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4-H MESSENGER

*4-H is a community of young people across America
who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.*



March/April 2011

Dear 4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers,

Our 4-H community and project clubs have been actively involved in fun, educational activities and community service projects. Great! That's what 4-H is all about: Youth are learning, developing new skills, and benefiting their communities. Please remember to keep spreading the word about 4-H. Promoting 4-H helps potential new volunteers and members discover our programs. Did you know that the overall 4-H membership increased from 100 in 2009 to 154 in 2010? That's a 54 percent increase, thanks to your help spreading the word about the opportunities 4-H offers. We also taught short-term programs to more than 2,300 participants in 2010.

Members, be sure to thank your volunteer leaders for the time they invest in creating learning activities for you. The Extension Office always thanks volunteers at the Achievement Program, but the best thank you a volunteer can get is from the young people with whom he or she works. Let your leaders know you appreciate the time and effort they invest in making YOUR best better.

The 4-H staff has been working on several exciting programs. We're continuing to teach robotics, agriculture, Chesapeake Bay, healthy living, and safety lessons to Talbot County

youth as well as youth around the state. This month, Ms. Jackie Blake will help us offer a "4-H Meet and Eat" program that will teach kids about preparing simple, healthy, tasty meals.

The ability to communicate is a skill that benefits all of us throughout our lives. We held the Talbot County Communication Contest in February and had a great turnout. Nearly 25 percent of our community club members showcased their speaking skills! Talbot 4-H also coordinates the Eastern Shore Regional Communication Contest, and we enjoy seeing our Talbot members participate.

The Achievement Program for 2010 will be held Friday, March 11. You are all invited, so please let us know as soon as possible if you are coming. The 4-H staff hopes to begin visiting club meetings again as soon as we find time in our schedules! For now, we hope to see you at the Achievement Program.

Keep doing great things!

Tom Hutson
4-H Educator

Pat Murphy
4-H Program Assistant



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS

**Saturday, March 5, 10 - noon and
Saturday, March 19, 10 - 12 and 1 - 3**

4-H Shotgun Safety Training Extension Office/Talbot Rod & Gun Club

Youth interested in joining Claybusters shotgun club need to sign up for this mandatory safety course. The 10 A.M. to noon sessions will be held at the Extension Office both days and the 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. session on the 19th will be held at the Talbot Rod and Gun Club. (Parents will be able to take their kids to lunch between noon and 1). The class only has 12 slots, but if it fills we can try to refer you to another training in an adjacent county OR our May class.



Friday, March 11, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. 4-H Achievement Program! Easton High School

Join us as we celebrate the 2010 accomplishments of Talbot 4-H members. More than half of our community club members chose to complete record books this year, and this means we have lots of accomplishments to celebrate! Please register by March 7.

Saturday, March 12, 11 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Meet and Eat Workshop Talbot Ag. & Ed. Center

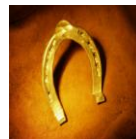
Youth ages 8 to 12 are invited to attend this healthy lifestyles workshop. Ms. Jackie Blake will teach the basics of preparing a tasty, healthy meal. Kids will learn to set a table, make and top personal pizzas, prepare a garden salad, and whip us a nutritious dessert. Teens are also welcome to participate and help younger kids with their meal preparations. Materials cost will be \$5. Please register with the Extension Office by March 8 if you plan to attend.



Tuesday, March 15

Ambassadors Meeting (5-6) and 4-H Council Meeting (6-7) Extension Office

Each club is asked to send its vice president and/or 4-H Council representative to the meeting. We will be holding Council officer elections for the period of March 2010 to March 2011, so please attend if you plan to run for an office. **Please Note:** Because many people tend to have questions or need help immediately following the Council meeting, we have decided to hold the Ambassadors meeting before 4-H Council. This move will allow the Ambassadors to meet without interruption.



Saturday, March 19

4-H Horse Bowl Contest Univ. of MD – Plant Sciences Bldg.

