peek: 4-H National Youth Science Day***

4-H National Youth Science Day will be here before we know it! Take this opportunity to watch our “How-To” video. *Incredible Wearables* is a hands-on project that challenges young people to use the engineering design process to build a wearable fitness tracker that will help people lead healthier lifestyles. This video provides a step-by-step look at the 2017 4-H NYSD Challenge!

[Watch the Video](#)

There are only 5 weeks left to order your 4-H NYSD kits at the reduced pre-sale rate. Order your kits now!

[Buy Your Kits](#)

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**UConn Vegetable Specialist position**

Please see the attached link for the vegetable specialist position.

[http://web2.uconn.edu/uconnjobs/faculty/schools\\_colleges/cahnr.php](http://web2.uconn.edu/uconnjobs/faculty/schools_colleges/cahnr.php)

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## Hampton County Fair: 4-H Qualifying Dog Show & Big E 4-H Dog Show info

Hello,

This is a bulk e-mail being sent from the Tolland County 4-H office on behalf of the Hampden County 4-H Fair open dog show.

Click [here](#) Hampton County 4-H Fair book. The fair is held at the Big E fairgrounds (875 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA 01089) in the Mallary Complex on July 29, 2017. Although not stated in the Fairbook; I have verified that this 4-H Fair Dog show (starting on page 26 of their Fairbook) is open to CT 4-H members. To enter you must use their Fair entry forms ( on pages 59-60 instructions are included). Participants from CT do not qualify for premiums for this dog show.

This is a qualifying show for the Big E 4-H Dog Program which will be held September 30-October 2.

- Click [here](#) for the Big E 4-H Dog Program packet (due August 21 see instructions on form for details)
- Click [here](#) for online entry form for the Big E for exhibitors (for youth and their dogs competing)
  - Click [here](#) for on line registration for the Big E for stewards

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## Firefly Farms "Camp Out with the Cows"

Firefly Farms in North Stonington is having a "Camp Out with the Cows" event on 8/5. They are looking for a 4-H club that would be interested in selling water/sodas/baked goods to the campers as a fundraiser. The event could have up to 250 campers. If your Club is interested in using this event as a fundraising opportunity, please contact Rob Sawyer at [rob@thesawyerfarms.com](mailto:rob@thesawyerfarms.com) by 6/15 and he will put you in touch with Firefly Farms.

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*If any of our 4-H Families have any questions AT ALL about the Fair or 4-H in general, don't hesitate to call/email/message me! We have so many wonderful opportunities for youth, but it can be bewildering!*

*Ms. Pam*