



News & Notes

SPECIAL EDITION – FAIR ISSUE

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Dear 4-H Family:

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will be held August 8-16, 2008. All entries MUST be pre-entered. The preferred way to enter your 4-H entries is online via the web at www.mcaqfair.com Hard copies of the 4-H Fair Catalog will be available from the 4-H Office as well as the Fair Office and your Club Leader around the 23rd of June.

Entry Deadlines: **Animal Entries are due to the Fair Office by July 10**
(A late fee will be assessed after this date.)

4-H Building Entries are due to the Fair Office by July 20.

4-H Demonstration Entries are due to the 4-H Office by July 20
(An entry form for 4-H Demonstrations-Div. 38 is found in this issue of *News & Notes* & also in the Fair Catalog.)

Float/Walking Unit Entries are due to the 4-H Office by July 20
(Entry forms will be mailed to Club Leaders)

New this year, 4-H Demonstrations-Division 38 – times have been changed for **Animal Science Demonstrations** – they will now be from **1 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Mon., August 11**. **General Demonstrations** will be **Mon., August 11 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.** and **Wed., August 13, 1-9 p.m.** and **Science & Technology** will still be on **Thurs., August 14 from Noon until 4 p.m.** Division 38 entry form is in this issue of *News & Notes*. **Do not enter online.**

Entry day for indoor non-perishable exhibits will be **Wed., August 6 from 3:30-7:30 p.m.** while perishable exhibits will be accepted on **Sat., August 9 from 3-6 p.m.** Remember if you are bringing a perishable item, i.e., salad, cake, etc. you will need to bring a cooler. Also, if you are planning on using an item which you are entering in the 4-H Building during the week for a 4-H related activity such as the Fashion Show or a demonstration then remember to stop at the table outside of the 4-H Building prior to entering your item so that we can mark them. Club Booths may be entered early on Mon., Aug. 4th from 7-9 p.m. or at the regular time on Wednesday.

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Sunday, August 10, 2008

We would like to invite all of our 4-H Families to join us in the cattle pavilion on Sunday, August 10 at 8 p.m. for our annual 4-H Cake Auction. This is our fund raiser for the Montgomery County 4-H Program. All money raised from the auction goes back to our 4-H program and in turn goes back to our 4-H'ers and volunteers. We purchase resource materials, ribbons & awards, pay registration fees & give scholarships.

Now you see why we need your support at the 4-H Cake Auction. Even if your cake is not in the auction please join in with friends and family to form a syndicate to bid on a cake or if you know a business that would like to make a donation in this way then please encourage them to attend on Sunday evening. If you need a pass for a cake buyer please contact Jeannie at the 4-H Office (we have a limited number of passes to use for this purpose).

Stage Hands Needed

The Fair Royalty Stage (in Racing Park) is decorated on Sunday afternoon starting at 3 p.m. and then needs to be dismantled after the crowning around 8 p.m. The Royalty Committee is in need of volunteers to help with this project. 4-H'ers will receive SSL hours for their time. If you can help please contact Lorelei Irons at 301-253-3223.

Parade Entries

Have you got your float committee or walking unit together? The theme for this year is "4-H Was Here From the Start ". Your club can earn some extra money by entering the 4-H Parade on Sunday, August 10th prize money is given to all 1st through 3rd place winners.

Floats will be judged in the Cattle Show Pavilion on Sunday, the 10th starting at 4:15 p.m. and walking units will assemble and be judged on the outside of the Heritage Building starting at 5:15 p.m.

Entry forms will be mailed to each club leader and will need to be completed and returned to the 4-H Office by July 20th.

◆ ◆ NEW INFORMATION PLEASE READ Discounted Fair Passes

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is once again offering discounted fair passes to our 4-H families. 4-H Parents (who are not Ag Center Members) and would like to purchase a discounted season pass may do so for the price of \$30 per pass. Children of 4-H families who are not 4-H members will be able to purchase a discounted season pass based on the following criteria: A child under 2 years old is free, a child age 2-18 may purchase a wristband for \$15 (a wristband does not include free parking). Free parking & shuttle service is always available from Lake Forest Mall.