Questions? Contact

Kristen Wilson: kswilson@umd.edu

Friday, March 25, 6:30 P.M.

Eastern Shore 4-H Regional Communication Contest Easton High School



Although the county contest determines who is eligible to participate in the state contest, the Eastern Shore is the only part of Maryland that also offers youth a unique regional showcase opportunity. We hope to see you there. Last year we were able to offer cash prizes to winners, and we hope to do so this year too.



Saturday, April 2

4-H Foundation Sporting Clays Shoot/Fundraiser Schrader's Sporting Clays Bridgetown

See the event flyer or contact the 4-H Office if you would like more information about this FUNdraiser that benefits the Maryland 4-H Foundation.

Saturday, April 9



4-H Horse Judging Clinic
Carroll County Ag Center
 Questions? Contact Kristen Wilson
kswilson@umd.edu

Friday, April 8 – Sunday, April 10
Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports
Instructor Training

Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock

Adults, do you know someone who wants to be a 4-H shooting sports instructor? Please tell him or her about this training that provides instructor certification. Talbot 4-H would welcome additional shotgun instructors, and we would really welcome instructors in other shooting disciplines such as archery so we can involve even more local youth in our shooting programs.



Friday, April 15 – Sunday, April 17
4-H Mechanical Sciences Camp
Rocks State Park, Harford County

Youth who are mechanically inclined will enjoy attending this camp. Participants will explore projects such as small engines, lawn tractors, large tractors, bicycles, and welding. Registration information is still to come, so please save the dates.

Saturday, April 16

Mechanical Sciences Workshop
Queen Anne's County 4-H Park

Are you interested in mechanical sciences but you don't have time for a three-day camp? Consider attending this one-day workshop in Queen Anne's County. More details to come, so please save the date.



Saturday, April 16
Livestock Showmanship Workshop
Cecil County

Do you need some pointers on how to show your animal in fairs and shows? This workshop might be just the thing for you! Contact the Extension Office if you need more information.

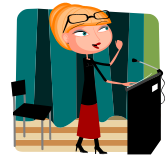


Anytime Before April 30
4-H Livestock Quality Assurance
Online Training

Attention livestock project members: Livestock quality assurance training has finally gone high tech! EVERY 4-H livestock project member needs to complete the online training during the month of April. There are more details in the Animal Programs section. **Note: The 4-H Office will also offer in-person training (Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 P.M. at the Ag. Center) for new livestock project members who feel they need additional instruction by a real live person!**

Saturday, April 30

Maryland 4-H
State Communication Contest
University of Maryland College Park
 4-H COUNTY (not Regional)



communication contest champions are eligible to compete in the state contest. Reserve champions are welcome to assist with the state contest events. Reserve champions will be invited to compete if the champions in there are unable to compete at the state contest.

MAY 4-H EVENTS

Saturday, May 7, 10 A.M. – noon &

Saturday, May 14, 10 – 12 and 1 – 3

4-H Shooting Safety Training

See the March training description above for details.

Saturday, May 14

Eastern Shore 4-H/FFA Spring Show

Queen Anne's County 4-H Park

Contact the Extension Office if you need more information about participating in this livestock show.

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4-H members, parents, and volunteers can find out about State-Level 4-H Programs and get useful policies, information, and forms online:

maryland4h.org

University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

Important: Record Book Forms and Portfolio Information!

Do you want to get started early on your 2011 record book? To access the Maryland 4-H Summary Record and Maryland 4-H Project Record forms, go to talbot.umd.edu and click "4-H Youth Development." You can edit and save the forms.

To access information about 4-H Senior Portfolios, go to maryland4h.org. Click Faculty and Staff; click Forms; click Awards and Recognition; click Out of State Trips. All details about the portfolio are found at this website. Portfolios help determine a senior's eligibility for national trips!

Service Learning Hours

Did you know that your 4-H community service work can often qualify as service learning hours for school? Contact the Extension Office if you need help deciding which of your community service projects qualify as service learning.



