



# Newsletter

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## 4-H CLOVERLEAF



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### MARYLAND 4-H LIVESTOCK ROUND-UP



Be a part of a new and exciting experience by signing up for the Maryland 4-H Livestock Round-Up. This year's Round-Up is scheduled for **Monday, July 6th through Wednesday, July 8th** and will be held at the Frederick County 4-H Camp and Activity Center in Frederick, Maryland. This all new 3-day, 2-night event is for 4-H youth, ages 11-18, who would be interested in learning about livestock animals in a fun, camp setting. While at the Round-Up, you will have the opportunity to be a part of workshops for Beef, Goats, Sheep, and Swine, field trips to area animal related businesses, and meet and hear from impressive guest speakers. And let's not forget the recreational adventures such as, swimming, western dancing, barbeques, and campfires. **There are still some spaces available**, but it is limited to the first 80 participants. Be sure to get your registration in the mail today! For more information check our website at [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org).

### ANIMAL SCIENCE SKILL LEVEL PROJECT BOOKS

All 4-H'ers enrolled in an animal science project need to also complete the skill level project workbooks. Be sure you are in the level of learning you need **based on your experience**. Example: If you are age 14 and carrying the project the first time, you are not ready for Level III even though that is for 14 years olds. You will need to have a Level 1 or 2 first so you can learn about the animal. These books are learning manuals so don't wait until next year at record book time to work on these books.

**Remember you are to be enrolled according to your ability, NOT YOUR AGE. Books are designed to be completed in 3 years - 1/3 each year.**

*Educating People to Help Themselves*

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## 2009 GOOGLE 4-H CALENDAR

Please make sure to periodically review the 2009 4-H Calendar on the Google website.

There may be corrections and/or Additions so please make sure you are aware. You will be able to find the calendar on our website at [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org).



## REMINDER....

The Howard County MCE Office will be closed **Monday, May 25th** in observance of Memorial Day.

## RECORD BOOKS

Record books have been judged and the county Achievement Night Award winners have been selected. A special and sincere thanks goes to all the Howard County 4-H All Stars who spent many hours evaluating the books. All the 4-H'ers put forth an outstanding effort with the **300** record books submitted for evaluation! This includes traditional and clover books. We will recognize the various winners at Achievement Night this fall. Many of you have already gotten your books back. If not, your club leader will have them at your May meeting.

## PROGRESSIVE AG SAFETY DAY

Howard County 4-H will be holding Progressive Ag Safety Day on **Monday, June 29th** at the Howard County Fairgrounds. It will be an all day event. More information and registration forms will be available soon. This event will be open to 4-H members and non-members. Senior 4-H'ers are needed to serve as group leaders, so if you are interested, please contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or [mgordon@umd.edu](mailto:mgordon@umd.edu).

## 4-H CAMP ORIENTATION

It's that time again to gear up for the Howard County 4-H Camp. Camp is scheduled for **Sunday, June 21st - Saturday, June 27th**. The Howard County 4-H Camp Orientation will be held on **Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Howard County Fairgrounds in the Dining Hall. Adult staff and Teen Leaders are to be at the Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. **Orientation is required. ALL PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND** (even though your camper may have already attended camp prior to this year.) Please bring your child!!!!



## HOWARD COUNTY WILDLIFE JUDGING TEAM

Congratulations to our Howard County 4-H'ers who placed first in all categories in the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program State Contest! Shailin O'Connell and Morin French came in first in their respective classes. Shailin is eligible to partake in the national contest this July. The best keep getting better and it shows in our Howard County 4-H'ers!

## COUNTY FAIR BROILER CONTEST

August is a long way off, but it is time to order your broilers for the County Fair contest. Chicks will cost approximately .75 cents each.

**Minimum order is 12 chicks per child.** Please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by e-mail at [crein@umd.edu](mailto:crein@umd.edu) by **Monday, May 11th**. You will be responsible for the chicks you order. You will be notified of the arrival date of the chicks. Payment is due when chicks are picked up.