The 4-H price for these season passes will be honored through the last workday, Saturday, August 2nd until 1 p.m. Passes will be on sale at the Ag Center Office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and on Saturday "Fair Work Days".

A season pass is good for one entry each day so if you leave the fairgrounds and plan on coming back the same day you will need to have your hand stamped at one of the gates before leaving the fairgrounds.

4-H member and volunteer cards are available from our county 4-H Office. Member & Volunteer Cards will also serve as "fair passes" for entry into the County Fair on the first weekend, August 9 & 10, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. ONLY. After Sunday, August 10th these cards will no longer be valid for the County Fair but will still serve as passes for the 2008 State Fair.

Fair Parking Issues

Due to limited parking space, it is requested that there be no long term storage of trailers during the fair. It is expected that livestock trailers be taken home for the duration of fair week.

There can be no parking of vehicles or equipment between the barns. This is a safety issue.

Fair Workdays

(Earn Service Learning Hours or Fair Hours)

July 12, 19, 26 and August 2

Work days begin at 8 a.m. and if you arrive & sign in by 9:30 a.m. you will receive one free lunch ticket. Remember you must be at least 12 years old in order to earn hours for your Fair membership. Also, you must sign in & out on the fair computer system for your hours to be counted.

The 4-H Building needs volunteers to help setup areas for entry days. Evenings needed are Mon. Aug. 4 starting at 6:30 p.m., Thurs. Aug. 7 all day & evening, and Sat. Aug. 9 after 8 p.m. or Sun. Aug. 10 starting at 9 a.m. ***Please call the 4-H Office by Aug. 1 to sign up for a time to help.*** The 4-H Building belongs to all the 4-H'ers and if you would like to help even for a few hours your help would be appreciated.

Early Entry to the Fairgrounds

Entrance for shows that begin before 10:00 a.m. or if your show starts at 10:00 a.m. and you need to come in prior to the start time for set up then you will need to use the Dalamar Street entrance only. Each individual must have a ticket or pass as they will not be selling tickets prior to 10 a.m.

Fair Information Booths

Volunteers are needed that are familiar with the fairgrounds, fair activities and have good communication skills to help in the information booths. "Information Specialist" provide a vital community service to fair guests. This is something that can be done as a 4-H club or as a small group of 2-4. If you or your club is interested please contact Sue Sullivan at 301-926-5858 or at suesownline@aol.com

Hosts & Hostesses Needed for VIP Day

4-H'ers 12 years old and older can perform a very worthwhile community service and earn SSL hours at the same time while escorting children with disabilities or who are chronically ill around the fairgrounds on Monday, August 11th. Remember the 4-H Pledge "...My Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service..." Give some of your time to helping these children enjoy their day at the fair.

There will be a training session, which you must attend, on August 4th at the Fairgrounds, Heritage Building, Garden Room from 7-9 p.m. Please note that the training will take place at a new location this year. For more information or to sign up (limited to the first 30) call Besilica Reaves at 301-379-1169 or e-mail her at besilica.reaves@gmail.com

4-H Honor Guard

SIGN UP TODAY – LIMITED TO THE FIRST 8 4-H'ERS WHO CALL – 301-590-2824.

You must be 12 years old or older and strong enough to carry a large flag through the parade route on Parade Night at the County Fair (Sunday, August 10th).

You will be our Parade starters, representing the county 4-H program. There will be one practice session which you must attend prior to the Parade which will be held on Thursday, July 31st starting at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. You will receive a 4-H T-shirt to wear in the parade and you will earn fair hours for your service.

Earning Fair Hours Towards Membership

A person wishing to earn hours toward life membership, must have attained the age of 12 before January 1 of the year in which they register as a volunteer at the Montgomery Co. Ag Center. Children are always welcome to help at fair work days but if a child is under the age of 12 then they must be accompanied by an adult.

Recognition for our Out-of-State Winners

Montgomery County was well represented at the State level for Out-of-State Trip interviews. We are proud to announce the 4-H'ers from our county who will be our state representatives to:

4-H Congress – Andrew Dobos, Sophia Reaves and Bree Feuillet

Camp Miniwanca – Kathryn & Mary Pat MacMillan

West Virginia Older Youth Camp – Robin Harris

Others to be Recognized

We offered scholarships from Montgomery County 4-H this year and we are glad to announce that Amanda Ervin is the recipient of our first scholarship.