Maryland 4-H Foundation Updates



2011 Awards Gala

Congratulations to the following Talbot 4-H volunteers/alumni and youth who were recognized at this year's Maryland 4-H Awards Gala. We're proud of you!

- Amanda Clougherty – 4-H Alumni Award
 - Emily Ann Graudin – National 4-H Congress
 - Hannah Engle – Hippology 2010
 - Jessica Lantz – Hippology 2010
 - Ryan Snow – Rippeon Family Award
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Seniors: Prepare for 2012 Out-of-State Trips!



Attention senior 4-H members: Did you know that the Maryland 4-H Foundation sponsors several national trips each year for 4-H members? If you are interested in attending one of these trips next year, be sure to put together a portfolio this year and have us forward it to the State 4-H Office on the appropriate date. Note: Resumes, Essays, and Applications for National 4-H Conference will be due October 2011 to the State 4-H Office. National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Older Members Conference, Virginia 4-H Congress, and Camp Miniwanca will be due in January of 2012 to the State 4-H Office.

(Resumes, Essays, and Applications for **2012 National 4-H Conference** will be due in October 2011.) See page 4 for details about online information.

Congratulations to Our County Communication Contest Participants!

Clovers

Karli Abbott, Cori Berezney, Hayden Hulliger, Michael Murray, Jessica Watts

Junior Prepared Speech

Rebekah Lankford (C), Katelynn Cherry (RC), Joshua Cherry

Intermediate Prepared Speech

Henry Spies (C), Maria McCulley (RC)

Senior Prepared Speech

Justine Spies (C), Lindsey Graudin (RC), Emily Graudin, Brandon Dudrow

Junior Extemporaneous

Mitchell Lantz (C), Abbie Joyce (RC)

Intermediate Extemporaneous

Megan McCulley (C), Morgan Harvey (RC)

Senior Extemporaneous

Michelle McCulley (C)

Intermediate Interpretation

Megan Watts (C)

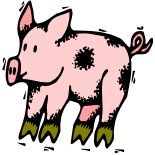
Senior Demonstration

Lindsey Graudin (C)

DO YOU NO LONGER WANT/NEED TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER?

If so, please contact the Extension Office and we will remove you from our list.

Animal Programs Update



Ms. Susan Behrens is our County Livestock Coordinator, so if the 4-H Office can't answer your question she probably can!

If you are planning to work on a livestock project in 2011 and you want to enter an animal in fairs or shows, please let Ms. Susan or the 4-H Office know as soon as possible.

ONLINE ANIMAL HUSBANDRY QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING FOR ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS



All 4-H livestock project members need to complete this brand new internet-based quality assurance training before the end of April. The State 4-H Office wants to get everyone across the state in sync with regard to quality assurance, so even if you were trained in person last year you need to complete the online training before April 30. Online training will ensure that all livestock project members get the same information about quality assurance AND can take the training at a time convenient for them. **As soon as the internet link is available, we will share it with you.** Contact the 4-H Office after March 1 if you have problems accessing the training. **Note: The 4-H Office will also offer in-person training (Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 P.M. at the Ag. Center) for new livestock project members who feel they need additional instruction by a real live person!**



Horse project members: Do you know about horsemanship standards?

Some people think working their way up the levels is only useful for helping them enter the Maryland State Fair, but the levels are actually a neat way to increase your knowledge and skills. Ms. Shannon Dill of the Extension Office is a trained examiner. That means that you can learn

about levels 1 and 2 of horsemanship standards and have Ms. Shannon test you right here in Talbot County! Advancing through even higher levels will help give you something impressive to put in your record book or on your resume! Contact the Extension Office for details.

Rabbit Project Opportunities

A message from Ms. Karen Callahan, our Rabbit Project Coordinator



Hi everyone!
If you have rabbit questions, please contact me at: karensrabbits@hotmail.com.

