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A Look Ahead...

It seems that when we are finally able to move forward, we get knocked back down again because of COVID-19. Since Maryland 4-H had opened up for some in-person programming, Carroll County 4-H clubs hosted shooting sports practices, drive-thru fall events and we had several clubs approved to start hosting in-person club meetings. Unfortunately on November 16th, we were shut down again due to the increase of COVID-19 cases. As much as we want to be back in-person, we know that keeping all of our 4-H families safe and healthy is the utmost importance right now.

We ask that you continue to read the *Tribune* for updates on programs as we are currently working on offering virtual events over the next couple months. We will be hosting another Veterinary Science program with guest speakers, the Blah's is transitioning to "Blah's in a Box" and our livestock weigh-ins will occur in-person as an essential event. Look for more contests to participate in too! Our Ambassador Team has continually met and offered family game nights and county-wide service projects. We have great 4-Hers who are organizing and hosting Clover activities too!

Of course with the unknown of everything right now, we do not know what our 2021 year will look like. However, please know that we are working closely with volunteers who run many animal related practices, club meetings, Skillathon and bowl practices and the demonstration and public speaking contest. We do hope to be able to hold these activities in person and are moving forward as such, but with the unknown of the coming months, we are asking everyone to be patient as we await more directives from Maryland 4-H and the University of Maryland Extension on acceptable program formats.

We will continue to send out the newsletter along with timely emails for any updates that can be shared. Keep an eye on our social media pages (UME – Carroll County and Maryland 4-H) for county and statewide opportunities. Even though it's not what we want to happen, there are many opportunities to connect virtually.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) as the Extension Office has also been put on full telework again. If you have items like senior portfolios, livestock registration forms, etc. to drop off at the office, please use the large drop box at the Extension Office.

GOOD LUCK KIRA!!! I also want to share that Kira Huber, 4-H Educator, has made the difficult decision to move into a new position outside of Maryland 4-H. This decision was not easy for her to make and her last day was on November 30th. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

With this news, Becky will be the only 4-H Educator at this time. When we are able to move forward with hiring for the Carroll County 4-H Program, we will let everyone know. Please know this will take some time as the state is under a hiring freeze.

Please be patient during this time. We know that we have great volunteers and 4-H families that will help keep us moving forward!

4-H Enrollment for 2021

ALL 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers will need to enroll for the 2021 4-H year by logging into 4-H (v2.4honline.com) to complete your 2021 enrollment. Please note that EVERYONE (4-H MEMBERS, CLOVERS AND UME VOLUNTEERS) will need to log into their family accounts that you created in 2020 and re-enroll each person listed on your account. DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT – LOG IN USING YOUR EMAIL AND PASSWORD. If you have forgotten your password, there is an option to restore your password.

ALL 4-H MEMBERS including CLOVERS MUST PAY THEIR \$10 PARTICIPATION FEE THROUGH 4-H ONLINE. The insurance fee for 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers will still be paid through your 4-H Club.

4-H Online will open on January 6th for 2021 enrollment.

Remember you must be enrolled into the Carroll County 4-H Program by May 1, 2021 to be eligible to show at the 2021 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. UME VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ENROLL BY MARCH 1ST PER MARYLAND 4-H ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES.

If you have any questions, please email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu).

National 4-H Trip Deadline

If you are a senior 4-H member and would like to apply to be awarded a National Trip, then it's time to start thinking about that senior portfolio. Trips for Senior Portfolios include National 4-H Congress, Camp Miniwanca, West Virginia Older Members' Conference and Virginia 4-H Congress. If you are applying for a National Trip, don't forget to fill out an application at: <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/leadership-trips-diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships> **All senior portfolios are due by January 4, 2021 to the Extension Office.** If you would like help or advice on putting together a senior portfolio, please call Becky at the Extension Office. National Trip Interviews will be conducted on **Saturday, February 13, 2020 at the CC Extension Office.**

The 2021 Essay Topic: *"Explain the importance and power of 4-H involvement through connections during trying times."*

Clover Holiday Party

Join our 4-Hers as they have planned another great opportunity for our Clover members! We will be hosting a Clover Holiday Party on Friday, December 18th at 6 P.M. No need to register, just check out the attached flyer for the materials list and the Zoom link. Come celebrate at this virtual holiday party with crafts and cupcake decorating!

Diamond Clovers

****NEW DIAMOND CLOVER FORMS**** If you were unable to complete your 2020 Diamond Clover, you can continue with that same plan for 2021. If you are planning on starting a new level, please look at the new Diamond Clover forms.

Are you working towards achievement levels 1 thru 5 of the Diamond Clover Program? They are due to the Extension Office by **February 1, 2021**. All of the Diamond Clover forms can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county/4-h-youth/maryland-4-h-diamond-clover-award>

4-H Camp Update

This is normally the time of year when we send out 4-H camp leader position applications. Due to the circumstances this year, we are putting the application process on hold. *No applications were sent out this year like they were in previous years.* As we know more, we will stay in touch! Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time!



Dairy/Horse Bowl, Livestock Skillathon & Tractor Certification Participation

We are asking anyone interested in participating in Horse Bowl, Livestock Skillathon, Dairy Bowl and Tractor Certification programs to complete the registration form at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/Bridgewa/CC4HPrograms>

This will help us in knowing we are reaching anyone who is specifically interested in these programs gain information as it comes available. Also, once we are able to meet in-person, knowing how many 4-Hers could be attending will help with scheduling rooms.

Demonstration Contest

It's time to start thinking about Demonstration Day 2021! This event will be held on **Saturday, February 20th** at the Extension Office. Once registration closes, you will receive an email to sign up for a time slot for your demonstration. This is a new procedure due to COVID.

Start thinking about that demo you've been wanting to do. This is a great opportunity to compete at the county level while fulfilling a requirement for project records! All Demonstration Day registrations will be done on the Carroll County Fair website at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Once registration is open, an email will be sent to all families. Please know that we will be using a new registration system called ShoWorks, so your registration screen will look different this year. Early registration is highly encouraged to prevent any last minute computer malfunctions. Rules and regulations are attached to the end of this *Tribune*. If you have any other questions, call the Extension Office or Superintendents, Jenn Hiscock (443)244 -1633 or Erica McAndrew (410) 967-9399.

