4-H News and Views

February 2009

The Maryland State Fair Announces Changes To The 2009 4-H And Open Class Livestock Shows

The Maryland State Fair, scheduled from Friday, August 28 through Monday, September 7, 2009, annually recognizes the hard work of 4-H and FFA members well as the talents of Marylanders of all ages who compete in show and demonstrations throughout the 11 days of the Fair.

The order of livestock shows for the 128th Maryland State Fair will change this year:

All Beef Cattle Shows will take place on the first weekend of the Fair with 4-H Beef Cattle Shows on Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29.
All Open Class Beef Cattle Shows, including the new "Purebreds of Other Breeds" division will take place on Sunday, August 30.

All 4-H and Open Class Dairy Shows will take place on the second weekend of the Fair with the Open Class Dairy Shows on Thursday, September 3, and Friday, September 4, and the **4-H Dairy Shows on Sunday, September 6, and Monday, September 7.**

"In this difficult economy, we hope that this change in schedule will help our exhibitors with their hauling fees, travel expenses, etc." said Assistant General Manager Andy Cashman.

The 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale will take place on Saturday, August 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cow Palace and The Livestock Judging and Dairy Judging will take place on Saturday, September 5, at 8 a.m. in the Cow Palace.
If you need more information call 410-252-0200 x 227 or www.marylandstatefair.com

Inclement Weather Policy

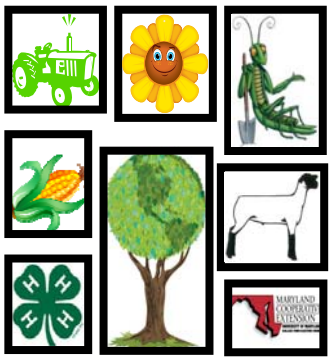
When Washington County Public Schools are closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather all 4-H programs and club meetings are canceled.

If a Snow Emergency Plan is in effect for Washington County all 4-H programs and club meetings are canceled. This includes events and programs on weekends and holidays.

Be a Teen Leader June 29 - July 3

Washington County
4-H Youth Development

Adventures in Agriculture Day Camp



Are you interested in being a teen leader for Adventures in Agriculture Day Camp? If you are between the ages of 14 and 18, and can commit to volunteering the week of June 29 as well as completing 40 hours of training then this could be a perfect opportunity to earn community service hours.

All trainings are held at the Extension Office.

February 12..6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
March 25… 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
April 21…. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
May 9……. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
May 27…… 6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m.
June 13…… 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
June 18…… 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Beth at301-791-1404 or bnichols@umd.edu

Needed:
Record Book Judges
February 21
10:30 a.m.
Please RSVP to Beth Nichols at 301-791-1404
or
bnichols@umd.edu

Livestock Skill-a-Thon

The 2009 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest will be held **Saturday, March 7.** The contest is being held in conjunction with the Maryland Cattle Industry Convention & Hay and Pasture Conference sponsored by the Maryland Cattleman's Association.

The contest will be held at the Hagerstown Hotel and Convention Center (formerly the Sheraton 4 Points) at 1910 Dual Highway in Hagerstown.

Please contact Beth Nichols for rules and regulations. Registration forms must be completed and returned to Beth by **Wednesday, February 18.** Contestants' family members are invited to register to participate in the educational sessions, trade show, and meals of the Cattle Industry Convention and the Hay and Pasture Conference.

Welcome State 4-H Specialists

We are happy to announce that Lisa Dennis and Megan Baker have joined the state 4-H team.

Lisa Dennis began her position as Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth and Adult Leadership Development on January 1. For the past 13 years, Lisa has served MCE in Somerset County, most recently as the 4-H Educator and County Extension Director. She is completing her PhD at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Lisa's office is located in the Henson Center at UMES.

Megan Baker became the Maryland Operation Military Kids (OMK) Project Director officially on January 5, 2009. Megan is a 2008 graduate of the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and has been serving as the Maryland OMK program assistant since August:

Megan is located at the Maryland 4-H Center.

They both look forward to working with 4-H faculty, staff, volunteers, and youth throughout the state.

Berlage Innovative 4-H Grant Program

Bruce and Donna Berlage are avid Maryland 4-H Program supporters who believe in the power of youth development. In recognition of this, they have established the innovative grants 4-H program to strengthen outreach and club programs. We are pleased to be able to provide financial support for our club programs. Four (8) $250.00 grants will be awarded for either a service or outreach project in which the majority of the club members participate.

Preference will be given to those who educate the community about 4-H or help "to make the best better" within the community or county.

The money will need to be used within 12 months of receiving the award.

After a project is completed clubs, who receive grants are asked to send in a brief paragraph about their program/ project and also pictures for publicity. There is no limit on the number of years a club can apply. This grant will be awarded yearly.

