Newsletter

4-H Partyline

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Ski Day Information Enclosed

Sunday, January 6, 2008

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday, January 25, 2008

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Wisp

McHenry, MD

Everyone Welcome!!

Upcoming Events!

Holiday Service Ideas!

Share A Bear!

It's Teddy Bear Time again. For the last 16 years, members of the University of Maryland campus have collected bears for children in need. The Maryland 4-H Program has actively participated in this project. Please spread the word to your 4-H families! New bears or any type of stuffed animal will be accepted. The animals do not have to follow a holiday theme as they are distributed throughout the year to children who experience some type of crisis. "Drop-off" bears at the Garrett County Extension Office by December 10, 2007. If you have questions about collection process please contact the Extension Office at 301 334-6960.

Christmas Card to a Soldier

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

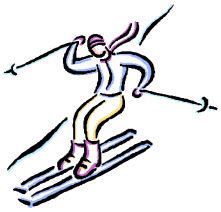
A Recovering American Soldier c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20307-5001.

Christmas On Alder Street

Christmas on Alder Street in Oakland will be held on December 14th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. If your club would like to participate in the bake sale at this activity, please feel free to contact Shawn Smith at 301 334-9400.

4-H Ski Day New Date & Time

Mark your calendars now for the Ski Day events scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and January 25, 2008 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Wisp Ski Resort, McHenry, Maryland. As in past years, 4-Hers and families are invited to take advantage of a group rate for skiing. **Registration forms are attached to this newsletter**. The school calendar for 2008 did not have the usual full day when schools are closed other than the major holidays. Group reservations are not accepted at WISP on these holiday weekends. Therefore, ski day has been planned for on a Sunday afternoon and on a day with a scheduled 12:00 school dismissal time. Hope to see you there.



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Announcing…

4-H Day in Annapolis Monday, February 18, 2008

County Council

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. You may bring record books and/or reenrollment information at that time if it is convenient. Topics for discussion will be Achievement Night details, spring events such as shooting sports events, engineering events schedule, farm safety, livestock learning day and other items as requested.

Reminder: Record books are due soon!

Forms are available at our web page at www.garrett.umd.edu.

Fall Beef Weigh In Results

Ninety four (94) steers were tagged and weighed for our County Fair, of which sixty-four (64) were certified as county bred and two (2) were tagged for the Maryland State Fair during the fall weigh-in events held on November 3rd and 10th. If you have a steer, please remember to record the date and weight on your new livestock record so you can accurately calculate the rate of gain at fair time.

Annual 4-H Beef Raffle Results

The Garrett County 4-H Program recently completed their annual fundraiser by raffling off four quarters of beef. The First United Bank & Trust donated the beef to the 4-H Program. This is the 37th year the bank has supported the 4-H program through the purchasing and donation of an animal during the annual 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale at the Garrett County Fair. **Winners:** Joe Keating, Frostburg, MD sold by Zachary Merrill of Meadow Mountain 4-H Club; Kristie Kitzmiller, Mt. Lake Park, MD sold by Nichole Harvey of Country Kids 4-H Club; Mike Holler sold by Sara Holler of Red House 4-H Club; Jennifer Cosner, Oakland, MD sold by Jennifer Cosner of Trailblazers 4-H Club. **Top Five Ticket Sellers:** Kara Savage of North Star 4-H Club - 202 tickets sold; Kevin Haenftling of North Star 4-H Club - 141 ticket sold; Warren Wright of North Glade 4-H Club - 138 tickets sold; Heather Wilhelm of Grantsville 4-H Club - 120 tickets sold; Collin Fratz of Oak Hill 4-H Club - 102 tickets sold. **Top Club Sellers:** Finzel 4-H Club - 754 tickets; Country Explorers 4-H Club - 339 tickets; North Star 4-H Club -343 tickets; Red House 4-H Club - 339 tickets sold and Snowy Creek 4-H Club - 336 tickets sold. .

The 4-H clubs received 25% of the amount sold which was $985.25 this year. After expenses, the remaining raffle monies will be used in support of County 4-H Programs and activities such as Achievement Night, Leaders' Recognition, teaching materials, awards, ribbons, out-of-county scholarships, promotional literature and camp scholarships.

Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all 4-H families and friends for supporting 4-H through our annual fundraiser!

Bad Weather Policy

It's that time again! We need to remind everyone of the bad weather policy for 4-H activities: If there is no school or early dismissal from school in Garrett County due to inclement weather, all county 4-H events will be cancelled. Contact your club leader to determine if club activities are cancelled.

Officer Training Schedule for February

Officer training will be held at Northern Middle School for February 04, 2008 and at Southern Middle School on February 25, 2008 after school 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Any club officer, older youth and/or leaders should attend this training. It will be a teambuilding session to prepare the officers to perform their elected duties and work together as a team to plan for a successful year. Each year we try to do something new. Please bring your Officer's Handbook. Call the Extension Office to register for the training at 301 334-6960.