Our Montgomery County 4-H Family of the Year was announced recently at the Extension Volunteer Picnic in May, and we are proud to announce that the John Lyons Family received this honor, family members include John and Kathy, and children Casey, Kaylene and Dunchadhn.

The State Communications Competition was held at the University of Maryland on April 26th and Montgomery County was well represented with the following 4-H'ers receiving State recognition – Extemporaneous Speeches – Jr. Reserve Champion, Curtis Gannon, Inter. Champion, Julia Doody. Interpretive Speeches – Jr. Champion, Joshua Reaves. Prepared Speeches – Jr. Reserve Champion, Mark Hermreck, Senior Champion, Caitlin Perdue. Radio Spots – Inter. Reserve Champion, Cuan Hendricken. Great Job!!!

Livestock Skill-a-thon teams participated at the Maryland Cattleman's Assoc. Meeting in March and our county teams placed as follows: Junior Team – 5th place with Nick Boher placing in the top ten individuals. Intermediate Team – 4th place and Senior Team – 3rd place with Cameron Irons placing in the top ten individuals. Also, some of our 4-H'ers participated in the annual Sheep & Wool Skill-a-thon, Savannah Cook was high individual overall in the intermediate division. Caroline Kimble took 8th place while the team overall placed 2nd. One of our junior members, Derrick Kimble was 10th in the junior division as well.

State Dog Bowl Results – both our Junior and Intermediate teams took first place while our senior team fought a hard battle and came in at second place. 4-H'ers who placed in the top five were junior, Griffin Shay, intermediate, Meghan Perdue and seniors Caitlin Perdue, Christopher Perdue and Collin Shay. Our county was also well represented at the State with our Horse Bowl Teams with our junior team placing 9th, intermediate team placing 12th and the senior team coming in at 6th place. Hope Dunlap, was in the top 10 for the intermediates while Tori Willis was in the top 10 for the juniors.



Dairy Judging and Rabbit Judging

If you are interested in either of these animal judging experiences then please contact the coaches for more information and for a starting date.

John Doody, Dairy Judging Coach – 301-414-0308

Tom Fitzpatrick, Rabbit Judging Coach – 301-929-9510





Volunteer to work at the Computer Table

4-H'ers are needed to work on the computer during pre-fair:

Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 4 – 11 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 7 from 10 am. – Noon

Saturday, Aug. 9 from 8 – 11 p.m.

Volunteers may choose to work a few hours or as long as they can stay. Pre-fair computer work consists of making index cards with names for clothing entries, clover entries, champions and reserve champions. We also make club names signs for each booth and other signs as requested.

You can also volunteer to work during fair week, the computer will be set up on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, fair week from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

To volunteer for any of these times contact Jean or Bud Corazza at 301-253-0843 or email jcorazza@verizon.net (email is the best way to make contact).

2008 Health Papers

I'm sure most of your club leaders have gone over this before but we need to emphasize this one more time. The procedure for health papers this year is very similar to the past but there are a few differences. Health papers need to be obtained within 60 days of your first show. If your first show is the County Fair then you need to get them after June 10th. Once the health papers have been signed by your local vet it is your responsibility to have the completed CVI form approved and stamped by the regional MDA Animal Health Offices prior to the date of your first exhibition. The closest lab to us is in Frederick at 1840 Rosemont Ave. The last step is to fill out the Exhibitor Self Certification on the back of the CVI before you load up your animals to come to the fair. This form must be accompany the animals at the gate, not brought with you later, and presented upon request. For more information on health papers this year you can contact the 4-H Office or the State MDA website at: http://www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/fair_show/fair_show_info.php.



Mutton Busting

Montgomery County Fairgrounds

Saturday 7 p.m. & Sunday 2 p.m. Rodeo Shows Grandstand

Mutton busting is a competition that involves riding a sheep and staying on for the longest period of time.

Contestants must weigh no more than 50 pounds and must be at least 4 years old. Safety head gear for participants will be provided. Prizes are awarded on both show days. Only 6 riders can participate each day – to www.mcagfair.com to obtain an application.

