

The Cloverleaf

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4-H PROJECT ADDITIONS, DELETION AND MEMBER ENROLLMENT

Members must designate the projects in which they intend to exhibit at the 2017 Howard County Fair by June 1st of 2017. Members may not drop a project after June 1st.

All club leaders will have a list of all projects you are enrolled in at both the April and May meetings. Please review your projects for the 2017 4-H year, make any additions or deletions, and initial to verify the changes. When reviewing your list, please be aware that the list being turned in as of June 1st will be the one the Extension Office will use to determine what projects records are required to be in your record book. If you don't intend to carry a project on your list, now is the time to delete it. You can only make changes through your club at a meeting or through your organizational leader. **Do not directly call the 4-H office to make changes!**

All enrollment forms and dues need to be in to Rick Hodiak by **June 1st**. Forms received after that date will not be eligible for 4-H Fair participation. If you know someone who is planning to join 4-H, they need to attend the April or May meeting of the club they are interested in. The 4-H office will not enroll someone without them attending a club meeting. Also, these new enrollments must come through the organizational leader.

RECORD BOOK UPDATE



Record Books have been judged and county awards have been selected for the 2017 4-H Award Program. Congratulations to each 4-H member who completed a record book for the 2016 project year. Record keeping is a skill that you will use throughout your lifetime! Your record books will be returned to you at your next club meeting.

MARYLAND DAY 2017

Maryland Day, the University of Maryland's popular and free open house, celebrates on **Saturday, April 29th.**

All over Maryland's 1250 acre campus, visitors can observe **"Learning Neighborhoods"** with tours, exhibits and demonstrations. The University is broken up into seven specific areas of exploration, learning and fun: *Science and Tech Way, Ag Day Avenue, Arts Alley, Sports and Rec Row, Biz and Society Hill, Terp Town Center and the Global Village on Hornbake Plaza.*

All Maryland Day events on April 30th run from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. rain or shine! Everything is family friendly. Don't miss a scoop of Maryland ice cream at the Dairy! Admission and parking is free, and there will be free shuttle buses to and from the College Park Metro and on campus. Visitors are encouraged to take Metro.

Navigation is easy with the help of complementary activity maps that include descriptions of all events.

www.marylandday.umd.edu/



STATE COMMUNICATION CONTEST

The State Communication Contest will be held on "Maryland Day" Saturday, April 29th, at the University of Maryland's open house. We have several 4-H members who will be participating in the contest! **We wish you all the best of luck!**

4-H VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

Howard County 4-H Clubs will recognize their 4-H Volunteers for their years of dedicated on Saturday, May 6th. We are looking for clubs to consider making monetary donations to cover the expenses for this program. Our budget has decreased, therefore, we are relying on donations to help recognize these hard working and dedicated volunteers. Please discuss this with your club! Clubs have received a letter regarding specifics regarding this request.

COUNT DOWN TO THE 2017 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

As of April 1st, There are 126 Days Left until the 2017 Howard County Fair!
See you there!



2017 4-H CAMP

Howard County 4-H Camp is a one-week residential camp, located in beautiful Garrett County Maryland, at the 1,100 acre Western Maryland 4-H Education Center. This ACA accredited camp will now be held from **Sunday, June 18th - Saturday, June 24th.** All youth, ages 8 (as of January 1, 2017) through 14, are welcome to apply. Applications will be available online the second week in March at www.howard4-h.org.

The fee includes transportation to and from camp and room and board for 6 nights. Camper activities include: crafts, canoeing, swimming, hiking, archery, sports, nature class, candle-making, riflery, campfires, talent show, a one-night rustic camping opportunity, all in a natural outdoor setting. **Parents and campers are required to attend the upcoming orientation being held in May 25th** at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Registration forms are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Please keep in mind 4-H members will received preferred status prior to **Monday, April 15th.** After that date, it will be open to all youth (ages 8-14) and placement will continue until spaces are filled. **TRY NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE, SPACE GOES FAST!!**

After the camp registration deadline passes, additional information will be mailed to all applicants regarding their acceptance to camp. Need-based scholarships are available for those who qualify. For more information, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at Crein@umd.edu.