Public Speaking Contest

Prepare your speaking voices for the annual day of Public Speaking. Public Speaking Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 13th**. Once registration closes you will receive an email to sign up for a time slot for your speech. This is a new procedure due to COVID. Rules and Regulations will be in this *Tribune* and can be found on the fair website along with the registration. Once registration is open, an email will be sent to all families. A new entry system will be used this year called ShoWorks. ALL registration will be completed through the Carroll County Fair website at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office or Superintendents, Della Leister at (443)375-0123 or Rita Becker at (443)375-1114.



Beef Weigh-In and Tagging

We have scheduled beef/dairy steer, market heifers and commercial heifer weigh-in for **Saturday, January 9, 2020 at the Ag Center TRP Building beginning at 8 A.M. until 11 A.M.** Because of the location, all steers/heifers must be on a halter and reasonably broken! Market Animal Registration forms and AnSc Code of Ethics are at the Extension Office. **Remember, the registration form is a 2-part form. You must turn in the form intact. Remember to sign the front and back of the form (back of the white and yellow copies need to be signed).** Your copy will be given to you on the day of weigh-in. If you have questions, call 410-386-2760. **Registration forms are due to the CC Extension Office by Monday, January 4th.** Tag cost is \$2 per steer/heifer. *Please pay by check payable to CCEAC or include exact cash.*

If you need copies of the Animal Registration form, please email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and let her know how many copies along with an address to mail those to you.

ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE AN RFID TAG IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF WEIGH-IN. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN ORDER TO GET HEALTH PAPERS. THE RFID NUMBER NEEDS TO BE RECORDED ON THE LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION FORMS TOO.

Dairy Skillathon

The State Dairy Skillathon contest will be offered in 2021 and the best part about it is that it will be held at the Carroll County Extension Office on Saturday, February 13, 2021. The contest will have stations to Identify Breeds, Equipment, Feeds, Genetics, Animal Care, Dairy Products, Anatomy and Physiology. More information will be shared when available.



Vet Science Experience

Join us for a new Vet Science Experience 7-week program! We will be starting on January 14th and will have guest speakers joining us each week to talk about different aspects of veterinary science. ALL NEW TOPICS for this session!! This is a great opportunity if you have an interest in animals in general or are thinking about going to veterinary school. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/jeanneh4/2021MDVetScience> (Flyer will be coming out shortly with more details)

Horsemen's 4-H Party

The Annual 4-H Horsemen's Party is moving to a virtual format this year. Please hold the date if interested in attending. When more information is available, we will share it with everyone.



Animal Science Volunteer Webinar

We will be offering a 4-H Animal Science Project Updates Webinar for Volunteers on **Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00-8:30 P.M.** via WebEx. This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program policy and event changes/updates for 2021. This session will be of interest to Maryland 4-H Volunteers and Fair Volunteers working with 4-H members in the Animal Science program areas. Interested individuals should register at: <https://forms.gle/w8GU3w8qGyWRTFR19>

Horse Advisory Meeting

If you are interested in joining the Maryland 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting, it will take place on **Sunday, December 6th at 1 P.M.** During this meeting, plans will be discussed about the 2021 4-H Horse Project events including the State Horse Bowl, Communications, Hippology, Horse Judging, Art/Photography and the State Horse Show. Individuals wishing to join the advisory/planning session should send an email to Rebecca Bittner at regunder@umd.edu to request connecting information.

Dog Advisory Meeting

We invite 4-H Dog Project leaders and volunteers to join us for the annual Maryland 4-H Dog Project Advisory Meeting that will now be held on **Sunday, December 6, 2020, 6:00-8:00 P.M. via WebEx.** During this webinar, we will discuss and make initial plans for the 2021 Maryland 4-H Dog Project statewide events. We certainly missed being able to hold our statewide 4-H Dog Project events in 2020. Programming options for 2021 are still uncertain, but we look forward to discussing virtual, in-person, and blended approach event ideas for the new year during this session.

Mark your calendars! To receive the connecting information to join the webinar, please send an email to Ashley Travis at ashley90@umd.edu or Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu.

Sheep Shearing School

Shearing School is open to anyone wanting to learn commercial sheep shearing techniques and who is physically and mentally capable. (It is encouraged to have seen professional shearing in action prior to registering, so as to know the demands of commercial shearing techniques.) Fifteen participants will be selected from applications in order to optimize the instructor-to-learner ratio. Sheep Shearing School will take place **March 12-13, 2021.** More information can be found on the attached application.

States' 4-H Pen Pals

States' 4-H Exchange will be offering a first time ever Winter Pen Pal program! States' 4-H will match participants with an international peer from one of the participating countries. States' 4-H will make its best effort to match based on country preference, age, gender and interests. The program will run from Jan. 18, 2021 - April 18, 2021. Participants are asked to communicate with their pen pals at least two times per month throughout the duration of the program. Participants can apply at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY>. Check out the attached flyer for more information.



Blah's in a Box



It won't be exactly the same, but we want to keep everyone safe in 2021. We will not be able to hold our traditional Blah's event in person, but we are transitioning to a Blah's in a Box! We are working on putting together activity kits that you can do at home! There will be at least 10 activities and each box will cost \$15 (limited boxes available). Most supplies will be included with exception of glue, tape, glass jar, etc.

Boxes will be available for pickup on Saturday, January 30th from 9-11

A.M. at the Extension Office in a drive-thru pick up. If you have questions, email Becky (bridgewa@um.edu). Boxes can be paid for and reserved through this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blahs-in-a-box-tickets-129927126533>

Senior Ambassador Applications

Are you a Senior 4-H member and interested in being more involved in the 4-H program? Do you enjoy becoming involved with community projects, helping at the fair, and setting examples in leadership and citizenship in the community? If so, you are a perfect candidate to apply for the 2021-2022 Senior Ambassador Team! Applications can be found at the Carroll County Ambassador webpage and are attached to this month's *Tribune*.

Applications are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 12th and interviews will be held on Saturday, March 27th. If you have questions, please contact Becky at the Extension Office.

