

4-H Happenings Newsletter

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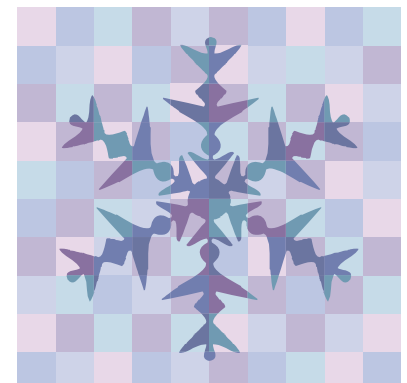
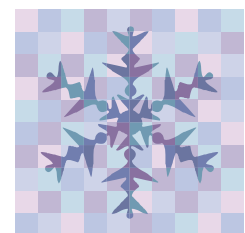
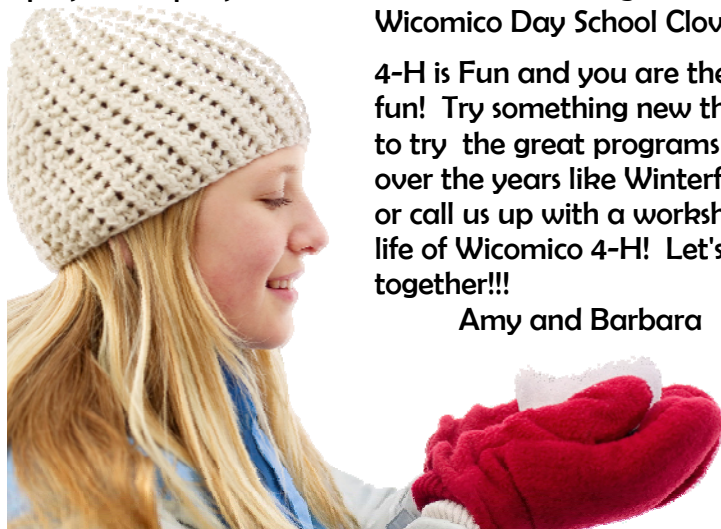
Club News

Ring in the 2007 New Year with 4-H enthusiasm! It is time to rethink, rebuild and motivate your 4-Hers, friends and family to try a new 4-H idea in 2007. If your club did not participate in Diamond Clover levels, make that a goal this year. What are your community service activities for 2007? We would like you to share some of the great service projects you are doing in your clubs.

One in particular was the Wicomico Day School Clovers who completed a great service project for the Worcester County Humane Society. Clovers picked pet friends from the Humane Society and made their new friends blankets and toys. They created a nifty keepsake calendar for the Humane Society and club members to keep as a memory of their project. Super job to Michelle Mezick for her gift of time and talents to the Wicomico Day School Clovers!

4-H is Fun and you are the ones who make it fun! Try something new this year. Don't forget to try the great programs that have been solid over the years like Winterfare, Public Speaking or call us up with a workshop idea. You are the life of Wicomico 4-H! Let's reach for the stars together!!!

Amy and Barbara



4-H Shooting Sports Calendar 2007

- March 17 - State 4-H Shotgun Match
- March 24 - Safari Club Banquet -Annapolis
- April 14 - State 4-H Sporting Clays Fundraiser - Pintail Point
- April 28 - MD Day College Park Campus
- May 4-6 - State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training - Thendara 4-H Center
- Sept. 8 - State 4-H Rifle Match - Marriottsville AGC
- October 15-16 - State 4-H Archery Event - Thendara 4-H Center

4-H Day in Annapolis Monday, February 19, 2007 Annapolis, Maryland

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.**

The morning session will be held in the Miller Senate Building in West 1. The final agenda for speakers times has not yet been set but registration and check-in will be from 9:30 to 9:45 a.m., with the speakers starting at 10:30 a.m. and the morning session completed by 12:00-12:30. The afternoon time is allotted for your county to have lunch, set-up meetings with your county legislatures and other activities that you may chose to do. There is a bill being presented this session proposing that 16 year olds been given the right to vote. This might be an issue that is addressed that day. What a great opportunity for them to get involved as active citizens. Youth wishing to participate in this important issue can submit an essay (no more then 3 pages) on "Why should 16 year olds be given the right to vote?" The essays should be submitted to Cynthia L. Warner and a copy to Mrs. Amy via email by the 16th. This is open to all ages not just teens. The winner will be asked to present their essay at 4-H Legislative Day. Youth who participate will be recognized and awards presented. Any questions please contact Cynthia L. Warner, 4-H Educator, Youth Development, (410) 638-3255, cwarner1@umd.edu.