MARYLAND 4-H SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Eighteen college scholarships are awarded to current/former 4-H members who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or post high school vocational programs in the Fall of 2016. Students wishing to apply for any one of the scholarships may obtain further information and scholarship form from the Maryland 4-H Foundation State web site:



www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/apply-for-scholarship

An individual may win one of the listed scholarships:

- Edwin D. and Susan Fry Memorial Scholarship \$500*
- William E. & Eileen M. Klingelhofer Memorial Scholarship*** \$500*
- Beatrice Streaker Pfefferkorn Memorial Scholarship \$500*
- Irene G. & Nicholas A. Porter Memorial Scholarship*** \$500*
- Barbara Pue Streaker Memorial Scholarship \$500*
- W. Max & Blodwen J. Buckel Scholarship \$1,000
- Amelia Grace Dashiell 4-H Horse Scholarship*** \$1,000
- Howard Warfield Clark Sr. Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
- Fine Arts & 4-H Scholarship*** \$1,000
- Charles & Judy Iager Scholarship (2 qty) \$1,000
- J.O'Neal & Rosa Moxley Johnston Memorial Scholarship*** \$1,000
- Mid-East DHIA Dairy Scholarship (2qty min.)*** \$1,000
- Victor T. Olds Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships (8qty) \$1,000
- Lansdale Pue Scholarship (5qty) \$1,000
- Brenda Bourne Stair Memorial Scholarship*** \$1,500
- Maryland 4-H All Star Blackhall Scholarship*** \$1,500
- W. Lawson King Memorial Scholarship*** \$2,000
- Rippeon Family Scholarship*** \$2,500
- Donald C. Toms*** \$1000
- J. Lee Majeskie Dairy Scholarship*** \$1,000
- Maryland 4-H Foundation*** \$1000 and \$500
- Sandy Spring Bank Scholarship*** \$1000 and \$500
- Paul and Fran Rocks Scholarship

Scholarships are administered by The Maryland 4-H Foundation.

Applications may be submitted on-line or via paper copy. Completed applications are due to the Maryland State 4-H Office by **June 1st**. You need only one form to be considered for each of the above listed scholarships.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

Back another year by popular demand!! The process has begun again and we are in the process of planning for the 2017 4-H t-shirts all Howard County 4-H'ers receive to wear at the Howard County Fair. In this Cloverleaf, please find the sponsorship form. If you know of a business or organization that may be interested, please pass along the letter and form enclosed. If additional forms are needed, they can be found on our website www.howard4-h.org. We are anticipating great success so all of our 4-H'ers have a t-shirt at no cost!



SPONSORSHIP

#4-H GROWS HERE

BEEF FIELD DAY

Mark your calendar now! The Howard County 4-H Beef Field Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 29th**. It will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. It is mandatory that all Junior, Intermediate and First Year 4-H'ers carrying a beef project attend and exhibit one animal at this event. If you have a conflict, please contact Sheryl by April 4th at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.



2017 MARKET LIVESTOCK RATE-OF-GAIN PROGRAM

Beef Steers, Market Goats, Market Lambs, and Market Pigs will have minimum "rate-of-gain" required to show in 2017. This means that market animals will have to gain a certain amount per day from Tag-In Day to the County Fair:

Beef- 2.0 pounds of gain per day
 Sheep- .40 pounds of gain per day
 Swine- 1.5 pounds of gain per day
 Goat- .20 pounds of gain per day



4-H HORSE BOWL STATE CONTEST

What is a numnuh? Don't know - ask a Howard County Horse Bowler!

Congratulations to the Howard County 4-H Horse Bowl Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Teams that participated in the Maryland State 4-H Horse Bowl Competition at the University of Maryland, College Park on Saturday, March 18th. Howard County teams have been studying equine facts weekly since early November and the Maryland State Competition gave them a chance to "strut their stuff!"

Horse Bowl can best be described as "It's Academics" only with horse-related questions. Teams of four faced off in front of a panel of judges and a moderator. One-on-one questions were restricted to one player from each team, whereas open questions were answered by any member on a team. In order to get the chance to answer, competitors ring a buzzer. Both teams and individuals compete for respective awards, and the top ten Senior individuals qualify to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.