## GO-FORS NEEDED!!!

**CALLING ALL 4-HERS!!!!** "Go-fors" are needed for this year's 2009 Fair. The minimum age requirement to be a "go-for" is 12. More volunteers are needed to assist co-chairpersons. A brief orientation will be held for all 4-H'ers interested in "Go-foring" for the Indoor Fair Building. The orientation will be held on **Monday, August 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** in the 4-H Exhibit Building. Orientation will include job duties for each specific location within the building as well as expectations. Assignments and times will be distributed on this day. There will be the heavy set-up of the tables, so the more the merrier. We will also provide a complete floor plan of both buildings. Please register by calling Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by e-mail at [crein@umd.edu](mailto:crein@umd.edu). There is a great deal of help needed and this day would not be successful without the support of our 4-H'ers and volunteers.

### "Go-fors" needed for:

Wednesday, August 5th - (Entry Day #1) -	3 - 4 "Go-fors" 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 6th - (Entry Day #2) -	3 - 4 "Go-fors" 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, August 7th -(Judging) -	4 - 5 "Go-fors" 4:00 - 8:00p.m.
Saturday, August 8th -(Judging) -	20 + "Go-fors"

## CO-CHAIRS NEEDED

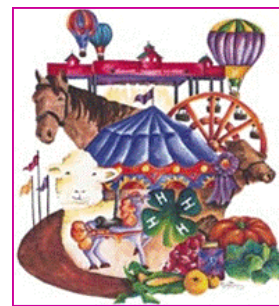
Co-Chairs are needed for the Howard County Fair in some of the Indoor 4-H Building Departments. If interested, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or via email at [crein@umd.edu](mailto:crein@umd.edu).



## INDOOR BUILDING CO-CHAIRS & VOLUNTEERS PLANNING MEETING



The first planning meeting is being scheduled for **Monday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m.** Howard County Fairground in the 4-H Activities Building. This is for all Co-Chairs and anyone interested in volunteering in the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building. Several hands are needed! For more information, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at [crein@umd.edu](mailto:crein@umd.edu).



## HOWARD COUNTY FAIR COUNTDOWN

Are you ready?  
There are only  
**100**  
days left until  
the 2009  
Howard County Fair.

## 4-H PROGRAM PLANNING CONFERENCE

The Howard County 4-H staff will not be in the MCE office on **Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th.**

The staff will be attending the 2009 4-H Program Planning Conference in Annapolis, Maryland.



## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

If you would like to learn what a judge looks for when they judge livestock, then this is for **YOU!!!**

The Livestock Judging season is just beginning and it is not too late to join. The next practice is scheduled for

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fair Office at the Howard County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in receiving a schedule for the entire season, email Sheryl at [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu).

## 4-H RABBIT PROJECT MEMBERS

All members enrolled in the rabbit project were invited to attend a meeting held on Wednesday, April 22nd.

This meeting was held to discuss the 2009 Howard County Fair 4-H Rabbit Department. Although attendance was low, it was a very productive and informative meeting. The 4-H Rabbit Superintendents and Sheryl Bennett will be working to put together an information sheet that will be sent to all rabbit exhibitors in May. When you receive this paperwork, please be sure to read carefully as 2009 changes will be outlined.

## 4-H WORKSHOP AND CLASS REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED

This has become a serious issue and in order to better serve all our 4-H'ers it is very important to register for all our workshops and classes with Maria Gordon at [mgordon@umd.edu](mailto:mgordon@umd.edu) or by phone at 410-313-1906. The exact amount of attendees is required to properly prepare for these meetings. **If you do not register for a workshop or class you run the risk of not being admitted into that session.** Only those registered will be notified about any changes or cancellations. When registering, please make sure to provide the attendee's name, a contact phone number and email, and 4-H age level. Also, our general rule is to cancel a program if there are not at least 5 people registered. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

## ANIMAL LEASE AGREEMENTS

You may or may not be aware that Maryland 4-H offers an animal leasing program. This program provides an opportunity to youth who may not have the opportunity to have animals, to lease animals and exhibit them at 4-H shows. The program does not find animals for the 4-H'er to lease so those interested must make arrangements with the owners. Below are a few things to keep in mind:

- If you own an animal in a project area, then you cannot lease in the same project area. (For example, if you own a steer you cannot lease a beef heifer.)
- If you lease, you must be enrolled in the project area by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Leases are due to the county office on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The State 4-H Program has been working to revise the lease agreements to make them better fit our programs needs and also provide more consistency. The new lease agreements are currently being finalized and will be available soon. When they become available, an email will be sent to all clubs. The leases will also be posted on our website. If you have any questions, contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu).

