



4-H HAPPENINGS

September, 2006

MD 4-H Program Leadership Adventures for Youth Weekend September 22 - 24, 2006

Do you enjoy a challenge; like to meet new people from across the state and want to "make a difference?" then why not attend this event which will be held at the Rocks 4-H Campgrounds in Harford County on September 22-24, 2006. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for teens to engage in experiential learning to understand their unique strengths and to build leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. Wicomico County 4-H will pay your way with the exception of a \$10 commitment fee which will be returned to you after the weekend. What do we want from you?? We want a commitment to help with the Wicomico County Summer Adventure Program in 2007 for at least four days. Contact "Miss" Barb by September 10th to register. This will look great on your portfolio. You must be 14 yrs old by January 1, 2007 to participate. We would like to send 4-6 teens from Wicomico County.

MD 4-H Volunteer Forum November 17-19, 2006

Another opportunity for you to participate in a state event is the 2006 MD 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum which will be held at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City MD in November. You are welcome to join us for the whole weekend or to attend on Saturday and take advantage of the great classes available. The "early bird" registration deadline is **September 29th**. Call the 4-H Office 410-749-6141 x101 for a registration packet. You can find additional information at www.maryland4h.org. Wicomico County 4-H will pay for the "early bird" registration fee for eight teens and any Wicomico County 4-H adult volunteer who would like to participate.



Volunteer Reorganizational Mtg will be held on **Tuesday, October 20, 2006** at 6:30 pm at the Wicomico Extension Office, Nanticoke Rd, Salisbury. This is the annual mandatory meeting for all volunteers. Amy Rhodes, our new 4-H Educator, will be conducting the meeting and your input is vital for the future of 4-H in Wicomico County. She is excited to be joining our 4-H family. Show your support by attending this meeting. Please call Kay at 410-749-6141 x101, and let her know if you will be able to attend.

Attention Teens....

We would like to have a strong teen program for the upcoming 4-H year. We always start out with a bang and slow down or stop by March. This year we want the Wicomico County Teen Club to thrive. An organizational meeting for all adults and teens who would like to help organize this group will be held on **Monday, September 18th** at the Wicomico County Extension Office at 6:30 pm. 4-H Alumni and All Stars are asked to consider giving back to this program by helping us have a thriving program for 4-H teens. Call by September 15th to register.

Wicomico County 4-H Awards/Dinner November 4, 2006

This year will be special! The Awards Program will include a dinner, a welcome for Amy Rhodes, our new 4-H Extension Educator in Wicomico County, and awards for 4-Hers and their clubs. The dinner will be held on **Saturday, November 4, 2006** from 5 - 7:30 pm. The cost of the evening is free for 4-Hers and MCE 4-H volunteers. The cost for family members will be \$5 for siblings and parents. Reservations and money for siblings and parents are required this year and must be at the Wicomico Extension Office by **October 20, 2006**. The location of the program has yet to be determined. Informational letters will be sent directly to Organizational Leaders. Please save November 4th and plan to attend this event as a club activity.

4-H Record Books are Due!!

Completing a record book is not something most 4-Hers think of as fun, but it can be one of the most important things you do in 4-H. Learning to keep good records of the work you do is something that will help you in school and may lead to a successful career and more. And, because most of the major 4-H awards are based on record books and resume, keeping a record of what you did and learned in 4-H will result in recognition. **“The job isn’t finished until the paperwork is done!”** In 4-H, the paperwork is your record book or resume. Your record book is due to your 4-H Club Leader by September 20th. Graded record books are due in to the Wicomico Extension Office by October 1st. Specific directions for completing a record book are included as an insert in this newsletter and are also available on the Wicomico 4-H website. You’ll need at least two forms to complete your record book—Maryland 4-H Summary Record (4-H 511 and 4-H Project Record (4H 510). Both forms are available on the Maryland 4-H website. You only need one summary record, but you will need a project record for each project! Contact your 4-H club leader or the 4-H Office if you have record book or resume questions.

MD State Teen Council

Wicomico County has the opportunity to send two representatives to participate in the 2006-07 MD State Teen Council. This would require the representative to attend at least four meetings at the University of MD, College Park MD, State Teen Conference in June, and help with several State events throughout the year. We would expect teens who accept this responsibility to participate fully in the MD State Teen Council. It is an important part of the MD Portfolio process. **Call “Miss” Barb 410-749-6141 x105 by September 9th if you are interested in adding this to your portfolio.** A selection will be made and two names will be sent forward to the MD State 4-H Center by September 15th.