Annual Agriculture Open House Scheduled, March 24

Free Family Fun Day Highlighting Farmers, the Food Supply and the Environment
Bring family and friends to a perennial favorite springtime event, the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Open House, on Sat., March 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission fee for the Open House, which will be held rain or shine at the agency's headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis.

This year's open house celebrates the State's farmers and the important role they play in providing food and protecting the environment today and in the future. Visitors can see the department's insect collection, make slime in the State Chemist's laboratory, enjoy a Maryland food and craft market, demonstrate their hog calling skills, take in a petting farm, milk a cow, ride a pony, and learn about the world of agriculture today through hands-on activities.

Call 410-841-5882 or visit www.mda.state.md.us for more information as it becomes available.



SUMMER ADVENTURE COUNSELORS NEEDED!

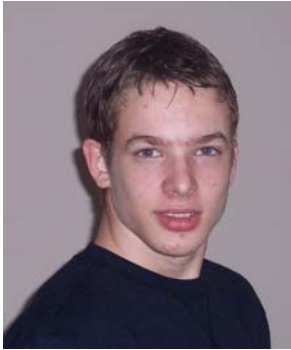
A Summer Adventure Camp Training meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the Wicomico County Extension Office.** We are planning a super fun program this year. We want your ideas. Call **Barbara Barga** for more information or to register to be a Summer Adventure Counselor. We need you if you are 14 and older.





CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robby Davis for being chosen to represent Maryland at the 2007 National 4-H Conference in March. Robby is one of nine 4-Hers who are a part of the Maryland State Delegation to National 4-H Conference. He will have the opportunity to be a part of national decision making



regarding new directions the 4-H program is planning to implement. Robby will spend a week at National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Way to go Robby!



Teen Focus

The Maryland 4-H Center invites you to their website to view their 2007 Teen Focus Promo video, featuring last year's Teen Focus participants!

www.maryland4h.org

Teen Focus will be held on the College Park Campus again this year on June 19, 20th and 21st. We will be asking for chaperones and are always hopeful for a large delegation of teens from each 4-H county/city. There will be an awards and recognition program on the first day. The sessions and activities are still being developed by the Teen Council members.

College Bound?? 4-H Scholarship Opportunity

The First State Antique Tractor Association, from Greenwood, DE is offering (2) \$1,000 scholarships for seniors planning to study Ag in college next year. Contact person is Steve Britt, 7330 Waverly Island Rd, Easton MD 21601, 410-822-9113.



MD 4-H Foundation Academic Scholarship Awards

Don't miss this opportunity for help with your education. The 4-H foundation offers scholarships to current 4-H members or Alumni who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or post high school vocational program in the fall of the year in which they apply. More Scholarships can be found on www.agnr.umd.edu/Extension/4H/files/Scholarship.pdf.

4-H Email Group

We are developing a 4-H email group. This will allow us to keep you up-to-date on 4-H happenings or allow you to share 4-H news via email. To be added to the group list contact Ms. Amy at arhodes1@umd.edu and put "Add me to the Email Group" in the subject line.



GOOD LUCK

Hooray! Brittany Hurley of the Pittsville Wildcats and Keith Barga of the Hebron Hummingbirds and Archery Clubs completed portfolios! They will participate in 2007 Maryland State Interviews for out of state trips on February 10th and 13th. The portfolio process is a lot of preparation, however, once a 4-Her has their resume completed, adding on to it year after year is much easier. Brittany and Keith are young teens. It takes courage to try for an out of state trip at 14 and 15 years of age. Thank you for stepping up to the plate and representing Wicomico County in this process!

WELCOME

Kindred Spirits Farm 4-H Horse Club. The club is the first new club of 2007. We welcome Kelly Howard and her group of thirty new 4-Hers to the Wicomico 4-H Family!



Livestock Club

Reporter by: Greta Downes

December News – The meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 7 members and 4 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by **Adam Phillips & Wesley Myrer**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Sarah Dorey & Wesley Myrer**. We discussed 4-H t-shirts, project books, Achievement Night. We also talked about goat babies. A demonstration was presented by "Miss" Melody on the parts of a hog. Refreshments included a cookie exchange and was enjoyed by everyone.