Maryland 4-H Virtual Activity Clubs

Maryland 4-H Winter Virtual Activity Clubs for 2021 are now ready for enrollment. Each club will be run in an online environment by 4-H educators and certified University of Maryland Extension 4-H volunteers. Although virtual activity clubs are new to Maryland 4-H, they will still contain all of the elements that have given Maryland 4-H its rich 100+ year history: hands-on learning, connections with peers and caring adults and an inclusive, safe environment.

To join a club, please complete the interest form using the links below and a 4-H Virtual Club Leader will connect with you to register your child (more than one child is welcome to join per family; please complete a separate form for each child). Please check each club for the meeting dates. Clubs vary in the start and end dates from January - May. More information can be found at: <https://go.umd.edu/VAC-W21>



Volunteer Refresher Course

The state 4-H program is requiring all UME Volunteers who have been a UME Volunteer for 5 or more years to complete the Maryland 4-H Volunteer Refresher Training. It never hurts to get updated on information for volunteering with the Maryland 4-H Program. You can complete the refresher from the comfort of your own home by visiting: <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/volunteers/training>

Volunteer Development Days

Maryland 4-H is excited to share a Development Day for our 4-H Volunteers. "Volunteers United!" Registration is now open! There is one remaining volunteer development training day open to any adult interested in enhancing their knowledge, skills and abilities. Information about the scheduled session along with a link to register is available on the Volunteer Training webpage. <https://go.umd.edu/vol> The last date to participate is December 12th and will be held virtually.

Leadership Council Meeting

Calling all 4-H Volunteers, Members and Families to join us for our next Leadership Council meeting on Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30 P.M. This is an opportunity to get updates on the Carroll County 4-H Program and to ask your questions and express any concerns. Just join us on Zoom at this link: <https://umd.zoom.us/j/96005408030>

Carroll County 4-H All Stars

Carroll County 4-H All-Stars will have our next meeting on Tuesday, January 19th immediately following the Volunteer Council Meeting. Due to the continued rise in COVID-19 cases, our meeting will be held virtually on Zoom. We will be spending the evening brainstorming candidates to scout who are deserving of the All-Star honor, as well as breaking the list up amongst ourselves for the paperwork to be completed. If you are unable to attend the meeting and know of 4-Hers or volunteers who you would like to scout to be an All-Star, please email our Scout, Cheryl Hill at chill1@umd.edu Thank you all for your service and dedication to the 4-H Program! Most importantly, please stay healthy!

MD 4-H Volunteers' Association

The Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association is very excited to be re-engaging with our volunteers throughout the state. In our re-engagement efforts, the Association wants to ensure that ALL volunteers know of their membership and ability to participate in our monthly meetings, training opportunities, and future events. The Volunteers' Association is open to all University of Maryland Extension trained volunteers! There is no membership application or fee to join. We are here to help everyone! Please save the dates below to join the Association at their upcoming meetings. Each meeting is hosted on Zoom and has the capability for you to connect over the internet or call-in.

January 14th at 7:00 pm

February 18th at 7:00 pm

March 25th at 7:00 pm



Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association

The Volunteers' Association is open to all University of Maryland Extension trained volunteers! There is no membership application or fee to join.

We are here to help everyone!

The Association serves volunteers in the following capacities:

- Training/Development
- Mentors
- Networking Opportunities
- Delivery of Information
- Advocates

You can stay connected with us at:

facebook.com/MD4HVOL OR md4hvolunteersassociation@gmail.com



Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting date is January 27th at 7:30 P.M.

Too many ribbons? Don't throw them away. If they are in good shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year! Don't throw them out, let's recycle!

Dates to Remember

December 6	Deadline for Upcycling Contest Submissions
December 25	Holiday - Merry Christmas
January 1	Holiday - Happy New Year!
January 4	Senior Portfolios Due for National 4-H Trip
January 4	Market Animal Registration Form for Beef Weigh-In Due to Extension Office
January 9	Beef Weigh-In and Tagging , 8 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Ag Center TRP
January 17	MD 4-H Gala (Virtual)
January 27	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
January 30	Beat the Mid-Winter Blahs
February 1	Diamond Clovers and Record Books Due
February 13	National Trip Interviews , Carroll County Extension Office
	Dairy Skillathon , Carroll County Extension Office
February 20	Demonstration Day , Carroll County Extension Office
February 24	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
March 13	Public Speaking Contest , Carroll County Extension Office

Carroll County 4-H Team



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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers.

<http://extension.umd.edu/4-h>

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact the Carroll County Extension Office at 410-386-2760, fax: 410-876-0132, at least two (2) weeks prior to the program.





**CARROLL COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
MR. AND MISS 4-H AND 4-H AMBASSADORS**

Application Due: No later than **Friday, March 12, 2021**
Deliver or Mail to: Carroll Co. Extension Office (4-H)
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster MD 21157
Interviews: Saturday, **March 27, 2021**

Dear 4-H Members,

If you are between the 4-H ages of 14 and 18 and would like to apply to be a Carroll County 4-H Ambassador, please submit the following items to the Extension Office **no later than Friday, March 12, 2021**.

Application Process Requirements:

- Completed Application Page (with photo), responses to Application Questions, and Resume.
- Two (2) letters of reference attached to application. Letters should support your consideration as Mr./Miss 4-H/Ambassador. Please make one letter from a 4-H adult, and one letter from a non-4-H adult. Letters may be from leaders, club officers, teachers, coaches, etc. No references from relatives will be accepted (even if they are your club leader).
- Reference Letters must be included with your application packet.
- **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION PACKET BY 3/12/21.** No faxed items will be accepted.
- Application packets not complete and received by **March 12, 2021** will not be considered.

Interview will take place Saturday, March 27, 2021:

- Be prepared with a five-minute presentation about "What new and exciting ideas will you bring to the Carroll County Ambassador Team?" You may use visuals. If you choose to use PowerPoint, your presentation must be sent to the extension office before the interview day.
- Be prepared to answer questions related to: Your 4-H experience, Leadership perspective, and Aspirations for 4-H and the Ambassador team.

If you have any questions about the Ambassador Program or about anything pertaining to the application and/or interview process, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-386-2760 or via email at bridgewa@umd.edu.