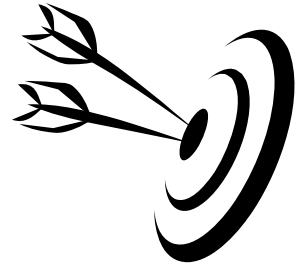


State 4-H Archery Event

October 14-15, 2006

Thendara 4-H Center (near Hurlock)

Now is the time to get your registrations in for the 2006 State 4-H Archery Event. Last year 28 youth from 7 counties participated in the Match. This year we are planning a two day event for October 14 & 15 at the Thendara 4-H Center near Hurlock in Dorchester County. This event is sponsored by the MD 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and supported by the Chesapeake Chapter of Safari Club International. Lodging Options are dormitory, tent camp, RV’s & local motels. The cost is \$10/shooter which covers only the match entry. If you are coming for the full 2 day event, your total fee including lodging is \$30. For complete information and a registration packet, call the 4-H Office at 410-749-6141 x101.



****** Changes for Maryland 4-H Applications for Out-of-State Trips!******

Maryland has changed the out-of-state trips application process. There are now five trips that are considered with the portfolio process. They include: National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Conference, Virginia Conference and Camp Miniwanca. A 4-Her may attend two of the above trips during their 4-H career.

Applications for National 4-H Conference are due in the Wicomico County 4-H Office by **October 1, 2006**. We will be forwarding two teen applications up to the MD 4-H Center by October 15th for National 4-H Conference. Interviews will be held on November 12, 2006 at the MD 4-H Center in College Park. Nine Maryland 4-Hers and one Operation Military Youth will compose the MD delegation to National Conference. Applications for the remaining out-of-state trips will be due in the Wicomico County Office by January 2, 2007 and regional interviews for these trips will be held at the Wye Research & Education Center in Queenstown on February 10, 2007. These are wonderful opportunities for youth so don’t miss the opportunity to apply. The Essay question for this year’s portfolio process will be: **“How has 4-H Improved Your Quality of Life?”**

***2006 4-H Awards Program Reservations
11/4/06***

Family

Number of 4-Hers or Clovers Attending (Free) _____

Number of MCE Volunteers (Free) _____

Number of parents, siblings & guests (\$5 each) _____

***Mail check payable to “Wicomico EAC” to
Wicomico County 4-H
P O Box 1836
Salisbury MD 21802***

***Names of 4-Hers (13 & older) who would like to present
awards _____***



Dear 4-H Family,

September, 2006

Thank you to all of the 4-Hers and Volunteers that helped make the Wicomico Farm & Home Show one of the best shows in recent years. I walked into the Carriage House and saw the amount of space that 4-H had the opportunity to fill and thought, "this is almost the size of the 4-H section at the MD State Fair. How are we ever going to fill this space and promote MD 4-H?" I had dreams of how the building would look after 4-Hers forgot that Wednesday was entry day! Luckily, 4-Hers remembered entry day and I believe the space looked full and it was evident that 4-H is alive in Wicomico County. A special thank you goes out to Kay Riall and Liz Griffith. The three of us functioned well as a 4-H Team. Entries were judged, pewter cups were awarded, animals were presented in shows and crazy games were played at the 4-H Olympics. A heart warming thank-you goes out to Wayne & Mary Beth Calloway, Debbie Collison, Mark & Melody Hudson and everyone else who helped plan the 2006 Wicomico Farm & Home Show.

It is time to think about the 2006/07 4-H year. Check out the next two issues of the Delmarva Youth Magazine. Each club's meeting schedule and contact information should be in the September/October issue. Several 4-Hers were interviewed for a special feature looking at Wicomico youth and their 4-H careers. 4-Hers discussed the impact that 4-H has had on their lives and college choices. It should be fun to read!

Please welcome Amy Rhodes as the new Wicomico County 4-H Educator, who will begin on October 2nd. Consider inviting her to one of your meetings this year so the children will get to know her wonderful personality. Remember together we can MAKE THE BEST BETTER!!

Sincerely,

Barbara Barga, 4-H Program Assistant
Wicomico County 4-H



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