



Frederick County 4-H Newsletter

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Re-Enrollment and Club Elections

While the whole country goes to the polls to elect a new president and more, 4-H Clubs will be electing new officers, and re-enrolling members.

Your club will elect new officers in November. This important annual practice allows club members to both prepare for their future responsibilities as citizens and provide direction for their club.

Club members should plan the club's activities for the coming year at this time. Members and their leaders work together to develop the educational plan for the coming

year. This plan is sent into the 4-H Educators for approval.

Your 4-H Clubs will also be re-enrolling members. Each member must update their information and sign a re-enrollment form, submit an updated health form, and sign a new 4-H Behavioral Expectation Form.

Re-enrollment packets are available for club leaders to pick-up from the 4-H Office.

All Club Re-enrollment should be returned as soon as possible. **The deadline for re-enrollment will be January 9, 2009.**

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Volunteers You're Invited !! As a special thank you for the endless hours of service you provide Frederick County 4-H, the 4-H office would like to welcome you to an evening on us.

The Frederick County 4-H office will be hosting our **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on December 19, 2008 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center.** The event is free of charge with dinner, door prizes and entertainment.

So we may ensure enough seating. **Please RSVP to the 4-H office by December 12, 2008.**

A Message from The Hubble 4-H Family

The 2008 Great Frederick Fair was a bittersweet experience for our family. What we had planned to be another year of our children showing their projects turned into a week of tears and blessings.

As most of you know, our son, Jacob Hubble was killed a few short weeks before the fair began. We were overwhelmed as Jake's friends and fellow 4-H members stepped in to help finish his steers and pigs.

The proceeds from the sale of his animals, as well as the proceeds from the sale of his younger brother's goat are currently being used as seed money for a developing scholarship fund.

Mandatory Leaders' Meeting

There will be a **MANDATORY LEADERS' MEETING on November 18, 2008 from 6:30 - 8:30** at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center. A light meal will be provided.

We will review club requirements, address club leaders' questions, and share plans for the upcoming year.

Leaders will receive their re-enrollment packets at this meeting.

We expect all club leaders to attend this meeting.

A donation in Jake's name will soon be presented to the Frederick County 4-H also.

Our thanks go out to all of the wonderful families who shared their stories and their hugs with us during this time.

To all of those who donated funds or purchased animals, please know that your contributions were much appreciated and will be put to good use.

God bless you all!

The Hubble Family



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All of us in Frederick County 4-H will miss and give thanks for our time with Jacob Hubble.

National 4-H Engineering Challenge

The Maryland 4-H Engineering Team returned from a successful trip to Lafayette, Indiana, for the 58th National 4-H Engineering Challenge, September 28 – 30, 2008.

The seven-member team participated in individual events and then as a team in the 4-H Engineering Bowl. They also attended educational workshops at Purdue University and educational field trips in the Lafayette area to Subaru of Indiana Automotive and Caterpillar Engine Plant. Bicycle contestants went to the Indianapolis Velodrome, an Olympic bike race track.

The event had 53 youth from 12 states competing in eight project areas. Safety is a major component of this event.

The Maryland Team made it into the semi-final round (third place tie) of the Engineering Bowl competition. **Lance Guyton (Frederick County) placed fifth among 13 Tractor contestants**; the top five were relatively close group. Maryland did not have any senior participants in Aerospace or Electric/Energy this year.

Each event included a written exam, either a presentation or parts identification test, and a demonstration of skills component (operation of a related vehicle, computer programming, or welding).

Dr. David S. Ross, Professor and Extension Agricultural Engineer, was the Maryland Group Coordinator and Chair of the National Bicycle Safety Event.

Make It With Wool

Frederick Co. 4-H'ers did very well at the Maryland Make It With Wool Contest on October 11, 2008.

In the Preteen Division, **Faith Hartley** was Reserve Champion.

In the Junior Division, **Hannah Hartley** was in 5th place and **Carrie Holter** was Junior Champion.

Brittany Hyland was Reserve Champion in the Senior Division.

Kathy Holter was the Champion in the Adult Division.

Carrie Holter will be competing in the National Make It With Wool Contest in San Diego on January 25-28, 2009.

MD 4-H Horticulture Judging Team Shines at Nationals

The Maryland 4-H Horticulture Judging Team, comprised of Frederick County 4-H'ers - **Cobey England, Pat Ransom, and Elisabeth Driver**- placed 2nd at the National 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Horticulture Association's Convention in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Individually, Cobey placed 2nd, Pat- 9th, and Elisabeth- 21st. Cobey, Pat and Elisabeth also made an awesome display

board representing the state of Maryland.

The team enjoyed workshops and tours. They ate lunch at Death Valley, Clemson's football stadium.

At the award's banquet, Cobey played his dulcimer during dinner. He did an awesome job!