Admission to the fair and to the Rodeo must be paid by selected contestants.

Livestock Judging

It is that time of year for us to begin livestock judging. If you are interested in learning what the judges are looking for at the fair, learning how to describe animals, and how to pick out the best ones, judging is for you. You don't have to have any of these animals to be involved, just a desire to learn about them. We focus on sheep, swine, and beef. Judging will also teach valuable public speaking skills. This year instead of starting with a boring office practice we will start by jumping right in and learning all about the 3 species of animals at an informal orientation to be held at the Velisek's home at 9333 Watkins Rd., Gaithersburg, MD This meeting will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11th. If you are planning on coming to the orientation or are interested in learning more about livestock judging please contact me at dgordon3@umd.edu or call me at 301-590-2813. I look forward to seeing many of you there on Wednesday, June 11th.

***4-H Kids & Teens in Action
Be One of the Movers & Shakers
Sign Up To Volunteer
Annette Plitman, Coordinator***

Volunteer in the 4-H Building at the 2008 Montgomery County Fair and you can earn fair hours or service-learning hours! Here are the 2008 4-H Kids and Teens in Action opportunities. You must volunteer a minimum of 10 hours (4-H'ers 12 years old and older) to receive credit towards a Montgomery County Agriculture Center membership. Additional hours for membership can be earned by volunteering at the County Fair Workdays.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please fill in times you are available to volunteer (i.e. 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)

Building Helpers – You will be assigned to a department.

Days/Times Needed	Time you will be available to volunteer
Wed. Aug. 6 (6-10 p.m.)	
Sat. Aug. 9 (3-10 p.m.)	
*Sun. Aug. 10 (9-11 p.m.)	
Sun. Aug. 17 (1-5 p.m.)	

*To help after the cake auction

****Make & Take Crafts – Supplies will be provided for you to teach a simple craft to fair visitors - you must volunteer a minimum of 2 hrs. per day -**

Days/Times Needed	Time you will be available to volunteer
Mon. Aug. 11 (10a.m.-4 p.m)	
Tues. Aug. 12(10a.m.-4p.m.)	
Fri. Aug. 15 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)	
Sat. Aug. 16 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)	

****We need an adult volunteer each day to supervise**

Vision Screening – Eye doctors will teach you how to conduct a simple vision-screening test for fair visitors. You will be working with the eye doctors. Days and times will not be available until a later date but if you are interested in working with vision screening please check below.

_____ **Yes, I would like to help with vision screening please let me know what days and times are available.**

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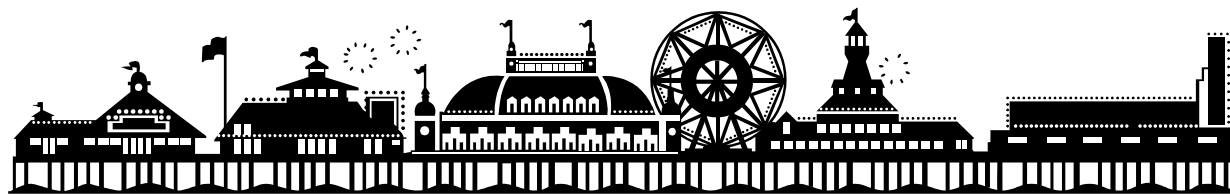
Project Show & Tell – We are expanding Project Show and Tell this year. The goal is to have at least one project area being displayed during the following times. This is a great opportunity for a club to “show their stuff”! Ideas include: making airplanes, beading, computer science, needle arts – crocheting, knitting, weaving, embroidery, woodworking, electrical.

Days/Times Needed	Time you will be available to volunteer
Mon. Aug. 11 (10a.m.-4 p.m)	
Tues. Aug. 12(10a.m.-4p.m.)	
Fri. Aug. 15 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)	
Sat. Aug. 16 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)	

➔ **Junior 4-H Building Chairman of the Day** – Assist the Building Superintendent and coordinate the building activities with Kids & Teens in Action volunteers. Must be 13 years old or older by fair week. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mon. Aug. 11 through Sat. Aug. 16. You may sign up for a half day (10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1 p.m.-4 p.m.) or for the whole day.