## ATTENTION POULTRY, RABBIT AND HORSE EXHIBITORS

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is requiring all poultry, rabbit and horse exhibitors to complete a "Self-Certification" form each time they exhibit their animals. This form is very basic and extremely easy to complete. Each time you are loading your animals to go to a show, fair, etc. you need to look them over to make sure they are not showing any signs of illness. If an animal is showing signs of illness, then you don't take it to the show. If they are healthy, then you sign and date the form. (If you are under 18, then a parent/guardian signs the form). It is as easy as that! The show staff, state veterinarians, etc. may ask to see your form to verify that it was completed. The forms are available on the Howard County 4-H website at [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org). If you have any questions, contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu).

## SHEEP, SWINE AND GOAT IDENTIFICATION DAY

**Saturday, June 6th** will be a busy day if you carry a market lamb, market pig, or market goat project. All of these market animals must be brought to the Fairgrounds for tagging, and weighing. Also health inspections will be done on **Saturday, June 6th**.

**ALL SHEEP, SWINE, AND GOAT MARKET ANIMALS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE 4-H OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MAY 29th.**

Registration packages will be mailed at the beginning of May to all 4-H'ers registered for a market lamb, swine, or goat project. We will begin weighing at **7:00 A.M.** in the large sheep and swine barn. Please unload in the rear as directed.

**Please be PATIENT!**

**Remember** - It is your responsibility to complete the appropriate paperwork and have it turned into the 4-H office on time! (Friday, May 29th)

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## LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE

The final Livestock Quality Assurance class date for this year is listed below. Remember, in order to be able to show livestock at the County Fair, you **MUST** attend the training **every other** year. If you have questions or are not sure if you need to attend this year, contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu). You **MUST register at least two days prior to the class and you MUST register for the appropriate 4-H age level.** Contact Maria Gordon at [mgordon@umd.edu](mailto:mgordon@umd.edu) or at 410-313-1906 to register. When doing so, please leave the member's name, a contact phone number and email, and age level. All classes will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

*First Year and Junior Members-Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.*

*Intermediate and Senior Members—Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.*

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## BREEDING ANIMAL REGISTRATION

All 4-H animals kept for breeding projects (beef heifers, dairy heifers, breeding sheep, breeding goats, breeding swine) must have the breed association's registration papers listed **in the name of the exhibitor only**. Joint ownership is not allowed. Animals owned by different 4-H'ers may not be combined for pair or group classes. The registration papers must be processed through the breed association prior to the State 4-H deadline for ownership. Commercial will need to get a green 4-H tag and that tag number should be tattooed in the left ear.

**July 1st** - Beef Heifers, Dairy Heifers, Dairy Goats, Breeding Swine, Breeding Sheep. Wool breeding sheep **not eligible** to be registered through an association must be tagged with a Maryland ID Tag!

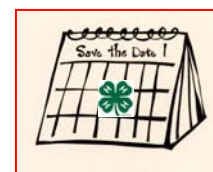
All breeding sheep not registered with a breed association will be tagged on **Monday, June 29th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00p.m.**

## COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK ORIENTATION

### Save the Date!!

The 2009 Howard County Fair Livestock Orientation is scheduled for **Sunday, August 2nd at 4:00 p.m.** Please put this date on your calendar.

**This is a mandatory meeting!**




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## DAIRY AND DAIRY GOAT QUALITY ASSURANCE

This year the State 4-H Program is requiring all 4-H members enrolled in a dairy or dairy goat project to attend a Quality Assurance workshop specifically geared toward those projects. Sheryl Bennett is scheduled to teach the workshop at a Howard County 4-H Dairy Club meeting and at a Howard County 4-H Goat Club meeting. If you carry this project, but are not a member of one of those clubs, please contact Sheryl ASAP at 410-313-1912 or [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu). Arrangements can be made for you to attend a training.



## MARYLAND 4-H HORSE JAMBOREE

This year's Maryland 4-H Horse Jamboree is scheduled for

**Sunday, June 28th-  
Tuesday, June 30th.**

More information is available at <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/jamboree.html>

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## DIAMOND CLOVER

If you are in participating in the Diamond Clover Award Program, please be sure to check out the information on our website at [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org). Diamond Clover reports will be due by Tuesday, September 15th.