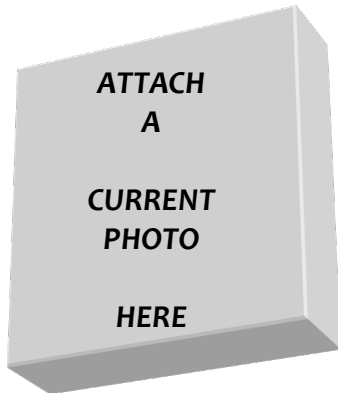
Becky Ridgeway

Becky Ridgeway
Extension Educator – 4-H Youth Development
UME – Carroll County



DUE TO: Carroll County 4-H
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157

Application Due: March 12, 2021



Interviews will be Saturday, March 27, 2021

CARROLL COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

[For promotional purposes, please attach a current photo -- forms without photos will not be accepted!!!!]

Full name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
4-H Club(s) _____
Years of Club Work Completed: _____ Projects Carried: _____

Shirt size: _____

School Level

- Name of high school: _____ Year of Graduation: _____
___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior
- Name of college: _____ Year of Graduation: _____
___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior
- Name of Technical or Trade School: _____
Field of Study: _____

I hereby give permission for the Carroll County 4-H Youth Development Program to use my name, photo, and above information for educational and promotional purposes without compensation.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____



CARROLL COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM MR. AND MISS 4-H AND 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION Questions

Please Complete Questions Below

1. Choose one of the 4-H Life Skills and describe how that skill has helped you continue being a leader through the COVID (2020) year?

2. The 4 H's are head, heart, hands, and health. Select one and describe why you believe it is the most important to you.

3. Who do you consider to be your role model and why? How have they influenced you to “Make the Best Better”?

4. How do you believe the Ambassador Team can better support the Carroll County 4-H program through a virtual platform?

5. Describe a leadership opportunity you had inside or outside of 4-H. Looking back on that opportunity, explain what you did well and what you could have improved.

Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks



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Erica McAndrew (410) 967-9399 erica.mcandrew@gmail.com
Assistants – Sandra Stonesifer (410-857-0416)

CONTEST: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. CARROLL CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

- **THERE WILL BE TIME ASSIGNMENTS THIS YEAR DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING AND COVID PRECAUTIONS. INSTRUCTIONS ON REGISTERING FOR A TIME WILL BE EMAILED OUT AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS CLOSED.**
 - **Participants will need to report to the registration desk in Burns Hall immediately upon arrival to check-in and wait until your assigned room is available. You will need to pre-register. Registration will occur through the Carroll County Fair website/registration system. Online registration will be announced when the system opens.**
 - **Classes – ages as of January 1 of the current year –
Clovers – ages 5-7; Junior – ages 8-10; Intermediate – ages 11-13; Senior – ages 14-18.**
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DIVISIONS – Rules and Regulations

1. Division A – Juniors (ages 8 thru 10)
2. Division B – Intermediates (ages 11 thru 13)
3. Division C – Seniors (ages 14 thru 18)
4. Division D – Clovers (ages 5 thru 7)
5. **Participants may give both an individual and team demonstration or illustrated talk. If two are given, they must be in different classes. One team member MUST contact superintendent to indicate who is giving the demonstration. BOTH team members must register online.**
6. **ATTENTION TOP CHEF CHALLENGE Participants: You will NOT be demonstrating in-person and will need to submit a video of you in advance of the contest.**
7. There is a limit of 3 demonstrations given per person.
8. The length of a demonstration or illustrated talk should be: Junior Division – minimum 5 minutes, maximum 8 minutes; Intermediate Division – minimum 8 minutes, maximum 10 minutes; Senior Division – minimum 10 minutes, maximum 15 minutes
9. Previous state champion demonstrators are eligible to compete in the same project area within each age division.
10. *Types of demonstrations participant can give:*
 - a. **Illustrated Talk** - Structured with an introduction, body, and summary. Instead of actually showing how to do, you explain how by use of illustrations, charts, or posters. You usually do this kind of talk in an area where you cannot actually show “how to do something” (i.e., How to Prepare a Compost Manure Bed).
 - b. **Formal Demonstration** - Structured with an introduction, body, and summary. You are showing step-by-step how to do something resulting in a finished product.
11. Live animals are no longer allowed to be brought to the Extension Office as part of the demonstration or illustrated talk for classes 1008, 2008, 3008. Live animals may be used in classes 1009, 2009, 3009. Please be sure animals are properly restrained.
12. Shooting Sports demonstrations using firearms, must be left in a vehicle until time of presentation and immediately returned to vehicle at the conclusion of demonstration. Also firearm, must be inspected by a UME Volunteer trained within the shooting sports program prior to start of demonstration.
13. You may use “PowerPoint” as part of an Illustrated Talk. **It will be your responsibility to provide a laptop computer for the presentation.** A representative from the 4-H office will assist in setting up and connecting to the projector. You **MUST contact the superintendent in advance** so arrangements can be made for the presentation to be done in a room with a projector.
14. Premiums- \$10.00 per demonstration given; rosettes will be given to everyone who participates. Champion demonstrations will be awarded a medal. Club groups may participate and will be awarded a \$25 premium per demonstration.

15. Club demonstrations must be registered for a demonstration under the club name and not the name of an individual. Please contact the superintendent if you have any questions.

CLASSES – Section 001

Jr. Int. Sr.