Day & Time _____

If you are interested in any of the above volunteer opportunities please contact: Annette Plitman at aplitman@hotmail.com or 301-570-6310. If you email Annette please indicate activity, date and time. All time slots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. A confirmation will be emailed to you. Or you can mail this form to the 4-H Office, 18410 Muncaster Rd., Derwood, MD 20855 no later than July 10th.



STATE FAIR – 4-H PRESENTS!

This year in the State Fair 4-H Premium Book under Division X, the section VI formerly known as 4-H Visual Presentations Program is now called 4-H Presents! Program. This program has a brand new entry form to be filled out by each individual who enter in this program.

The new entry form is located in this *News & Notes* or can be accessed from the Maryland State Fair website. So if you would like to give a visual presentation, demonstration, prepared speech, radio spot, or an interpretive speech at the State Fair please complete the 2008 MD State Fair Division X Special 4-H Programs entry form.

Free Family Day: Mosquitoes, Larvae and Ticks, Oh My!

The Marian Koshland Science Museum, 6th and E Sts. N.W., Washington, DC
Saturday, June 21, 2008 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Don't let mosquitoes, ticks, and other pesky insects ruin your summer fun. At this family day, participants can learn how to identify potentially harmful bugs by examining live specimens. At noon, vector-borne diseases expert Jorge Arias, environmental health supervisor at the Fairfax County, VA Health Department will discuss strategies for protecting against West Nile virus, Lyme disease, and other insect-related hazards. Activities for all ages will be featured throughout the day. Admission is free.

Calendar of Events

June	26	4-H Building Fair Chairman's Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Office
July	6-11	4-H Camp Tawasentha, Western MD Campgrounds
	10	4-H Animal entries due to Mont. Co. Ag Center
	18	Kids & Teens in Action registration form due to Annette Plitman
	20	4-H Building entries due to Mont. Co. Ag Center
	20	4-H <u>Demonstration entries due to 4-H Office</u>
	20	4-H <u>Float entries due to the 4-H Office</u>
	31	Honor Guard practice, Mont. Co. Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
August	1	State Fair entries are due online to the MD State Fair
	4	VIP training, Mont. Co. Fairgrounds, Heritage Bldg., 7 p.m.
	8-16	Montgomery County Fair
	Aug. 22-Sept. 1	Maryland State Fair
September	18	New Families to 4-H Orientation. 4-H Office, 7 p.m.
	24	AIS Parent Meeting, 4-H Office, 7 p.m.
	25	Leader Update Meeting & Dinner, 4-H Office, 6:30 p.m.

FAIR WORKDAYS

July 12, 19, 26, & August 2

We are looking for several people men and women teens are also welcome to help set-up the 4-H Building on these workdays

You will earn Fair Hours

If you can volunteer 4 hours or more on one or more of these days

Contact: Alga at 301-590-2804 or email algapie@umd.edu

HELP IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY-CALL THE 4-H OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER!

Come and have fun and meet new people while working and helping our county 4-H'ers.

The 4-H Building at the Fair needs people to fill the following positions:

DEPARTMENT CO-CHAIR OR CHAIRMAN:

- ☛ CANDY CO-CHAIRMAN
- ☛ EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS AND COLLECTIONS (can have 2 people)
- ☛ MISCELLANEOUS ARTS CO-CHAIRMAN

Description of positions:

- Pre-entry set up of area (getting tables ready for displays and judging)
- Entry Night – assisting exhibitors and judges
- Logging Judging Information (premium/placings) into a Chairman's Department Book for data entry at Fair Office
- Placing special award notices (index cards) on exhibit
- Display of exhibits for public viewing
- Take down on exhibit release date

4-H BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT:

- Attendance at work days to direct volunteers of building set-up.
- Supervision of volunteers on a day to day basis for various programs and needs in the building before and during fair.
- Opening and Closing of building (or scheduling a volunteer for closing)

- Scheduling volunteer/4-H Staff for continuous building observance (information booth)
- Attendance at all entry days
- To be able to make authoritative decisions for displays, placings, rules and regulations of the 4-H Building and Fair.

There are generally two Chairman meetings for informational/concerns/wrap up. They take place in June/July and after the fair in September.