Newsletter

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4-H ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
Friday, October 2, 2009

Come celebrate this year's Howard County Annual 4-H Achievement Night Ice Cream Social!! This event will take place on **Friday, October 2nd** at the Howard County Fairgrounds Sheep/Goat Building. The Achievement Night Program will begin at 7:00 p.m. After the conclusion of the program, there will be a dance and ice cream for 4-H members and their families.

Invitations have been mailed to each 4-H family. RSVP's were due by **Friday, September 11th.** Only those who RSVP and are in attendance will be presented awards.

We will recognize all 4-H'ers that had a blue award on their 2008 record book (submitted in February 2009). The individual accomplishments of our 4-H'ers in project areas will also be recognized on county, state, and national levels; as well as 2009 judging teams, public speaking, food and nutrition, and visual presentation contests, fashion revue, bowl teams and horse programs. Clover record books and graduating clovers will be recognized.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS
VERY IMPORTANT !!!

All 2010 4-H Club Officers, must be selected by Tuesday, December 1st! The officers names and positions MUST be submitted with the 2010 Enrollment Forms (which are also due by December 1st). Please contact your club leader if you are interested in becoming an officer for your club. For further description of each position and their requirements, please go to page 5 in this month's issue of the Cloverleaf. Give it a try for this can be a very worth while experience!!

Our office will be closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

FAIR ITEMS!!!!!

Any entries that were not picked up during this year's Howard County Fair have been returned to the Extension Office. Please make arrangements to pick up these items as soon as possible. **Please remember we have relocated!** ***Any of these remaining fair entries will be disposed of if they are not picked up by November 1st!***

WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS

It is very important that you register at least **TWO** days prior to any workshop. It is very difficult for the 4-H staff to prepare appropriately if the correct number of attendants is not known. Also, our general rule is to cancel a program if there are not at least **FIVE** people registered. Only those registered will be notified of any cancellations. Thank you for helping on this matter.

VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT ANNUAL REVIEW TIME

Enrollment and annual review forms will be given to Organizational Leaders in early October. The **2010** forms should be returned to the office by **December 1, 2009**. If you are a general volunteer and not affiliated with a particular club, your form has been mailed to you. It is very important that these forms be completed and returned by the above due date. Volunteers whose forms are not returned will be placed on inactive status, meaning you will stop receiving mailings including the *Cloverleaf*. **PLEASE BE PROMPT!** We truly appreciate all of our volunteers. Thanks for all you do for our program!

IT'S TIME FOR 4-H ENROLLMENT!!!!

Yes, it is that time of the year again! Organizational club leaders have your **2010 Enrollment** forms and they need to be completed at your October or November club meeting. If you miss the meeting when these forms are to be completed, you **MUST** make arrangements with your leader, and **NOT** the4-H Office to have these forms reviewed. This is very important because your leader must review the forms first, before they are submitted to our office.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

The **2009** National 4-H Week will be celebrated **October 4th –10th**. Start planning now by finding a place to display your 4-H promotional material. Clubs need to register with Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by e-mail at crein@umd.edu. We need to know where your display will be and when it goes up! Start planning now! **Let's make this a record breaking year and have every 4-H club participate in 2009.**

4-H Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 11th at Poplar Springs United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have the opportunity to sing with a group during the service, please contact Joan Bosmans at 301- 531-2370 by Monday, October 5th.

There will be a luncheon immediately following the service. If you are planning to attend both, please contact Martin Hamilton at 410-489-6258 or Laura Reifsnider at 410-489-7761 by Monday, October 5th.

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Reminder— Please cash your premium check from Howard County Fair. It may not be honored at the bank if you hold it longer than 90 days.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS MEETING

The 4-H staff is currently planning a fun evening on **Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m**. for all Organizational Leaders to gather together for a evening of networking with other leaders. This meeting will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds Dining Hall at 7 p.m. A light dinner will be served. If you are an organizational leader and cannot attend, we ask that you appoint another volunteer from your club to attend. Please contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by e- mail at mgordon@umd.edu to register.

RECORD BOOK TRAININGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED!

All of the trainings will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

1st Year Members (any age) – Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m.
Clovers – Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m.
Juniors/Intermediate – Thursday, November 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Call Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or mgordon@umd.edu to register. Only those who register will be notified if the training is cancelled. Also directions and forms will be available on the 4-H website - www.howard4-h.org after **September 30th.**

CLOVER BOOKS - Clovers have a special Clover Report Form for their record book. All forms are on the web.

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE BOOKS -Information on how to do a book, complete the Summary Form and Project Records are on the web.

SENIOR BOOKS - All seniors will have to complete a resume and essay as part of their record book. All information is on the web.

SKILL LEVEL BOOKS - For all projects will be due to your club leader for all age levels, along with your record book and will be reviewed and returned immediately, so you may continue working from them.

SUMMARY REPORT FORM - That goes into the record book is the same for Juniors and Seniors. This form is used to record all years in 4-H. All of your past summary records not on the present form are to be placed in the book so we can see your progress. These will also be available at the workshops.

CALLING ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Have you thought about becoming a 4-H volunteer? If so, this is the workshop for you! The Howard County 4-H Staff will have a workshop for all interested volunteers on Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Ellicott City. **Please remember we have relocated!** Just a reminder-all 4-H volunteers **MUST** attend a training to become certified UME volunteers. During this workshop you will receive instruction regarding the policies and procedures needed to become a certified UME volunteer. To register contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by email at mgordon@umd.edu.