1001	2001	3001	Automotive, Tractors, Small Engines, Bicycles
1002	2002	3002	Arts & Crafts, Photography
1003	2003	3003	Clothing, Personal Appearance
1004	2004	3004	Conservation, Entomology, Forestry, Marksmanship (See rule above)
1005	2005	3005	Family Life, Child Care, Safety, Health, Home Environment
1006	2006	3006	Gardening, Plan & Plant, Ag Commodities
1007	2007	3007	Handyman, Electric, Woodworking
1008	2008	3008	Livestock – Beef, Sheep, Swine, Horse/Pony, Dairy goat, Dairy Cattle, Veterinary Science (See rule above)
1009	2009	3009	Livestock – Rabbits, Poultry, Small Pets, Dogs
1010	2010	3010	General
1011	2011	3011	Food/Nutrition

Section 002 – Clovers (ages 5, 6 and 7 years of age as of January 1 of the current year) – Rules and Regulations

1. Clovers will be evaluated and encouraged but not judged using the Danish system. All youth will receive a participation award. Premium offered for each clover's presentation is \$5.
2. A special clover evaluation sheet will be given to each participant.
3. No large animals are to be used in the demonstration. Kitchen facilities WILL NOT be available to clover demonstrators.
4. Demonstrations can be a team or individual presentation.
5. Class 120

Section 003 – Horticulture– Individual – Rules and Regulations

1. No individual or team will be allowed to present the same demonstration in successive years.
2. There is no minimum time limit. The maximum time limit is 15 minutes. Demonstrations over this time limit will be penalized. Set-up and take-down time is not included in the 15 minutes allotted for the demonstration.
3. At the end of the presentation the judges will have the right to ask questions. Questions will not be allowed from any individual other than the judge(s).
4. Presentations must be a demonstration.
5. Participants are responsible for bringing everything they need for their presentation. This includes extension cords, bowls, tablecloths, utensils, etc. Although every effort will be made to have a refrigerator and stove accessible, there is no guarantee.
6. Open flames are **prohibited** in any portion of the demonstration.

CLASSES – Section 003

Class 4025	Production – Any practice that has to do with growing vegetables, fruits, nuts, flowers, ornamental plants and turf as well as those practices concerned with maintaining, replenishing, or increasing the productive capacity of the soil.
Class 4026	Marketing – Operations in preparing vegetables, edible tree nuts, fruits, flowers, and ornamental plants for market, offering for sale to a buyer or preparing for storage and exhibiting those horticultural crops.
Class 4027	Artistic Arrangement of Flowers and Vegetables – The use of flowers, vegetables and other horticultural crops in arrangements, corsages and plaques. Materials used may be live or dried. Weeds and native materials may be used. Artificial plants and flowers are not to be used.
Class 4028	Landscaping – Any practice that has to do with arrangement, establishment and maintenance of flowers, ornamental plants and turf around or within the home, business or public grounds.

(Demonstrations on growing landscaping materials should be entered in the production class.
Cut flower arrangement should be entered in class 4027.)

Section 004 – Top Chef Challenge – Rules and Regulations

1. **ALL TOP CHEF Challenge participants will NOT be demonstrating in-person and will need to submit a video of their demonstration for judging.**
2. Participants for the event will compete in their own designated workspace within their home.
3. Participants will create their own healthy dish based on their age division. Prepared dish will be presented on a table setting using your own dishware, utensils, napkins, glassware, etc. appropriate to the theme of the dish.
4. Table settings require a tablecloth for the serving table, plastic or glassware dishes to serve the food item, appropriate utensils, napkins, and anything else that would help display your food item.
5. All ingredients should be measured during the presentation.
6. Participants will be able to use a microwave, stove range, and oven. Those who use one or more of these, remember the time constraints for preparation time and demonstration time.
7. Participants will need to record themselves making their dish from start to finish and will have a maximum of 30 minutes to demonstrate how they prepare the dish.
8. **OPTIONAL** Add-ons for your presentation: nutrition fun facts, ingredient card, poster, etc.
9. Participants should practice safe food handling skills including washing hands, food sanitation, monitoring temperature of perishable items, keeping a clean work environment, and wearing proper attire (Ex. Aprons, tying hair back for events, wear cover-toed shoes, wear oven mitts, etc)

CLASSES – Section 004

Class 1030 Jr. Entry: “Comfort Food” Dessert
Class 2030 Int. Entry: “Comfort Food” Appetizer
Class 3030 Sr. Entry: “Comfort Food” Main Dish

Section 005 – Menu Judging – Objectives

1. Participants are encouraged to select and plan menus for one day according to the Dietary Guidelines.
2. Participants acquire knowledge about the nutritional value, cultural and ethnic characteristics of a wide variety of foods.
3. Participants develop skills in selecting and balancing meals for one day for a variety of lifestyles to learn how lifestyles affect meal patterns.
4. Participants apply nutrition information to food choices.
5. Participants use nutrition labeling in selecting foods for quick meals.

Section 005 – Menu Judging - Rules and Regulations

1. **Participants will only be allowed to exhibit 2 menu entries.**
2. Menus should include the correct number of servings from each food group in the Pattern for Daily Food Choices.
3. Menus should include contrast of color, texture and flavors. Only one menu entry per class will be accepted for each 4-H member. Menu entries will be received no later than January 29, 2021 at the Carroll County Extension Office. Judging will occur prior to Demonstration Day.
4. On the reverse side of the menu - print – name – age – complete address – class number
5. On an additional page, describe for whom the menu is planned including self or other family member, age, activity or other information. Tell why the menu is balanced and explain how selections meet the Dietary Guidelines.
6. Menus should include a description of the preparation methods and amounts of foods.
7. Judging criteria includes (score sheets available at the 4-H Office): Nutrition – 30%, Variety – 30%; Meal Appeal – 10%; Moderation of sodium, fat, sugar – 10%; Food Needs of Family Member – 10%; Creativity – 10%
8. Prepared menu for a day using the MyPlate Nutritional Plan. Three meals, including no snack, hand printed or typed vertically on one 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper, mounted on construction paper – no pictures. Updated information available from the 4-H Office.
9. Class Champions will be eligible for further competition during the Maryland State Fair.
10. Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

Classes – 005 - Menu Judging

Jr. Int. Sr.