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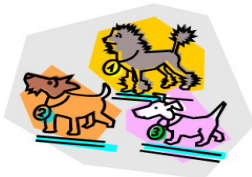
## T-SHIRT DESIGN

### DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR THE 2009 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 15TH!!

There is still time so don't be left out! The 4-H team is still taking design ideas for the 4-H t-shirts to be worn at this year's Howard County Fair. We are looking for a black and white computer generated design, to be placed on the front of the t-shirts. The design needs to include the official 4-H Clover. The person who designs the selected shirt design will be awarded \$50. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheryl Bennett at 410-313-1912 or [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu). Hurry before time runs out!!

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## 2009 HOWARD COUNTY DOG QUALIFIERS



Information regarding this year's Dog Qualifiers rules, forms, and show flyers will be available on our Howard County MCE website. Visit our 4-H website at [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org) to see and download all the necessary information.

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## MARYLAND STATE FAIR CHANGES

There has been a change in the Maryland State Fair Schedule for the 2009 Fair. 4-H and Open Beef Cattle will all be shown on the first weekend which is August 27th-30th. 4-H and Open Dairy Cattle will all be shown on Labor Day weekend. For more information check out the Maryland State Fair website at [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com).




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## LITTLE MISS HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU OR LITTLE FUTURE HOWARD COUNTY FARMER CONTEST

The Howard County Farm Bureau of Women and the Howard County Young Farmers will once again be sponsoring the Little Miss Howard County Farm Bureau Contest and the Little Future Howard County Farmer Contest. This event is open to boys and girls ages 8-11. Contestants must belong to 4-H or participate in an agricultural activity. (These could include gardening, food and nutrition, home economics, or animal project.) For further information and contest rules, please contact Annette Fleishell at 410-795-6119 or via email at [fleishellfarm@aol.com](mailto:fleishellfarm@aol.com).

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## MISS HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU CONTEST

The Howard County Farm Bureau is sponsoring the Miss Howard County Farm Bureau Contest. If you are between the ages of 16-19 years old and your family is a member of the Howard County Farm Bureau, you may be eligible to take part in this event. For further information and contest rules, please contact Annette Fleishell at 410-795-6119 or via email at [fleishellfarm@aol.com](mailto:fleishellfarm@aol.com).

## FASHION REVUE

Judging will take place on **Friday, June 5th at 3 p.m.** and the show will be held **Saturday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m.** at the Glenwood Community Center. The theme for this year's Fashion Revue will be **"FASHIONS IN BLOOM"**. The rules and entry forms are up on our 4-H web site at [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org). *Please read them carefully!*

### HEALTHY LIFESTYLES & VISUAL PRESENTATION WINNERS!!!

The 2009 Howard County 4-H Healthy Life Styles and Visual Presentations Evening was held on Saturday, April 4th. It was a wonderful success and all the 4-H'ers who attended, did outstanding work!



#### HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

**Table Settings:**  
Amelia Dashiell



#### **Posters:**

##### **Clovers**

Conner Raley  
Leo Shafer  
Imaad Syed

##### **Intermediates**

Joshua Driesman  
Emmy Schafer  
Kayla Sewell  
Kathleen Ward

##### **Foods**

Dawson Branch- Champion  
Intermediate

##### **Animal**

Morgan Branch - Champion  
Intermediate

##### **Juniors**

Amelia Dashiell  
Caleb Driesman  
Natalie Raley  
Robert Shipley

##### **Seniors**

Jenna Hogie

#### VISUAL PRESENTATIONS

##### **Crafts and Hobbies**

Kathleen Ward—Champion  
Intermediate

##### **Horticulture**

Sean Ward- Champion  
Senior

# FASHION REVUE 2009



### MODELING AND ACCESSORIES WORKSHOP/DRESS REHERSEAL

Plan to attend this workshop on **Wednesday, June 3rd from 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.** at the Glenwood Community Center. This is a great opportunity for all Fashion Revue to work on your modeling skills.

There will also be tips on accessories and make-up. So be sure to bring your shoes and any accessories you plan to use at the show.

There will be a rehearsal for Saturday evening's show on this evening. This will be an opportune time to go over narrations and make sure they are in order.

**Pre-registration is required** so please contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1909 or by e-mail at [mgordon@umd.edu](mailto:mgordon@umd.edu).