MAAFS JUDGING TRAINING AND CONVENTION

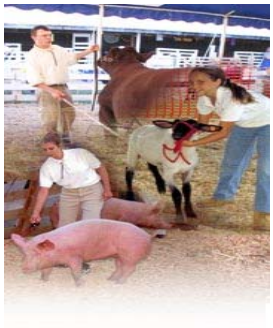
This year's Maryland Association of Agriculture Fairs and Shows convention will be celebrating its 25th anniversary with the convention scheduled **for Friday, November 6th– Sunday, November 8th.** The convention will once again be held in Ocean City, MD at the Princess Royale Hotel. The MAAFS is offering judging classes for anyone who may be interested in training to become a judge in agricultural fairs and shows. More information is provided by visiting their website at *www.maafs.com.*

2009 4-H TEEN & ADULT VOLUNTEER FORUM

This year's Volunteer Forum will be held on **Friday, November 20th – Sunday, November 22nd** at The Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. More information will be on our website at www.maryland4-h.org.

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK VOLUNTEERS

It will soon be time to begin Livestock Skillathon practices. We are in need of volunteers willing to teach our youth livestock information such as feed identification, breed identification, equipment identification, etc. If you have knowledge in one or several areas and would be interested in teaching, please contact Sheryl Bennett at 410-313-1912 or via email at sherylb@umd.edu.



LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

Whether you carry a livestock project or not, Livestock Skillathon is a great way to work with other 4-H'ers and learn valuable information. Livestock Skillathon encompasses all aspects of livestock projects including: feed identification, equipment identification, breed identification, etc. Last year we had great attendance and the 4-H'ers who participated had lots of fun. Details about the orientation will be in next month's Cloverleaf.

VOICE MAIL AND E-MAIL

Just a friendly reminder of the voice mail and email addresses for the employees at the Howard County Extension Office. Please clip these for future reference. Our main phone number is the same at 410-313-2707. **PLEASE call the individual number directly for specific information.**

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ANIMAL SCIENCE LIVESTOCK ADVISORY ROUND TABLE
Saturday, October 17th

The first session of the new Maryland 4-H Livestock Advisory Round Table will be held on Saturday, October 17, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park. We invite 4-H youth and volunteers to share and discuss ideas to strengthen Maryland 4-H Animal Science programming in the Livestock Project areas. For more information, contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu or at 301-314-7187. *(FYI – October 17 will be a day filled with energy as the Terrapin Football team will take on Virginia for this year's Homecoming celebration – Go TERPS!)*

ATTENTION 4-H LIVESTOCK SALE PARTICIPANTS

Sale checks and pictures will be distributed on Thursday, October 22nd between 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at the Howard County Fairgrounds in the Fair Office.

2010 FAIR TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

Our Howard County 4-H Program is seeking sponsorship for several of our 2010 Fair Trophy Awards. This sponsorship is a wonderful way to show your support and continued appreciation for the exceptional performance of 4-H'ers with their fair projects. There are various departments sponsorships to choose from as well as numerous categories within these departments. Sponsors can be from 4-H family members as well as community members and businesses not directly involved with 4-H. Your backing of these awards is very much appreciated as well as recognized with our 4-H family members, the community, and in publications such as the Howard County Fair Book and more. In October, there will be a listing all the awards available for sponsorship on our website at www.howard4-h.org. If you or anyone you know would like to be a supporter of these much loved and much appreciated annual awards, please contact Rick Hodiak at 410-313-1914 or by email at hodiak@umd.edu.

CLUB OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

PRESIDENT: **(14 or older)** Presides at all club meetings and is the head of all committees. Is responsible for making sure all officers and chairpersons are completing their jobs. Shall keep the President's book up-to-date and will present the book to the county for judging at the end of the year.

VICE PRESIDENT: **(14 or older)** Shall perform the duties of President in the absence, leave, or resignation of the President.

TREASURER: **(14 or older)** Shall be entrusted with the money for the club and keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures. Will be expected to furnish detailed and complete information concerning the finances of the club whenever it is needed. Shall keep the Treasurer's Book up-to-date and will present the book to the county for judging at the end of the year.

RECORDING SECRETARY: **(11 or older)** Shall keep a record of all meetings of the club during the year. Shall keep the Secretary's Book up-to-date and will present the book to the county for judging at the end of the year. Shall keep a record of the attendance of all the members that will be presented at the end of the year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: **(11 or older)** Shall handle and keep a file of all the correspondence concerning the club. Shall e-mail meeting reminders to all members and leaders. Shall write any correspondence for the club, for example thank you notes. Shall perform the duties of the Recording Secretary in his or her absence.

REPORTER: **(8 or older)** Shall prepare all publicity for the club. Shall keep a Reporter's Book with all newspaper clippings, etc. and may present the book for county judging at the end of the year. Shall submit newspaper articles to the paper.

HISTORIAN: **(8 or older)** Shall keep a Historian's Book with all newspaper clipping, etc. Shall take pictures at different club events.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT IN NEXT MONTH'S CLOVERLEAF FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2010 WINTER CRAFT FARE!!