1035	2035	3035	Convenience Foods – One or more meal(s) -- may include pre-packaged or prepared convenience food(s); i.e., TV dinner, frozen entrée or side dish, packaged rice or macaroni product, etc. Attach label(s) from the convenience food used.
1036	2036	3036	One Meal is from a Fast –Food Restaurant – one meal is purchased from a fast-food restaurant. Attach nutritional information from the fast-food restaurant.
1037	2037	3037	One meal is a packed lunch – one meal should be written as a bagged or packed meal.
1038	2038	3038	Vegetarian Menu – three meals meeting the nutritional needs of a vegetarian (lacto-ova). You may include dairy products and/or eggs, but not meat, poultry, or fish.
1039	2039	3039	Ethnic Menu – describe the culture represented

Section 006 – Food & Nutrition Poster Contest – Rules and Regulations

1. **Only one entry per 4-Her is accepted.**
2. Posters may be eligible for exhibition at the Maryland State Fair.
3. Posters may be either horizontal or vertical. Horizontal posters are encouraged; however, avoid a square-shaped poster.
4. Posters must be designed or affixed to a standard poster board with 14” x 22” dimensions.
5. Posters may be designed using watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, or collage. It must not be three-dimensional.
6. Well-known cartoon figures – such as Sponge Bob, The Simpsons, Scooby Doo, etc., cannot be used because they are protected by copyrights. Brand names of foods cannot be used.
7. The exhibitor’s name, age, address, and a brief interpretative statement should be clearly written on a piece of paper and attached to the back of each poster in the upper left-hand corner.
8. Judging criteria includes: information given and idea expressed – 25%; art, design, and lettering – 25%; construction – 10%; and nutrition information – 40%.
9. Posters will be received no later than January 29, 2021 at the Carroll County Extension Office. Judging will occur prior to Demonstration Day.
10. All posters will be judged on the Danish System. Score sheets will be provided for the poster exhibits.
11. Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

CLASSES – Section 006 – Food and Nutrition Poster Contest

Class 1045	Jr. Entry
Class 2045	Int. Entry
Class 3045	Sr. Entry

Section 007 – Food Science Display – Objectives

- Participants will develop an appreciation of the scientific process through planning and conducting experiments in food and nutrition.
- Participants gain experiences in reviewing, organizing, and interpreting scientific ideas in food and nutrition.
- Participants increase their knowledge about how science is used to convert raw agricultural produce into processed food products.
- Participants increase awareness of the relationship of biological and physical sciences to food and nutrition.
- Participants understand the importance of food and agricultural science and technology in providing a wide array of foods in today’s markets and to recognize the many career opportunities.

Section 007 – Food Science Display - Rules and Regulations

1. No project may involve any live animals or harmful chemicals, explosives, open flames, or any other potentially dangerous materials.
2. Exhibitors must work on their displays individually. Team projects are NOT allowed.
3. Youth presenting a Food-Science Display will participate in conference judging on Demonstration Day.
4. The size of the display must be a minimum of 28” W x 14” D x 22” H or a maximum of 42” H x 36” W x 17” D and sturdy enough to stand alone.

5. The report may be hand-written or typed and attached to the display board. DO NOT attach multiple pages.
6. Food-Science Display scoring – Scientific thought – 35%; Originality – 25%; Thoroughness – 20%; Technical Skill – 10%; Clarity – 10%
7. Class Champions will be eligible for further competition at the Maryland State Fair.
8. Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

Parts of Display –

Title – The title is written as a question or statement. Examples: What are the Effects of Enzymes on Fruits? OR The Effects of Enzymes on Fruits

Purpose – The purpose is a short statement of why the project was done. Example: The purpose of this project is to determine the effects of enzymes on the browning of fruit.

Problem – This tells what you want to investigate. This is usually in the form of a question.

Example: Why do apples turn brown when exposed to air?

Procedure – The procedure records the step-by-step manner in which the experiment was performed. Careful thought should be given to the identification of variables and the materials used.

Results – The results present an organized view of the information collected. Charts, graphs, tables, pictures, and/or drawings should be used to explain the results to others.

Conclusion – The conclusion explains the importance of the results. You will tell what you think the data you have gathered means.

The Display –

- Your display must be a three-sided display. It will be exhibited standing so it must be able to stand by itself. Please check these suggestions and exact sizes listed previously:
- Make your backboard from sturdy light-weight material: Heavy tag board, cardboard, or poster board are good choices for backboard materials. Put the three sections or the backboard together with hinges or strong, wide tape.
- The title and other large letters may be cut out of construction paper and attached to the backboard. Stenciled or stick-on letters may also be used. Make sure that your title is easy to see.
- Drawings and sketches should always be drawn in pencil first and then re-traced. It is better to draw them on separate pieces of paper, mount them on construction paper, and then attach them to the backboard. Make sure all drawings and pictures are labeled.
- Plan to put the experiment in front of the center part of the backboard. You may use the equipment and the samples as part of the display.

Food-Science Experiment

This display offers exhibitors the opportunity to use the “learning by doing” process to discover important scientific facts as well as experience the joy of exploration. It is important that the youth allow ample time to complete the experiment and build the display before the competition. Re-read the descriptions and requirements of the Food Science Display and allow ample time to complete the project.

Scientific approaches – Youth should follow the scientific method in conducting their experiments using inductive reasoning. Inductive reasoning bases the conclusions on the examination of data collected: i.e., the fermentation of dough is affected by the temperature. The inductive approach would take identical pieces of dough and ferment for the same period of time at different temperatures and record the differences in size of the fermented dough before coming to a conclusion.

The scientific method involves four steps:

The Purpose/Problem that will be answered through investigation (hypothesis, a statement that will be either proven or challenged).

Procedure – a statement of how the investigation is to be carried out. This step requires careful planning and thinking about the investigative plan of attack.

Results – information gathered during the investigation is called data. After the data are collected, they need to be tabulated or diagrammed to aid in the analysis and explanation of results.

Conclusion – challenge the hypothesis or answer the questions asked.

Setting Up The Display – the purpose of the display is to show the course of the investigation and outcomes. The three-paneled free-standing display is used to highlight your investigation. Block the information in pencil, and when the display is complete, use a felt pen. Include the following information on the panels:

The purpose/problem (hypothesis) the investigation is about to answer

A description of the Procedure used to carry out the project

Results and conclusions (based on data collected)

Body of the data or a model of the center panel of the display

CLASSES – Section 007 – Food Science Display

Class 1050	Jr. Entry
Class 2050	Int. Entry
Class 3050	Sr. Entry

DIVISION J – Club Demonstrations – Rules and Regulations

Must be registered for the presentation as a club and not an individual.

A division has been created for club groups to do a demonstration or illustrated talk. Clubs will choose their own topic including AT LEAST 5 or more club members participating. Demonstrations should range from 10-15 min in length. Class champions will not be chosen in this division. **A premium of \$25.00** will be given to each club.