Over 16 teams from around the State of Maryland competed in each division. The Junior Team, coached by Cyndi Lemmon, came in *7th Place*. The Intermediate Team, coached by Marcie Barnard, came in *4th Place*. The Senior Team, coached by Daryl Ann Buschling, came in *3rd Place*. It was a wonderful experience for all team members: making new friends, competitive learning in a warm, encouraging environment, and a friendly dose of team spirit. Following are the results:

Junior Team: *Emma Burk, Pearl Gunther, Stella Gunther, and Mabry Orndorf.*

Intermediate Team: *Emmy Mako, Liesl Young, Ava Fogle, Grace Gunther, and Ava Gunther.*

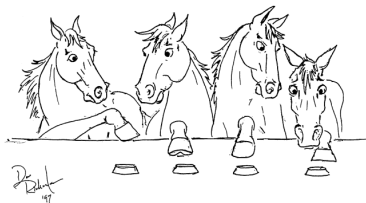
Senior Team: *Grace Meyer, Liana Grosko, Breanne Yencha, and Jorden Chizmadia.*

Special Congrats to:

*Mabry Orndorff and Emma Burk who made the Top Ten Juniors.
 Liesl Young who was the High Point Overall for the Intermediate Team! Congrats to Emmy Mako and Grace Gunther who made the Top Ten Intermediates.*

Grace Meyer and Liana Grosko made the Top Ten Seniors and will have a chance to try out for the National 4-H Horse Bowl Team, representing the State of Maryland at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky next fall.

P.S. A numnuh is a contoured saddle pad. Want to learn more? Sign up for Horse Bowl in the Fall of 2017.



4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON STATE CONTEST

The UME office would like to congratulate all who competed in the 2017 State Livestock Skillathon. Howard County 4-H participants had an outstanding day! The event was held March 4th in conjunction with the Maryland Cattlemen's Convention. There was an excellent turn out! Howard County did very well! The Top 10 Senior Individuals have been invited to participate in three additional contests to qualify to be a part of the Maryland State 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team.



Congratulations, Howard County Participants!

Austin Bagwell, Caroline Beall, Kylee Bingham, Jacob Carroll, Ben Carter, Wyatt Carter, Luke Chaney, Mark Chaney, Matthew Chamey, Ana Clemmer, Eden Clemmer, Samantha Dixon, Ellie Feaga, Elise Grisgsby, Peyton Hereth, Miranda Iager, Edward Johnson, Brittney Morris, Max Schwartz, Taryn Schwartz, Kaitlyn Spicer, Kelly Spicer, Cody Troppman, Riley Troppman, Nolan Wise, Owen Wise.

Howard County Participants who placed in the top 20

Juniors: *Eden Clemmer- 5th, Max Schwartz- 5th, Kaitlyn Spicer- 8th, and Owen Wise- 14th.*

Intermediates: *Ana Clemmer- 2nd, Taryn Schwartz, 18th, and Nolan Wise-19th .*

Seniors: *Miranda Iager-1st, Jacob Carroll- 6th, Matthew Chaney- 7th., Mark Chaney- 14th, and Kelly Spicer-15th.*

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All animal science quality assurance trainings will be completed online for 2017. The online Quality Assurance program will be available online.

Please read the following information very carefully:

Anyone enrolled in the following projects must complete online Quality Assurance training: alpaca, beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine.

- If you completed online Quality Assurance training last year please read the following bullet points:
- If you have not added any new animal projects and have not changed an age level (Junior to Intermediate or Intermediate to Senior), then you do not need to do anything this year.
- If you have a new animal project this year, then you must complete the introductory section as well as the specie specific section of the online Quality Assurance training.
- If you changed age levels this year, then you are required to complete the introductory section and all animal sections related to your projects.
- If this is your first year in 4-H, then you are required to complete the introductory section and all sections related to your projects.

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/>

Livestock
QA
ONLINE

WILLS FAIR

Wills Fair will be held **Saturday, May 20, 2017** at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

The Catalog with rules and regulations for each department as well as entries forms are available on-line at www.howard4-h.org.

Entries need to be received by the Carroll County UME Office on or before April 21, 2017.



POULTRY/RABBIT REGISTRATION FORMS



In 2017, all 4-Hers with poultry and/or rabbits will be required to complete a project registration form and submit the form to the county extension office by June 1st. If you are familiar with the Market Livestock Registration form, this form is very similar. The forms will be sent to all members enrolled in the poultry and/or rabbit project.