4-H Day in Annapolis

Come spend the day with other Maryland 4-H'ers and Volunteers on Monday, February 18, 2008 as we:

- Tour historic Annapolis
- Meet with our legislators
- Meet new friends
- Learn "How a Bill becomes a Law" in Maryland
- Listen to government officials describe their role and learn how we as citizens can be involved in government

Contact Extension Office at 301 334-6960 for more information.

MD Dairy Convention

The convention is just around the corner and promises something for everyone from dairy farmers and industry supporters to youth. Themed "Managing Today's Risks and Planning for the Future," the meeting is set for 8:30 am Saturday, February 16, 2008 at the Lynfield Event Complex near Frederick. The meeting is the tenth event hosted by the MD Dairy Industry Association and second in which MDIA has joined forces with the Maryland Diary Shrine for a combined day and evening program.

New Year-2008

Planning For 2008

Leaders, club officers, and junior leaders: Remember when you plan for your 2008 events, try to include some of each of the following:

Educational Activities - field trips, hands-on experiences, and speakers

Community Service - service projects for your community, club meeting place or other worthy causes.

Recreation - be sure you have fun during the year, such as games, bowling, softball, fun trips, or biking.

Fundraising - best when you are raising money for a project, don't do more of this than is necessary. Some clubs like to plan ahead for demonstrations, refreshments, speeches, etc., at the beginning of the year.

2008 Re-enrollment

Forms should be completed and submitted to the Extension Office. All members raising a market animal in 2008 (beef, sheep, swine or goat) are required to be enrolled and have their signed livestock contract to the office by January 31, 2008.

Members - check with your club organizational leader for the information. Proof read all information, update for 2008 year, sign and have parent sign and then return to your club leader. Read and sign livestock contract and livestock code of ethics forms if you are planning to have a market animal this year. Must have at least one (1) project listed to be entered in the 4-H system.

Volunteers - check with club leader for enrollment forms. Proof read all information, update for 2008, sign and return to club leader. All MCE trained volunteers helping with a club are required to complete and update the re-enrollment form and when required a volunteer agreement form. (This is important because it provides volunteers with liability coverage). New volunteers will complete an enrollment form and will be entered into the 4-H mailing list until the they go through the MCE Volunteer training session with Ann.

Projects for 2008

There are some projects added and deleted each year– take time to look at the list. There are samples of project guides that may be borrowed for club meetings.

Record Books & Project Completion

Take a few minutes to bring your records up to date. Add your summer and fair activities. Remember, for each project you are enrolled in, you are encouraged to complete a demonstration. These can be at a project or club meeting, a community or county event, and they may or may not be judged. All members must have their record book to their leader so that they can be turned in to the Extension Office by February 1, 2008! The information in the record book is used to determine the awards presented at the Achievement Night program. Remember that any 4-H member who had a market animal this year must complete their record book to be eligible to have a market animal at the 2008 fair. Please note that anyone who had a market animal in 2007, the record book must be turned in by February 1st so that the Livestock Association can review the books on February 7th. If you need any help getting your book organized, please call the Extension Office or your organizational leader for assistance. Remember, these are the suggested parts of a 4-H record book:

- **Cover**
- **Title Page** – picture, name, address, club and year.
- **Table of Contents**
- **Summary Sheet**
- **4-H Story** – a written account of your 4-H year highlights.
- **Project Record Sheets** – one for each project taken during 2007 year.
- **Pictures** – labeled with who, what, when, and where.
- **News Clippings** – from the newspaper, the Partyline and/or website.
- **Correspondence** – letters and notes about 4-H you received over the year.
- **Past Year's Records**

Some additional steps to follow: Record all information on the record sheets; complete Summary Sheet; assemble book as outlined in guidelines; put certificate at the front of book (unless this is your first year); have parent/guardian review book; give book to leader by mid January 2008 (or the date they suggest) for them to review book/sign and submit to the Extension Office.

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4-H Calendar of Events

December, 2007

12 Animal Science In-Service Training at Howard County Fairgrounds
25 Extension Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

January, 2008

1 Maryland State Fair Steer Ownership Deadline
1 Extension Office Closed for New Year's Day
6 4-H Ski Day 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Wisp, McHenry, MD
21 Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day
23 4-H County Council Meeting - 7:00 pm at the Extension Office
25 4-H Ski Day 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at Wisp, McHenry, MD
31 **Due:** 4-H Re-enrollment for 2007

February, 2008

1 **Due:** 4-H Record books to Extension Office from Leaders
4 Officer Training NMS 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
7 Garrett County Livestock Association Meeting - 6:00 pm at the Extension Office
16 MD Dairy Convention 8:30 am Lynfield Event Complex near Frederick
18 4-H Day in Annapolis
18 Extension Office Closed for President's Day
25 Officer Training SMS 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
TBA MCE Volunteer Training

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