Due to COVID regulations and social distancing practices, clubs may be limited to the number of youth members that are able to participate. The number will be determined based upon the Maryland 4-H in-person programming guidelines. Clubs who register to participate in this category will be contacted by the Superintendents before the day of the event with the day of guidelines.

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.

If you need assistance to participate in this program, please contact the Carroll County Extension Office (telephone: 410-386-2760; FAX: 410-876-0132) at least two weeks prior to the program

**CARROLL CO. 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST -
2021**



SUPERINTENDENTS: Della Leister (443) 375-0123 Rita Becker (443) 375-1114

CONTEST: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021 – 9 A.M. – CARROLL CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

- **THERE WILL BE TIME ASSIGNMENTS THIS YEAR DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING AND COVID PRECAUTIONS. INSTRUCTIONS ON REGISTERING FOR A TIME WILL BE EMAILED OUT AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS CLOSED.**
- Participants will need to report to the registration desk in Burns Hall immediately upon arrival to check-in and wait until your assigned room is available. You will need to pre-register. Registration will occur through the Carroll County Fair website/registration system and will be announced when the system opens.

RULES AND REGULATIONS –

1. The contest consists of the following categories: Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, Radio Spot Announcement, 4-H Pledge, Interpretations – Humorous, Poetry & Dramatic.
2. Contestants will participate in appropriate age category: Clovers = ages 5 – 7 years; Juniors = ages 8 – 10 years; Intermediates = ages 11 – 13 years; Seniors = ages 14 – 18 years. Ages are determined as of January 1st of the year in which the contest is held.
3. First-Year Juniors are 4-H members ages 8 – 10 years of age as of January 1 of the current year who have not participated or competed in either a county Demonstration Day or Public Speaking Contest.
4. First-Year Juniors may participate in Division C (Junior) OR Division B (First-Year Junior); BUT NOT BOTH.
5. Time limits: **Judges may deduct points for speeches not meeting or exceeding time limits.**
Prepared Speeches – Clovers = 2 to 4 minutes; Juniors = 3 to 5 minutes; Intermediates and Seniors = 4 to 6 minutes
Extemporaneous Speeches – Juniors and Intermediates = 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors – 3 to 5 minutes
Radio Spot Announcements - 30 seconds for all age groups
Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation – Clovers, Juniors, and Intermediates = 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors = 3 to 5 minutes
6. Visual aids, including posters, are not permitted. Appropriate gestures are encouraged. Dramatic Interpretation contestants may opt to sit for their presentation.

Prepared Speech

7. **Prepared Speech** contestants may speak on any topic. It may be wise to discuss topics that could be considered as controversial with your 4-H or Extension Educator before the contest. The speech may be written for a specific audience such as a 4-H club, PTA, or a community-service organization. Note cards containing a key word

outline are permitted. Only Juniors and Clovers may use a complete script.

8. Memorization is not encouraged; however, speaking from an outline is encouraged.

Extemporaneous Speech

9. **Extemporaneous Speech** contestants will draw three topics on the day of the contest. They will choose one topic to speak on. Juniors and Intermediates may have up to 30 minutes and Seniors may have up to 15 minutes to prepare their talk. Contestants may use one side of up to four or both sides of up to two 4" x 6" note cards to write their key word outline. No speech should be fully written on the cards.

Radio Spots

10. **Radio Spots** should be exactly 30 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but **MAY NOT INCLUDE** a spoken introduction or "tag" by anyone other than the contestant. If music or a sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device. The contestant **MUST** provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound-effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 30-second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to 4-H, be original and be created by the contestant. With the speaker's permission, spots may be considered for promotional purposes.
11. Speakers may speak or interpret in a language of their choice. If using a language other than English, the participant must inform the Extension Office before the event so that judges may be acquired.

Interpretations

12. **Dramatic** – the memorized oral interpretation by an individual or a serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. The speaker shall memorize this oral interpretation. It shall be a serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. Monologues are acceptable. Mime (use of your body to create an interpretation) is also acceptable. Cuttings may incorporate characters, but monologues are acceptable.

Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.

13. **Poetry** – the memorized oral interpretation by the speaker. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.
14. **Humorous** – the memorized oral interpretation of a humorous selection by the speaker. Cuttings may be taken from published plays or prose. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.
15. Speakers in the Interpretation Classes (Dramatic, Poetry and Humorous) can speak or interpret in language of their choice. If using a language other than English, the participant must inform the Extension Office before the event so that judges may be acquired.

4-H Pledge

16. **4-H Pledge class** is a non-competitive recitation of the 4-H Pledge. Participants will be evaluated as described on the score sheet. Judges may ask questions regarding the meaning of the Pledge and its significance to the participant.

Additional General Rules

17. Judges may ask questions of contestants in the Pledge, Prepared Speech, and Extemporaneous Speech, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation categories related to the presentation's topic. Due to time constraints, questioning should be limited to two or three minutes per speaker. Questions will not be asked in the Radio-Spot category.
18. At the State Contests, a contestant may only compete in one category. If a contestant wins more than one category at the County Contest, they must choose which category in which to compete at the State Contest. Only one Champion from the 3 Interpretive Presentations will go on to compete at the State Contest. Clover and Pledge classes will compete in Carroll County only.
19. The names of two ranked champions and two ranked alternates in each age group of each category will be selected to form a pool for possible representation at the State Contest. The highest ranked individual will represent Carroll County at the State Contest.
20. State Champions may not enter the same category and age group a second time. Previous year's local champion speeches may not be repeated.
21. Coaching during speech by family, friends, or others is not permitted.

22. All participants will be evaluated on the Danish System. Recognition and awards will occur at the conclusion of the contest. Premiums will be included with the premiums from the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. The following premiums are offered for Junior, Intermediate and Senior participants: Champion Award - \$4; Blue Award - \$3.50; Red Award - \$3; White Award - \$2.50; Clover and 1st Year Junior participants will receive \$1.

23. **The Contest will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be no assigned times for speeches. Report to the registration desk in Burns Hall no later than 10:30 a.m. to sign up for your room. You will need to pre-register. Registration forms will be available on the Carroll County Fair website. There will be a link to direct you to the form. You will need to create a different login from the one you used for the fair. Registrations must be received by 11:59 p.m., February 29, 2020.** Remember to allow preparation time for your extemporaneous speech (15 minutes for seniors, 30 minutes for juniors and intermediates).