The county coaches- **Myrtle Sturtz and Judy England** - also attended the convention.



Left to Right - Coach Myrtle Sturtz, Pat Ransom, Cobey England, and Elisabeth Driver

MD 4-H Dairy Judging Team Results from Nationals

Madison, Wisconsin – A contest of 29 4-H teams from across the nation had the opportunity to compete for top honors in the 87th National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, September 29, 2008. The contest is held every year in conjunction with World Dairy Expo at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

The competition includes placing ten classes representing five dairy cattle breeds and presenting five sets of oral reasons.

In the judging contest, Maryland 4-H placed 6th overall as a team. Team members included: Austin Schwartzbeck, Carroll County; Caitlin Patrick, Howard County; **Carissa Doody, Frederick County; Katie Moser, Frederick County.**

On an individual basis, the team members placed: **Katie Moser** – 11th, **Carissa Doody** -17th, and Caitlin Patrick 28th. In the reasons portion, Maryland 4-H finished 6th with team members placing: Austin Schwartzbeck -16th, Caitlin Patrick -17th, and **Katie Moser** -19th.

Breed results include:

Ayrshire - Team – 3rd, **Katie Moser** -2nd and Caitlin Patrick -6th

Brown Swiss - Team – 1st, Caitlin Patrick 7th and **Carissa Doody** 9th

Guernsey - Team – 14th and **Katie Moser** -17th

Holstein - Team – 13th, Caitlin Patrick -12th and **Carissa Doody** 19th

Jersey - Team – 7th, Austin Schwartzbeck -13th and **Carissa Doody** 15th

The team was coached by **Denny Remsberg** of Jefferson, MD and Kiera Finucane with the University of Maryland.



Pictured left to right – **Coach Denny Remsburg, Carissa Doody, Caitlin Patrick, Katie Moser, Austin Schwartzbeck**

Upcoming Classes and Learning Opportunities

Safe Tractor and Machinery Operations Certification Training

A tractor and machinery safety training program for youth 14-15 years of age has been planned for Frederick County. The program is a joint effort of Maryland Cooperative Extension, Frederick County Farm Bureau, and the local tractor dealers. The program will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on nine consecutive Monday evenings January 26 to March 23. The skills test will be administered March 28th. There is a \$25 registration fee and the registration deadline is January 12th.

This training program will enable young workers to obtain Hazardous Occupation Order in Agriculture certification, which is required for youth 14 and 15 years of age who wish to work as a hired employee for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, and operate a farm tractor that is 20 hp or greater. It is highly recommended that ALL farm and equipment operating youth attend this program even if they will only be working for a parent.

Fall Beef Workshop

Attention Beef Exhibitors:

If you are new to the 4-H Beef Project or would like to learn more about your steer or heifer then come to the Fall Beef Workshop held at the Frederick Fairgrounds on **Saturday, November 8, 2008**.

For more information and to register please contact Sharon Hamilton at 301-447-3679.

Newbie Know How - Getting Started with Computers

For beginners with little or no experience with computers, these classes will use 4-H Computer Curriculum to introduce members to hardware, software and applications. The classes will include hands-on computer activities.

Members will learn all about computers - how they work, what their components are, use of features, programs and more.

Classes will be held every Tuesday in February and March from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Computer Lab in the Extension Office.

This class has a registration fee of \$25.00. Members must register by January 15th.

The program will provide attendees with the necessary 24 hours of instruction, including group discussion, demonstrations, field trips, hands-on activities, independent study, and field assignments. Although the target audience is 14 and 15 year olds, it is available to anyone over the age of 12, however only individuals 14 and older will be able to operate equipment and become certified. Individuals over 15 are also encouraged to attend as are adults who are new tractor operators. Preference, however, will be given to the 14-15 year olds.

To register or to obtain additional information, contact the Frederick County Office of Maryland Cooperative Extension at 301-600-3576. A parent/guardian consent form will need to be completed with registration. This program is open to any youth interested in becoming certified for production agriculture employment, and participants need not be residents of Frederick County.

Kids' Science Challenge

Kids' Science Challenge is a national science competition for third to sixth graders. Members will learn about some REAL scientists who are doing fun things. Then, they will come up with a question or a problem for them to solve, or an experiment they can do. If our ideas are chosen, you get to visit and work with the scientist and see our idea become a reality. And you could get some cool prizes.

The Frederick County 4-H Team will meet four times in January to watch videos, do activities and discuss the science of flavor, the search for extraterrestrial life, water quality, and skateboard engineering.

The team will meet once to pick one or more of the subjects that interest us: flavor, skateboards, water quality, or the search for life on other planets.

We will come up with a question, experiment or problem we'd like to see solved.

Meetings will be January 6th, January 8th, January 13th, January 15th and January 27th. Each meeting will be from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Any youth in third to sixth grade are welcome to participate.