LIVESTOCK HEALTH FORMS

Maryland Fair and Show requirements- The Maryland CVI will be valid for **120 Days** for Exhibition. (If you get papers in early spring, they may not be good for fall shows)

(...CVIs: There is a new Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) Form that will replace both Interstate and Intrastate CVIs in Maryland. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) originating in Maryland for both interstate and intrastate movement will be called "Maryland CVIs". The same form used for movement to exhibitions within Maryland ("intrastate") will be used for sale or movement of animals from Maryland to another state ("interstate"). There are separate boxes on the new Maryland CVI form to designate "Interstate" movement, "Exhibition" and "Sale".

a. Forms marked "Exhibition" will be valid for 120 days for movement to an Exhibition (fair or show) within Maryland ...)

~From 2016 Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements Ref: COMAR 15.11.14.06 Issued: January 1, 2016 REISSUED: MARCH 15, 2016

REMINDER: CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) forms **DO NOT NEED** to be sent or taken to the MDA to be stamped or signed.

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

With the start of the 2017 show season, members need to remember several regulations established by MDA for all livestock exhibits of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine. Refer to documents posted at www.howard4-h.org.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has identification requirements for national animal disease traceability (ADT). All livestock being bought to shows in 2017 must have an "official identification". This identification will be tied to a registered premise. For most livestock this means a tag bearing the official US shield.

- Sheep and goats scrapie identification is an acceptable identification, including breed registration tattoos (tattoos must be legible and follow scrapie program requirements)
- ALL CATTLE ENTERING MARYLAND FAIRS AND SHOWS MUST HAVE A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) TAG for their official identification. (brands and tattoos will not be accepted)
- ALL SWINE ENTERING MARYLAND FAIRS AND SHOWS MUST HAVE A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) TAG for their official identification. (ear notches and tattoos are not accepted)

What does all of this mean for 4-H projects?

- 4-H animals will still be tagged with a Maryland state 4-H tag
- Registered purebred animals will still be exempt from the Maryland state 4-H tag, but must have an official identification (RFID) tag or Scrapie Tag
- For 4-H shows both the official identification and the Maryland 4-H identification must be listed on your CVI (health papers)
- In 2017 4-H swine projects will be tagged with a regular 4-H tag.

FOR POULTRY:

- a. AI testing interval prior to entry into Maryland Fairs and Shows will be extended from 10 days to 21 days.
- b. Private sales of poultry will be allowed with a record of sale maintained by the Fair or Show Operation for 1 year.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FAILING TO MEET COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DENIED ENTRY OR REMOVED FROM THE EXHIBITION-"REJECTED". See animal rejection policy under general requirements for exhibitors.

For more information about the tagging requirements please visit:
www.mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx

MARKET LIVESTOCK TAG REPLACEMENT

Each year we have market animals that lose their ear tags. This creates a challenge re-tagging the right animals. Animals need to be housed and handled so they do not lose their tags. Replacement tags will cost \$10.00 each. Please notify Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or by email at sherylb@umd.edu if you have an animal that loses a tag. Please notify her within 48 hours of the loss of the tag.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE NEWS

Are you an 18 year old 4-Her who will be participating in the Howard County 4-H Livestock Sale for the last time in 2017? In the past, graduating 18 year old 4-Hers have often written a thank you that is read during the sale. Starting this year, there will be a change. While 18 year old 4-Hers will be announced as graduating from the program and have an * next to their name in the sale program(s), personalized thank you notes will not be read from the auction block. The Sale Committee is inviting all 18 year old graduates to include their thank you in the sale book that is given to buyers on the night of the sale. This provides an opportunity for all to read the thank you and have as a "keepsake" as well. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the Sale Committee members. As fair time approaches, further information will be mailed to 18 year old graduates.

FEED DIRECTIVE GUIDELINES

After January 1, 2017, animal producers (includes 4-H animal project members) will be unable to go to feed distributors to purchase certain antimicrobials or medicated feeds containing VFD drugs without an Rx script or VFD from their veterinarian. Feed distributors may also discontinue carrying medicated feeds that you might have purchased in the past, or feeds may now be sold as unmedicated or have alternative medications that are not affected by the VFD final rule.