Thanks! Karen

Membership Fee and Reenrollment

Maryland 4-H has added a \$10 per member participation fee starting in 2011. Families with more than three children will pay a maximum of \$30. Members of more than one club will pay only one participation fee. Members and parents, please work with you club leaders to take care of enrollment during January and February. Some clubs will collect checks (written to club) from members and then turn in a single club check to the 4-H Office; other clubs will collect checks (written to Talbot County Extension Advisory Council) and turn all checks into the 4-H Office.

Please contact the 4-H Office if you know someone who has financial need for scholarship money to cover his or her participation fee.



Thanks to everyone for making the transition to a paid enrollment as SMOOTH as possible.



Do You Have an Idea for a 4-H Project Club?

Hello Talbot County Adults: Do you have a special hobby, skill, or talent? Contact us about sharing your project knowledge with local kids by helping us conduct a series of 6-10 project sessions, a short-term club!



Important 4-H Websites:

Maryland 4-H

maryland4h.org

National 4-H

www.national4-hheadquarters.gov

Talbot County Extension and 4-H Office

talbot.umd.edu

University of Maryland Extension

extension.umd.edu

Talbot County Fair

talbotcountyfair.org

Maryland State Fair

marylandstatefair.com

MCE Child Care and After School Programs

mcecares.org

Maryland 4-H Horse

4horse.umd.edu

Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports

md4-hshooting sports.umd.edu

Would you like to become a 4-H volunteer or start a 4-H club?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer or starting a club, please contact the 4-H Office at (410) 822-1244 and we will be glad to talk with you and set up a training session to help you become a volunteer.



Free Professional Development Opportunity

**Living in the New Normal: Helping
Children Thrive in Good and
Challenging Times**

Date: March 26, 2011

Registration & Breakfast: 8:00-8:30

Institute Training: 8:30-4:00

Hagerstown Hotel & Convention Center

1920 Dual Hwy (Rt. 40)

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Presented by Military Child Education Coalition

Info: Laura Wood at 254-953-1923 or

Laura.Wood@MilitaryChild.org.

Talbot County 4-H Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Extension Office

Council Members Present (from sign-in sheet): Megan Watts, Michelle McCulley, Karla Wieland-Cherry, Katelynn Cherry, Catherine Pearson, Morgan Harvey, Pat Harvey, Linda Brown, Emilyann Graudin, Lindsey Graudin, Susan McCulley, Roxane Watts, Jessica Lantz, Mitchell Lantz, Allison Roe, Jo Anne Roe Susan Behrens, Pat Murphy, Tom Hutson

Council Officers:

President – Jessica Lantz Vice President – Emilyann Graudin Secretary – Morgan Harvey Historian – Noah Dorbin

I. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge

II. Minutes of Previous Council Meeting (read by Katelynn Cherry)

III. Old Business

A. State Teen Council and Maryland 4-H Volunteer Association – There are slots available for Talbot teens and volunteers on these committees. Let the Extension Office know if you are interested.

B. Countywide Project Workshops* – Do you know someone who wants to offer a countywide project workshop for 4-H members? If so, contact the Extension Office and we'll help arrange it.

*Here's an Example: ***On March 12 from 11-1 at the Ag. Center, we will be holding "Meet and Eat", a cooking class.*** Ms. Jackie Blake will be helping 4-H teach the class. Youth will set a table and make a centerpiece. They will also prepare and eat salad, pizza, and dessert.) Materials fee is \$5. Call the 4-H Office to register.

C. Youth Development Survey – ALL senior 4-H members are urged to participate in the online survey to be held in Ms. Linda Brown's classroom at Easton High School tomorrow at 3:00. Please be sure you bring the signed parental permission sheet and student assent sheet with you. (You may bring a friend with permission slips too!) Pizza and drinks will be served.

D. 2011 Enrollment – We would like to thank volunteers for helping to collect the \$10 participation fees for 2011. Volunteers, please turn in the re-enrollment forms and participation fees once you have collected them from your club members. The online 4-H enrollment system has several bugs that still need to be fixed. If you notice something incorrect on your enrollment forms or reports, let the 4-H Office know.