Entries are due for this national contest at the end of January. So, we will not have any snow dates.

Record Books are for Everyone

Keeping accurate records is one of the most valuable skills a young person can learn in 4-H. Compiling a detailed record of what was planned, accomplished and learned in each project is an excellent way to learn record keeping. Helping members understand the value of record keeping and rewarding them for their efforts is very important.

There will be a county wide Record Book training opportunity this fall for 4-H'ers and adults to come and learn how to properly assemble and complete a record book. Juniors and First Year 4-H'ers will have a separate break out session from the seniors.

Save the Date: December 2, 2008
Frederick County 4-H Camp Center 6:30 - 8:30 pm. To ensure we have enough supplies for everyone, please call the 4-H office to register by: November 24, 2008.

Presentation Workshop

The University of Maryland Collegiate 4-H Club will hold a Public Speaking and Demonstration Workshop on November 8, 2008 from 10am-4pm at the Maryland 4-H Center. All 4-H'ers ages 8 - 18 are invited to participate. Youth will be learning how to write speeches/demonstrations, writing speeches and giving demonstrations at the workshop.

November 8, 2008

10am-4pm

Maryland 4-H Center
8020 Greenmead Drive
College Park, MD 20740

Sign up by November 3rd at
<http://www.maryland4h.org>.

For More Information, contact the University of Maryland Chapter of Collegiate 4-H at bbrown88@umd.edu or 301-314-7835.



MCE Volunteer Training

Our last volunteer training of 2008 for any volunteers interested in becoming a MCE Volunteer will be held at the 4-H Office on **December 2, 2008** from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Please register for the training by calling the 4-H Office.

Livestock Skill-a-Thon Team

Would you like to be a member of the Frederick County 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team?

Join Us at the 4-H office to learn about being a member of the Frederick County 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team. You do not have to show livestock to participate.

The Maryland 4-H State Livestock Skillathon Competition is held every March. 4-H'ers from each county join together and test their knowledge in the areas of breed id, feed id, equipment, meat evaluation, wool id, and quality assurance.

Donielle will be holding skillathon practices at the 4-H Office for anyone interested in participating in the state skillathon competition. The practices will cover the subjects and materials which will be at the competition. The practices will give all participants the opportunity to be prepared for the

state competition. Practices will be held once a week during the months of January and February. Attendance is recommended at least once a week from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. For more information or to RSVP for the practices please contact the 4-H office at 301-600-1589.

- Jan. 7th Species and Breed Identification
 - Jan 15th Feed Identification
 - Jan 23rd Equipment
 - Jan 28th Meats Evaluation
 - Feb 5th Wool Identification
 - Feb 10th Quality Assurance & Animal Health
 - Feb 18th Judging / Animal Evaluation
 - Feb 24th and 26th Mock Contest and selection of team members
- MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**

Frederick County 4-H Horticulture Judging

Frederick County 4-H Horticulture Judging Team had another AWESOME year at the Maryland State Fair. Our Junior and Intermediate Teams won 2nd Overall. Our Senior Team was named the Maryland State Champions! The senior team members placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall and represented Maryland at the national contest in Spartanburg, South Carolina on October 10-13.

The Junior Team Members were:

- Matthew Driver**- 1st Place Overall, 1st in fruits and flowers
- Emma Mullineaux**- 4th Place Overall, 1st in vegetables
- Tabitha Gregory**- 8th Place Overall
- Eric Myers**- 10th Place Overall

The Intermediate Team Members were:

Andrew Driver- 2nd Place Overall, 1st in vegetables

- Kristan Myers**- 6th Place Overall
- Amanda Smith**- 8th Place Overall

The Senior Team Members were:

- Cobey England**- 1st overall, 1st in flowers, fruits and nuts, ornamentals, and 1st on the written test
- Patrick Ransom**- 2nd overall, 1st in pests, diseases, and weeds
- Elisabeth Driver**- 3rd overall, 1st in vegetables

The teams did a great job representing Frederick County 4-H.

Congratulations to all members and also to their coaches- Susan Trice, Judy England, and Myrtle Sturtz!

4-H Share a Bear

Frederick County 4-H will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for the Share A Bear drive. The collection will go until the end of November. At the end of the drive, the club with the most donated stuffed animals will receive a gift card for \$50.00.



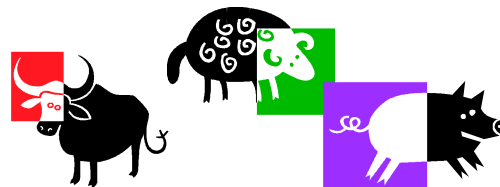
Beef, Sheep & Swine Club News

BEEF, SHEEP, AND SWINE CLUB MEETING DATES

(All meetings will be held at the 4-H Camp Center beginning at 7 p.m.)