For the calendar year 2009, the applications are to be postmarked by March 1 and will be awarded by March 31. Beginning in 2010, applications are to be postmarked by February 1 of each calendar year. Recipients will be notified by March 1 of each calendar year.

If you have questions please call Amanda Brown Clougherty at 301-314-7832 or e-mail at akbrown@umd.edu

Upcoming 4-H Communications Events

County Public Speaking Contest:
Will be held March 10 at MCE-Washington County, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
All entries are due by Thursday, March 5th.

STATE: Our 2009 State Communications Contest will again be a part of Maryland Day on Saturday, April 25 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Put the date on your calendars to participate in a University Wide Family Event.

Judges and Helpers: If you or Older Youth or 4-H Volunteers would like to serve as a judge or a helper for the state contest on April 25 please e-mail Sandy Corridon at corridon@umd.edu.

4-H Ethics Trainings 2009

Ethics training is required each year in order to exhibit home arts and livestock at the Washington County Ag Expo & Fair. This year trainings will be held in four locations around the county. 4-H'ers must pre-register to attend.

- February 24 - 7:00 p.m.
Shiloh United Methodist Church
19731 Shiloh Church Rd.
Hagerstown, MD 21742

- March 28 - 10:00 a.m.
Extension Office
7303 Sharpsburg Pike
Boonsboro, MD 21713

- April 27 - 7:00 p.m.
Smithsburg Fire Hall
22 North Main St.
Smithsburg, MD 21783

- May 7 - 7:00 p.m.
St. John's Church
211 East Cumberland St.
Clear Spring, MD 21722

4-H Day in Annapolis -Monday, February 16

Are you interested in learning more about Maryland State Government and your role as a citizen and constituent? Then this program is for you.

Come spend the day with other Maryland 4-H'ers and volunteers as we:

- Tour historic Annapolis
- Meet with Maryland legislators to share information about MCE and 4-H Programs
- Learn "How a Bill becomes a Law" in
- Learn how we as citizens can be involved in government

For more information about this unique citizenship opportunity, contact the Extension Office at 301-791-1404 ***Transportation will be provided, there are currently 4 spaces available .***

4-H RABBIT CLUB WANTS YOU

The Washington County 4-H Rabbit Club has 6 meetings a year. In 2009 they will be held on February 27, April 24, June 26, July 20, October 23 and December 11. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at Shiloh United Methodist Church.
For more information, contact Curtis or Nevalene Uzelac at 301-797-7833.

4-H Recognition Night

Saturday, March 14

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a light dinner and a silent auction to support the Washington County Junior Fair Board. At 7:00 p.m. we will recognize volunteers and youth that make Washington County 4-H Youth Development such a success.

Please RSVP by March 9th
Diane Woodring
301-791-1404
dwoodrin@umd.edu

Wanted: Market Sale Committee Members

Youth and Adult members are needed to serve on Market Sale Committee for the following species:
Market Lamb - 1 Youth
Market Goat - 1 Youth
Swine - 1 Adult
Longhorn Steers - 2 Adults, 1 Youth

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the Extension Office.
For more information, contact :
Curtis Uzelac, Market Sale Committee President
at 301-797-7833

4-H Calendar of Events

Washington County 4-H

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Boonsboro MD 21713

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"Making the Best Better"

February

February 9: 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting @ Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
February 13: Club Leaders: Club information, 4-H Club Meeting Calendar, Club Leadership form– due to Extension Office
February 14: Spring Swine Show, @ Four States Livestock Auction, 9:00 a.m.
February 16: 4-H Day in Annapolis
February 21: Record Book Judging @ Extension Office, 10:00 a.m.
February 24: 4-H Ethics Training @ Shiloh United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.
February 27: 4-H Rabbit Club Meeting @ Shiloh United Methodist Church, 6:00 p.m.

March

March 5: County Public Speaking Contest Entry deadline
March 10: Public Speaking Contest @ Extension Office, 5:00 p.m.
March 14: 4-H Recognition Night Washington County Agricultural Education Center, 6:00 p.m.
March 17: Market Sale Committee Meeting @ Extension Office 7:30 p.m.
March 28: 4-H Ethics Training @ Extension Office, 10:00 a.m.

April

April 4: 1st year dairy steer tag-in 9:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m. , Washington County Ag. Center
April 10: Good Friday Extension Office Closed
April 25: 11th Annual Maryland Day @ University of Maryland, College Park
April 27: 4-H Ethics Training @ Smithsburg Fire Hall , 7:00 p.m.

We're on the web:
www.washington.umd.edu

Sincerely,

Beth Bubacz Nichols
Extension Educator,
4-H Youth Development

Diane Woodring
Administrative Assistant

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