F. Other Old Business?

IV. Club Activity – past two months:

Bay Hundred Blue Crabs - The club recently elected new officers: President – Megan Watts, Vice President, Julianna Burns, Secretary, Meredith Camper, Treasurer, Kallie Duley, Historian/Reporter – Julia Spurry. The December meeting was the club's annual potluck dinner. Vice President Julianna Burns led the meeting. Quinn Jennings showed the skirt she made from the monthly challenge. With her grandmother's help, she was able to fashion a skirt out of ribbons.

The sewing circle met December 17 and worked on applique' techniques by making table runners.

The January meeting was held January 7. Megan Watts led the club in decorating candles for the members to take home. Two members took cut out cardboard books for the month's craft challenge. Miss Rocky met with members individually for their Diamond Clover projects. Libby and Nadine Baer are taking over the clover age group.

Busy Beavers - The club held their annual craft party, meeting, and family covered dish luncheon on December 4. Following this, they decorated a float and participated in the Easton Old Tyme Holiday parade that evening. We were invited to an awards ceremony at the Easton Town Office on December 20th, where we received the 1st place trophy.

On December 29th, we held a sing-along of Christmas songs with the residents at The Dixon House. Megan presented reindeer treats she had made and one of our Clovers presented treat baggies that they had put together at our December meeting. Three members read poems or gave a talk.

We held our January meeting last Friday, the 14th. In addition to our regular agenda items, we held the election and installation of officers, completed re-enrollment forms, and held our annual Club Recognition Program. At that time, each member receives a certificate stating how many years they have been in our club.

Chapel District – During the December meeting, the club elected officers for 2011, collected food for the local pantry, and did several other activities. In January, the club installed new officers, played ag. fact games, and made table decorations.

Claybusters - The club met once in December. Kent County 4-H invited Claybusters to participate in a 4-H shoot, and five club members went to the shoot. The club hasn't elected new officers yet.

Green Clover - The club met in December and held a Christmas party. They went caroling at the Dixon house, played games, and collected coats, food, and toys for Operation Christmas. In the January, three new members came to the club meeting. The club hasn't elected officers yet, but members worked on record books and helped the new members learn about public speaking. Three 4-H members attended the 4-H Gala and received awards. Ashley Gant helped organize and set up for the entire Gala event.

Hoofbeats – The club met in November and talked about general horse facts. They also had a Hippology meeting and went over Horse Bowl questions and facts. The December meeting got snowed out.

Saddle Club –The club had a Christmas party in December and worked on record books. This past Saturday the club worked on planning projects for this 2011. Katelynn taught members about how to measure a horse. The next meeting will be February 19.

SPECIALTY CLUBS:

Health Science Club - Club members recently went through two trainings and were certified in CPR and basic first aid.

Robotics Club - The club has eighteen members and is meeting every other Wednesday at HobbyTown. Current activities target youth ages 7-12, but we hope to get a club for older youth started if we can get the required supplies and volunteers.

Critchlow Adkins After School – The St. Michaels Site has been studying woodworking; members are building birdhouses using tools borrowed through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The Cordova and White Marsh centers are also using 4-H curriculum, and the Easton center is interested as well.

V. New Business

A. Opportunities for Youth at Phillip Merrill Environmental Center - Ms. Kathy Stevens, guest speaker

I invite club leaders and 4-H members to learn more about Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, which is a 501(c)3 environmental educational facility on Tilghman. Kelley Phillips Cox founded the center in 2005 to foster environmental stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay. Our mission is to provide hands-on experiences, especially for children, with the animals and plants that inhabit the Chesapeake Bay region. In addition to learning about the environment, visitors also learn how the Chesapeake Bay Watermen harvest bay resources.

We do this from the last existing crab shanty on Knapps Narrows and with our "Fishmobile," which is a rolling educational aquarium filled with live critters native to the Bay. We are member supported and volunteer run; visitors enjoy waterside activities, trips, tours and a growing number of day-long field trips. We have worked with area Girl Scouts and would like to reach out to 4-H members who are interested in the Bay, it's resources and methods to preserve this beautiful body of water.