For more information, visit http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/programs/4-H/AnimalSciences/Veterinary%20Feed%20Directive%20FINAL.pdf

MARYLAND-DELAWARE SHEEP SHEARING SCHOOL

A beginning sheep shearing class will be held on April 14th and 15th at Ridgely Thompson Farm in Westminster, Maryland. Participants will learn the New Zealand method of shearing, how to adjust and take care of hand held shearing machines and how to properly handle wool after shearing. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. Spaced is limited to the first 25 who register. Registration is due no later than April 1st.

For more information or to register:

<https://extension.umd.edu/events/fri-2017-04-14-0930-2017-maryland-sheep-breeders-association-shearing-school>



UPCOMING SKILLATHON CONTESTS



Howard County 4-H'ers are fortunate to have so many opportunities available in the nearby area. A Sheep, Wool and Goat Skillathon will be held on **Sunday, May 7th** at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Information about this contest can be found at <http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html>.

SUNSHINE CLOVER CLUB JUNIOR LEADERS

Leadership is a life skill that will be needed through-out one's entire life. 4-H exposes a member to multiple opportunities to participate in a leadership role.



Sunshine Clovers is looking for Livestock and General Junior Leaders for 2017.

General Junior Leaders- assist with club programming.

Livestock Junior Leaders- teach Clovers about livestock and participate in the Clover Livestock Showmanship.

Areas of Interest:

- ◆ Assist with leading a business meeting
- ◆ Lead a program
- ◆ Give a demonstration
- ◆ Helping with crafts
- ◆ Reporter for the club
- ◆ Historian for the club
- ◆ Assist with club workshops

Like working with kids?
Have knowledge to share?

Please contact
Amy Brueckmann at
sunshineclovers@howard4-h.org if interested.

CENTRAL CLUSTER SEWING WORKSHOP

Central Cluster has scheduled a Sewing Workshops open to all youth carrying the clothing project or may be thinking about carrying the clothing project. It will be held on :

Monday, April 17,
2017 9- 3:30 p.m. at

Frederick County Ex-
ension Office

330 Montevue Ln,
Frederick, MD 21702.

We have plenty of supplies to make a redesigned pillow cover with a zipper, and we will have some other sewing projects as well. Youth are also welcome to bring a project that they are working on and there will be volunteers help answer any questions. We ask that you please plan to pack a bag lunch and we will provide snacks and drinks.

Please register for this workshop at: <https://goo.gl/forms/1b81C6YmFKBy8fm1>

CENTRAL CLUSTER FASHION REVUE SHOW & 4-H'S GOT TALENT TWO GREAT SHOW ON ONE NIGHT!

Central Cluster Fashion Revue Show and 4-H's Got Talent will be held on **Saturday, June 10, 2017** it will be held in Frederick County at New Market Elementary School 93 W Main St, New Market, MD 21774 . Again this year we will be hosting "4-H's Got Talent" show during the Fashion Revue Intermission. Judging for the Fashion Revue show will be held on **Wednesday Evening June 7, 2017** at the Frederick County Extension office.

All Central Cluster 4-H youth are welcome and encouraged to participate in the talent show. If you are interested the categories will consist of: Vocal Music * Instrumental Music * Dance * Miscellaneous (Poetry, comedy, magic, drama, etc.) * Also a class to compete as a Club. More information will be announced later. There will be \$1.00 per person admission to the show this year. It is going to be a fun night, so come out and participate or support fellow 4-Her's!!!!

Fashion Revue Show

There are several other opportunities for 4-H'ers to participate in the Central Cluster Fashion Revue Show. If you are carrying Food and Nutrition, Public Speaking or even Crafts projects you could serve on one of the sub-committees to help prepare for the show. There are three sub-committees, Foods, Narrations, and Decorations. If you are interested in participating on one of the committees please contact Chris Rein at (410) 313-1915 or email crein@umd.edu. Or Alga Piechocinski at (301) 590-2804 or algapie@umd.edu.

Any 4-H'er carrying the Clothing or Fashion Revue projects may participate in the Fashion Revue Show.

The rules and regulations, classes, guidelines, and entry forms are posted on our local extension office 4-H web sites.

Please read them carefully and remember they must be complete with a narration and swatch of fabric. These entries are due in **by Monday, May 8th. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

