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News and Notes

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Thank You---

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair in the name of 4-H. We could not have had such a successful 4-H program at the fair without your help.

The 4-H Cake Auction and Bake Sale was a big success again this year thanks to all of the donors and the 4-H'ers who presented their cakes on Sunday night at the auction.

4-H'ers, if you received an award during the fair please remember to send your thank you notes to the donors. Without the donors these awards would not be possible.

The 4-H Building Chairmen's annual evaluation meeting will be held on September 20th starting with a light dinner at 6:30 at the 4-H Office. If you are interested in helping in the 4-H Building next year we would encourage you to attend this meeting. There are several openings for volunteers to take over a job within the building so feel free to offer your services, we need you!

We have quite a few articles left from the fair here in the 4-H Office, if you did not pick up your entries at the end of the fair please call or come to the 4-H Office to get these items. Our space is limited so if these items are not picked up by October 10th we will be discarding them.



Fall 4-H Leader Update/Dinner

The Fall 4-H Leader Update/Dinner will be held on October 4, 2011 starting at 6:30 p.m. We have numerous things to bring you up to date on regarding enrollments, club re-charters, and lots of other information. Please call or email Jeannine Shriver to let us know how many are coming from your club by October 3rd so that we can plan the evening meal. Every club should have at least one representative.

Record Books

We will be holding a record book/resume writing training on November 9, 2011 starting at 7 p.m. here at the 4-H Office. Please call or email Jeannine Shriver to register for this training by November 4th. No walk ins please, you must register!!!

Record Books will be due to the 4-H Office this year on January 9, 2012 and the judging will take place on January 12th.

Officer Training

We will be offering an Officer Training for new club officers on January 31, 2012 here at the 4-H Office starting at 7:00 p.m. So mark your calendars for this date, more information on this training will be provided in a future issue of *News & Notes*. We are also asking anyone who would like to volunteer to teach a session or help with that evening to please contact Alga Piechocinski.

Barn Painting Blast – Kids N’ Dogs Club News

On Saturday, June 18th six members of the Kids N’ Dogs 4-H Club and their parents pitched in and painted Barn 18 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. They volunteered to paint the barn in thanks to the Fairgrounds for letting them utilize several of the buildings throughout the year. Kids N’ Dogs uses the buildings, including the barns on occasion, as training facilities for their dogs and also for club meetings. The members had a blast painting Barn 18 inside and out, got covered in paint and are eager to serve the Fairgrounds in this capacity again next year!

Submitted by Elise Adelman & Grace Hotung

4-H Electric Club News

The 4-H advanced Electric Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on September 21st at 7:30 pm at the 4-H Office. Contact Ed Hogan Sr. edwardmhogan@gmail.com for more information.

Club members finished their motor projects just in time for the fair. We will be starting a new set of projects so come to our meeting and see what we build next.



Paul Leatherman assists M-E Burton with her motor

National 4-H Science Experiment

The National 4-H Science Experiment will take place again this year at the county 4-H office on Wednesday evening, October 5 from 6:45 to 8:30 pm. Sponsored by the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club and supported by the Montgomery County 4-H Office, the 2011 experiment is called "Wired for Wind," and gives youth the opportunity to design and build their own wind turbines, adjust blade pitch, and learn about locations in Maryland with potential for wind farming. A special guest speaker from Constellation Energy, which was responsible for building the first wind farm in Maryland, will end the evening.

Last year's experiment was an enormous success, so we hope you will return for more scientific engagement and a fun way to learn how to think like an engineer! Please RSVP to Alga Piechocinski at 4-H Office or to Mrs. Dobos at cdobos@washingtonian.com to reserve your space. Since this is a school night, all attendees need to arrive between 6:15 and 6:30 in order to leave promptly at

8:30. More information, including a video about the experiment, can be found at <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/nysdhome.aspx>. You do not need to order a kit in order to participate with us on October 5.

If any county 4-H youth would like to help present the experiment or be a group leader at the experiment tables, you must contact Cathy Dobos at cdobos@washingtsonian.com right away. Your participation will require 2-3 rehearsals at Mrs. Dobos' home in Aspen Hill during September.

Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum – Ocean City, MD

Theme: Strengthening Leadership in Adults & Teens

When: November 18-20, 2011

Where: Carousel Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland



Come join us for this year's Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum in Ocean City, MD. It is a wonderful time to visit the resort area with the slower pace, traffic and parking problems are almost non-existent. Air temperatures are usually comfortable this time of year allowing you to enjoy the beauty of the area. The event provides time to meet other 4-H families and learn more about all the wonders of the 4-H program. It is an excellent opportunity for teen and adults volunteers to learn the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve Maryland 4-H's three major goals: Strengthening Clubs, Enhancing Volunteer Development and Reaching New and Underserved Audiences.

Our county office is again offering scholarships, consisting of registration fee and one (1) night hotel fee, for the first ten (10) volunteers/teens who apply to attend this forum. You must call the 4-H Office or contact Alga/David by email prior to submitting your paperwork to the state in order to secure the scholarship. Also, in order for the scholarship to be provided you **MUST** sign up for the "Early Bird Registration" by October 14. Scholarship recipients must provide the County some form of educational program (within nine months) once they have attended the forum.

For more information, a registration form, list of classes, etc. please go to the Maryland State Web Site: www.maryland4h.org

National 4-H Conference Trip

The State will select 9 youth to receive scholarships to attend the 2012 National 4-H Conference, March 24-29. Montgomery County can submit 3 senior 4-H members to be considered for this opportunity. At National 4-H Conference, teen delegates take the lead by serving on consulting groups to make recommendations for future directions for 4-H. They also accept responsibility on one of the operations committees to help conduct the events and functions of the Conference. Activities include a visit to Capitol Hill and a meeting with your senator or representative. The trip takes place in late March or early April at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD.

In order to be considered for this opportunity senior 4-H'ers, ages 14 and over must submit a Portfolio to the County 4-H Office no later than October 6. There will also be an interview once your portfolio has been submitted. The interview(s) (2 opportunities):

1: November 15, 2011, 5 p.m. – Maryland 4-H Center, College Park, MD

2: November 20, 2011, Noon – Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum, Ocean City, MD

Your Portfolio should consist of the following:

Resume:

- ~ Leadership, Citizenship, Life Skills based
- ~ Length – no more than three pages
- ~ Single Spaced
- ~ Margins – no less than one inch
- ~ Font Size – no less than 12 pt.

Essay: (Essay Question – “If you are selected to represent Maryland on an Out of State Trip what would you do upon your return to promote Maryland 4-H?”)

- ~ Length – no more than two pages
- ~ Double Spaced
- ~ Margins – no less than one inch
- ~ Font Size – no less than 12 pt.

Out of State Trip Application – located at the end of this issue of *News & Notes*

If you have questions or need help in putting your resume together please contact David Gordon, 301-590-2813 or Alga Piechocinski at 301-590-2804.

**Deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of
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See National 4-H Conference Trip Application Below



**Maryland 4-H Application for
Out-of-State Trips
(National 4-H Conference – March 24-29, 2012))**

Full Name _____

Name you wish used in publicity _____

Male ___ Female ___ Date of Birth ___/___/___ Age (as of Jan. of current year) _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

Unit (county, city, province, army, etc.) _____

Military Teen _____ Yes _____ No (Parent is Active Duty, Army Reserve, National Guard)

Number of years in 4-H _____ Year in school/college _____

School Name _____

Principal's Name _____

School Address _____

Parent or Guardian:

Name: _____

Home Telephone _____ Business Telephone _____

Trip Requirements:

1. Resume or Application (40 points)
2. Essay (20 points) TOPIC: - "If you are selected to represent Maryland on an Out of State Trip what would you do upon your return to promote Maryland 4-H?"
3. Interview (40 points)
4. Cover Sheet (Maryland 4-H Application for Out-of State Trips)

Trip(s) already attended. Please list trip and year attended: _____

Application for Out of State Trips - Continued

Member's signature _____ Date _____

Leader's signature _____ Date _____

Extension Educator's signature _____ Date _____

Cover Sheet, Resume & Essay Due to the Montgomery County 4-H Office: October 6, 2011

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