CLASSES – Clover (ages 5 – 7)

- 101 Prepared Speech
- 102 4-H Pledge
- 105 Dramatic Interpretation
- 106 Poetry Interpretation
- 107 Humorous Interpretation

CLASSES – 1st Year Juniors (ages 8 – 10) [No previous participation in County Demonstration or Public Speaking Contests.]

- 202 4-H Pledge
- 205 Dramatic Interpretation
- 206 Poetry Interpretation
- 207 Humorous Interpretation

CLASSES – Junior (ages 8 – 10)

- 1001 Prepared Speech
- 1003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 1004 Radio Spot
- 1005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 1006 Poetry Interpretation
- 1007 Humorous Interpretation

CLASSES – Intermediate (ages 11 – 13)

- 2001 Prepared Speech
- 2003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 2004 Radio Spot
- 2005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 2006 Poetry Interpretation
- 2007 Humorous Interpretation

CLASSES – Senior (ages 14 – 18)

- 3001 Prepared Speech
- 3003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 3004 Radio Spot
- 3005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 3006 Poetry Interpretation
- 3007 Humorous Interpretation

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact us at 410-386-2760 at least two weeks prior to the program.

Clover Holiday Party Virtual Edition!



Materials Needed:

- Popsicle Sticks
- 2 Sheets of Green, Black, Brown, White, and Red Paper
- Toilet Paper Roll
- Paper Plate
- Red, Green, Black, and Brown Crayons or Markers
- Cotton Balls
- Scissors
- Glue or Tape
- Uniced Cupcake(s)
- White, Black, and Orange Icing
- Marshmallow
- Piping Bags or Plastic Bag

Join us for an evening full of fun!!
December 18th, 6-8pm

<https://umd.zoom.us/j/94221960392>

Make sure to have all of your
materials!

If you have questions, just email
Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu



2021

Blah's in a Box
Box pick up -
January 30th, 9-11am

Blah's Boxes filled
with 10 fun activities!

Crafts include: Cinnamon Ornaments, Chocolate
Flowers, Mini Fabric Wreath and so much
more!!

\$15.00 PER BOX

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States' 4-H

Winter Pen Pal Program



CONNECT WITH STATES' 4-H YOUTH FROM
AROUND THE GLOBE THIS WINTER!

**OUR PEN PAL PROGRAM RUNS FROM
MID JANUARY - MID APRIL 2021!**

Steps to Participate

Sign up!

- 1) Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY> and fill in your information.

Match!

- 2) We will pair you with a same gender, similar aged youth from a country of your preference (if possible).

Connect!

- 3) Write at least twice per month with your match (you should each receive and send at least two messages per month).

Make Friends!

- 4) Share fun facts about your daily life and culture with your pen pal. Be sure to check out our recommended topics of the month as a starting point for your messages.

Share!

- 5) At the end of the program we will be creating an online space for participants to share what they learned from their pen pal.



**LET'S MAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS
THIS WINTER!**

**Maryland Sheep Breeders Association
Sheep Shearing School – Beginners Session
Registration Form**

What:	MSBA workshop to teach sheep owners and aspiring commercial shearers to properly shear sheep using electric, hand-held shearing machines. Blade shearing will NOT be taught. Participants will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the New Zealand method of sheep shearing, • the care and adjustment of electric, hand-held shearing machines and blades, and • proper wool handling and care during and after shearing. Each participant will receive the ASI Sheep Shearing Manual, an instructional DVD, and assorted wool literature. Shearing equipment will be provided. It is suggested to wear sturdy shoes, light-duty gloves, durable pants, and a durable long-sleeve shirt. Overalls and bib-overalls encouraged. Lunch is NOT provided. Please bring water and/or sports drinks to stay hydrated.
When:	March 12 and 13, 2021, 9:30AM to 3:30PM each day. (Inclement weather dates: March 19-20, 2021)
Where:	Dale Lehman's Farm , 8202 Kavanglen Lane, Fairplay, MD 21733. Please look for "Shearing School" sign at the end of the driveway.
Who:	Shearing school is open to anyone wanting to learn commercial sheep shearing techniques and who is physically and mentally capable. (It is encouraged to have seen professional shearing in action prior to registering, so as to know the demands of commercial shearing techniques.) Fifteen participants will be selected from applications, in order to optimize the instructor-to-learner ratio. Due to overwhelming past response, applications will be prioritized based on the list below, in descending order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSBA Members (highest priority) (based on 2020 membership) • Prior MSBA Shearing School attendees • Sheep owners • Aspiring commercial shearers • Sheep and fiber enthusiasts/non-owners (lowest priority) After registration has closed, applications will be reviewed and participants chosen, based on priority and a first come – first served basis. Due to safety, participants under 16 years will NOT be accepted.
How:	Registration must be made in advance and accompanied by \$150 per registrant. This fee includes ASI materials (see above). Complete and submit this registration form, with fee, by February 1, 2021, to Aaron Geiman, MSBA Shearing School, 429 Hook Road, Westminster, Maryland 21157 . Please make checks payable to Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, Inc. No registrations accepted after the aforementioned deadline. Within one week following the deadline, accepted and rejected applicants will be notified via email and/or postal mail. Cancellation by a participant within two weeks (ten business days) of the event, will result in forfeiture of registration fee.
Instructors:	Aaron Geiman – Agriscience Teacher, Carroll County Public Schools, Maryland Emily Chamelin-Hickman – Professional Shearer and International Shearing Competitor
Contact:	mdsheepshearingschool@gmail.com

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail (print clearly): _____ MSBA Member? YES or NO

Number Attending: _____ x \$150 per applicant = \$ _____

Hand (check one): Right-Handed _____ Left-Handed _____

Reason for Attending (check one): _____ Returning Participant _____ Sheep Owner
_____ Aspiring Commercial Shearer _____ Sheep Enthusiast _____ Other

**Maryland Sheep Breeders Association
Sheep Shearing School – Beginners Session
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Please write one to three sentences to elaborate on your reason(s) for attending.