Phillips Wharf is open to the general public and to groups from April to October; we also offer internships and service learning opportunities to youths.

In speaking with club members at 6 p.m. Jan. 18, 2011, I hope both to generate support for the center and to recruit volunteers for our 2011 season. Learn more about Phillips Wharf Environmental Center online at www.pwec.org or contact Kathy Stevens, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, Monday through Friday at 410-886-9200.

B. Diamond Clover Project – Have you completed the next level of the Diamond Clover Award? Please make sure you have turned in your report to the 4-H Office so you can be recognized at the Achievement Program.

- C. State 4-H Award Recipients** – Congratulations to these Talbot County 4-H members: Ryan Snow (Rippeon Family 4-H Foundation Award), Noah Dorbin (Diamond Clover Level 5), Emilyann Graudin (National 4-H Congress), Hannah Engle and Jessica Lantz (Hippology). Ms. Amanda Clougherty received a 4-H Alumni Award.
- D. Robotics Update** – We are still waiting to receive a few LEGO Mindstorm kits for youth ages 12 and up. In order for us to start an additional robotics club, we will need adult volunteers. If you know adults who are interested in working with robotics for any age level, please have them contact the 4-H Office.
- E. 4-H Council Elections** – We will hold elections in March. Members who should consider running for president, vice-president, secretary, or historian. Be prepared to explain why you want the position during the March meeting.
- F. Other New Business? Catherine Pearson wants to do a countywide food drive for the Humane Society. Chapel District will investigate the possibility and present the idea at the March meeting.**

VI. Upcoming Events/Dates

- Monday, January 24, 6:30 - Talbot Agriculture and Education Center Annual Meeting/Dinner (\$5 per person). 4-H is donating desserts to the dinner.
- Wednesday, January 26 – Health Science Club Meeting, **5:30 – 7:00** (note the time change) at Easton Hospital. Dana Parry, a nurse midwife, will be speaking.
- Friday, January 28 – All club paperwork, family of the year nominations, and friend of 4-H nominations are due to the 4-H Office.
- Saturday, January 29 – Animal Science Leader/Teen Forum, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD.
- Friday, February 4 – Horse Hoopla, Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park
- Saturday, February 5 – Winterfare and Operation Snowflake, Salisbury
- **Thursday, February 17, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Talbot 4-H Communication Contest at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Easton.** This year we will again hold a combined contest that includes visual presentations (demonstrations and illustrated talks) in addition to the typical contest events (prepared speech, extemporaneous speech, radio spot, and dramatic/poetry/humorous interpretations). Contact the 4-H Office to register.
- **Saturday, February 19 – Monday, February 21 – AGsploration Winter Institute at Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock.** Talbot County 4-H is looking for senior 4-H members who love agriculture or environmental science and enjoy teaching younger kids. Contact the 4-H Office if you are interested.
- Monday, February 21 – 4-H Legislative Day in Annapolis
- Saturday, March 5 from 10-12 (Extension Office) and Saturday, March 19 from 10-12 (Extension Office) and 1-2 (Talbot Rod and Gun Club)– Shotgun Safety Training. This training is required for youth who want to join Claybusters 4-H Club. Please call to register.
CORRECTION: THE NEWSLETTER SAID MARCH 15 BUT IT SHOULD HAVE SAID MARCH 19.
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- Saturday, March 12 – Meet and Eat Cooking Class, 11 A.M. – 1 P.M. at Talbot Ag. & Education Center.
- **Friday, March 25, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Eastern Shore 4-H Regional Communication Contest, Easton High School.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 22 from 6:00-7:00 P.M. at the Extension Office. (Ambassadors meeting will be from 7:00-8:00 P.M.)

It is the policy of the University of Maryland, Maryland Agriculture Experiment Station, and University of Maryland Extension that all persons have equal opportunity and access to programs and facilities without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation in programs, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible at (410) 822-1244.