January News – The meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 9 members, 5 leaders and 3 guests in attendance. We welcomed **Autumn, Abbey & Ryan** as new members of our club. Pledges were led by **Adam Phillips & Wesley Myrer**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Sarah Dorey & Luke Downes**. We discussed Achievement Night, baby goats, cookie exchange, goat shows & t-shirts. Under New Business we talked about t-shirts, Teen Lock-In, belt buckles and fitting clinic. Games were led by **Keith Dorey**. Refreshments were provided by **Sarah Dorey**. We sang "Happy Birthday" to **Greta Downes and Chelsea Hudson**.

Melton's Mustangs

Reporter: Austin Peterson

December News – The meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 7 members, 2 leaders and 2 guests in attendance. We welcomed **Josh Wall & Chris Littleton** as new members of our club. Pledges were led by **Amy Wilber & Adam Phillips**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Casey Sowell & Sarah Wilber**. We discussed Achievement Night, project choices. We all congratulated **Sarah Wilber** for being chosen to go to National 4-H Congress. We also discussed the county Holiday Workshop and our club's Christmas party. Refreshments were provided by **Austin Meredith**.

January News – The meeting was called to order with 11 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by **Amy Wilber & Adam Phillips**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Emily Mills & Sarah Wilber**. Committee report was given by **Emily Mills**. We talked about the upcoming Teen Lock-In and Older 4-H Camp. Refreshments were provided by **The Hudson Family**.



Trails & Tails 4-H Club

Reporter: Courtney Blumenthal

November Meeting – Meeting was called to order by **Anne Luke** with 7 members and 2 leaders present. We decided that we will make a trip to Medieval Times on December 8th. We also discussed going to a nursing home to sing Christmas carols to the residents on December 16th. Before we go to the nursing home, we plan on going out to eat. The other thing we discussed is a canned food drive for the shelters around the area. We will collect the food and deliver it to the shelters on December 2nd. The last thing we discussed was cleaning up a graveyard near the Luke's house.

December Meeting – The meeting was called to order by Anne Luke with 9 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Our canned food drive was a big success! Thanks to the residents living in our club president, **Brittany Flurer's**, neighborhood we collected lots of kid-friendly, easy-to-cook food for single parent families. We took the food to Agape, a local organization that specializes in taking care of single mom families. The people at Agape sent our club a thank-you letter saying how happy they were that so many people donated food. We also discussed our planned trip to the nursing home to sing Christmas carols. With the help of one of our members, **Jessica O'Neil's** mom, it was arranged to go to the Genesis Nursing Home on December 16th. We sang at least 20 songs or more. **Milt Savage**, one of our leaders, dressed up like Santa Claus and the club members all wore Santa or elf hats. **Laura Pavlos & Brittany Flurer** stopped in many rooms and had nice conversations with the residents. We are all looking forward to a great new year.





Calling all Clovers...Calling all Clovers.....

Are you ready for a mission in Space?

Join us at OPERATION SNOWFLAKE for the

The Clover's Adventures in Space

Saturday, February 24, 2006

9:30-12:00

Christ United Methodist Church

211 Phillip Morris Dr.

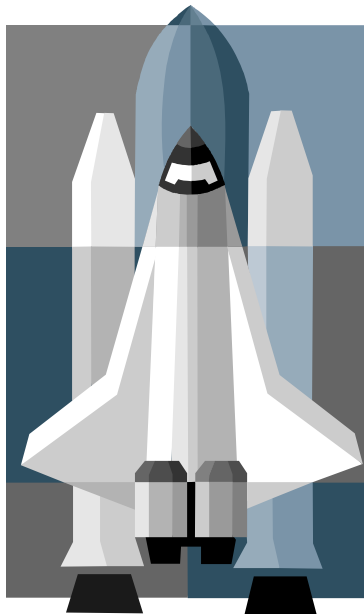
Salisbury, MD

Cost is \$10.00 (Non-refundable)

Limited to the first 20 youth who sign up and pay the registration fee.

Registration deadline is February 16, 2006

This program is offered in conjunction with Winterfare, they are separate programs. For information on Winterfare, please contact the Wicomico Office at 410-749-6141.



Your mission will include:

- Puppet Show
- Crafts
- Astronaut Suit Demo
- Astronaut Food Tasting
- Games
- Presentations by Goddard Space Center-Wallops Flight Facility

For more information call Nicole or Megan at 410-651-1350

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