November 19, 2008

***Beef, Sheep, and Swine Club members must attend 4 BSS Club meetings or 3 meetings and the BSS All-inclusive Workshop to meet club requirements. **All dates are subject to change!**



Beef Exhibitors' Registrations Due

Maryland 4-H Livestock Registration Forms for Beef are due to the 4-H office by Dec 19, 2008 at 4:30 pm.

All steers to be shown in a breed class must have registration papers from their respected breed association to exhibit at any Maryland 4-H event in 2009. If a steer does not have registration papers from the breed association, they will be exhibited as a crossbred.

4-H'ers will need to bring their registration papers from the breed association with their steers to weigh in and tagging in January. Health papers are not required for weigh in and tagging.

Support Our 4-H Camp Center

The Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center invites all to volunteer and participate in these upcoming events:

November 14, 2008

Longaberger Basket & Vera Bradley Bingo

December 7, 2008

Harvest Breakfast

December 13, 2008

Breakfast with Santa

River of Words

River of Words® is an arts and environmental education program that teaches watershed education through the arts. Maryland has a partnership with River of Words® (<http://www.riverofwords.org/>) through the Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Program. There are both an International River of Words Poetry and Art Contest. In order to be eligible for the Maryland contest, you must first have entered in the International contest.

Awards are given in both the International and State Contests. For the Maryland ROW Contest, a poetry and art finalist will be chosen in age categories K-6 and 7-12 in the ten Maryland tributary areas of the Chesapeake Bay. A grand prize winner will also be chosen for both poetry and art for each of the above age groups and announced on Natural Resources Day at Maryland State Fair.

Horse Bowl Practices

Horse Bowl Practices will start in November. Call Reena at 301-845-0658 for more info.

Horse Art Contest

The MD 4-H Horse Art Contest will take place again this year during Horse World Expo on January 15-18, 2008 in Timonium, MD. The registration materials are available at the Frederick 4-H Office. Entries must be received by no later than January 7, 2009. Entries will be judged the first day of the expo (January 15th) and will be displayed throughout the expo.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Ellis at kellis1@umd.edu or 301-596-9478.



You do not need a horse or pony to compete just an interest in learning and meeting new kids and having fun.

Horsemanship Standards

The MD Horsemanship Standards Advisory Committee Meeting recently scheduled for Saturday, October 25th has been moved to **Saturday, December 6th**.

It will be held in conjunction with the bi-annual Horse Volunteer Advisory Committee Meeting at the MD 4-H Center in College Park, MD on December 6th.

The Horse Volunteer Advisory Committee Meeting will start at 9:30am and the Horsemanship Standards Advisory Committee Meeting will follow starting at 1pm. Lunch will be served.

Horse Leader Forum

The 4-H Horse Leader Forum date has been changed from Saturday, December 6th to **Saturday, February 21, 2009**.

Please be sure to save the date as this will be a very important event for both horse volunteers and county educators to attend.

A MD 4-H Horse Program Update as well as several educational workshops will be offered. More information will be coming out in the next few weeks so be sure to look for it.

4-H CALENDAR

November

8	10:00 am	Fall Beef Workshop
8	10:00 am	Public Speaking and Demonstration Workshop at the MD 4-H Center
18	6:30 pm	Fall 4-H Leader's Meeting - MANDATORY
19	7:00 pm	Beef, Sheep & Swine Club Meeting at the 4-H Camp & Activities Center
21 – 23		Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum in Ocean City, MD

December

2	6:30 pm	MCE Volunteer Training - <i>see page three for details</i>
2	6:30 pm	Record Books are for Everyone - <i>see page three for details</i>
6	9:30 am	MD 4-H Horse Volunteer Advisory Committee Meeting at the MD 4-H Center
6	1:00 pm	MD 4-H Horsemanship Standards Advisory Committee Meeting at the MD 4-H Center
11	9am - 3:30pm	MD 4-H Animal Science In-Service for Youth, Volunteers & Faculty @ Howard Co. Fair
19	4:00 pm	Beef Livestock Registrations Due to the 4-H Office
19	6:30 pm	Volunteer and Leader Appreciation Dinner at the 4-H Camp & Activities Center

January

6	6:30 pm	Kids' Science Challenge Team Meeting at Extension Office
7		MD 4-H Horse Art Contest Entries Due
7	6:30 pm	Livestock Skill-a-Thon at the Extension Office
8	6:30 pm	Kids' Science Challenge Team Meeting at Extension Office
9	4:00 pm	4-H Club Re-Enrollment Due to 4-H Office
12	4:00 pm	Safe Tractor and Machinery Operations Training Registration Due
13	6:30 pm	Kids' Science Challenge Team Meeting at Extension Office
15	4:00 pm	"Newbie Know How" Class Registrations Due to 4-H Office
15	6:30 pm	Kids' Science Challenge Team Meeting at Extension Office

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