4-H Opportunities from around the State



Announcing . . .

The 2011 4-H Horse Jamboree T-Shirt Logo Contest

The five Southern Maryland Counties will be hosting the 2011 MD State 4-H Horse Jamboree July 8-10, 2011 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro, MD. Horse Jamboree is a two-night event held each year that provides the opportunity for 4-H members interested in horses to gather and learn about them, while having lots of fun. Participants do NOT bring horses, but have the opportunity for hands-on activities during the entire Jamboree.

We need your help, MD 4-Hers. We would like to have **one of YOU design the t-shirt logo** for the event. Let your creative juices flow. Express yourself in art, and submit an entry for this contest. All submissions must be original works. Each 4-H member may submit only one entry. The logo must be reproducible in black and white; no color images can be used. **The logo will become the property of University of Maryland Extension.** Maximum size of entries is 6" x 8."

Who? MD 4-H members, 8 to 18 years old

What? MD State 4-H Horse Jamboree T-Shirt Logo Design Contest

When? Deadline to submit entries is **April 18, 2011**

Why? To showcase the creativity of one of our 4-H members in a lasting way

Where? Send entries to: Elaine Long Bailey

University of Maryland Extension, Calvert County

P. O. Box 486

Prince Frederick, MD 20678

elbailey@umd.edu

301-855-1150 410-535-3662

2011 Video Contest, Rules of the Road

The Maryland State Bar Association is accepting submissions for its 2011 Video Contest, *Rules of the Road*. Videos will be accepted until April 1, 2011. Information can be found at www.msba.org/?videocontest.

To enter, participants are encouraged to create a 1-3 minute video about the importance of the Rules of the Road. The video can portray and number of the Rules, including those affecting drivers, passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians or any other component of traffic safety.

The winners will be selected based on originality, creativity, adherence to the theme and overall quality. Cash Prizes will be awarded to the Top Three videos (First Place- \$500, Second Place- \$300, Third Place- \$200).

Check out www.msba.org/?videocontest for more details. You can email MSBAVideoContest@msba.org with any questions, or call the MSBA directly at 410-685-7878.

We Can Change the World Challenge
(Deadline: March 15, 2011 - Activities Take 3-12 Weeks to Complete)

As citizens and future stewards of our planet, today's students are in a unique position to become active agents of environmental change. Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge - Encourages students from grades K-12 to team up with their classmates to create replicable solutions to environmental issues in their schools (grades K to five), community (grades six to eight) and world (grades nine to 12). The goal of the Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge is to do more than just give kids a chance to formulate an experiment and carry it out. Contestants explore an environmental problem that affects their community. As part of the challenge, students must also put together guidelines for how other communities could repeat the project, and they share those guidelines as part of the contest. Prizes include scholarships, savings bonds, teacher awards, school grants, adventure trips, and green products. Learn more at www.wecanchange.com

2011 State Communication Contest

Just a few months away the 2011 State Communications Contest will again be at Maryland Day on Saturday, April 30th. We look forward to an opportunity to showcase our 4-Hers and their speaking accomplishments to the entire University Community! Encourage your county champions to enter the state contest. The on-line transmittal form is due April 1st – if your county/city event is after that date please let the State Office know that you will be entering youth after your contest.

We need lots of **Helpers/Judges**. We would welcome youth helpers that day – perhaps the reserve champions would like to come and help and if for some reason the champion does not attend – we'd be glad to let the reserve champ give their speeches. We need dozens of judges – so please send corridon@umd.edu names and contact information of potential judges.

2011 State 4-H Fashion Revue

If you or 4-H members and volunteers are interested in working on the 2011 State Fashion Revue – please contact Lacie (lashby@umd.edu) or Shante' (sstokes1@umd.edu) or Sandy (corridon@umd.edu) and they will include you on the State 4-H Fashion Revue Committee. If you have ideas that you'd like to share with the committee, just let them know.