

The Cloverleaf

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CALLING ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS!

UME Volunteer Training is available. This class will provide participants basic information on the University of Maryland Extension 4-H Youth Development program. It will cover UME policies and procedures and detail the process to becoming an appointed UME 4-H Volunteer. The course will be taught via Webinar. Participants will need access to a computer with internet connection as well as telephone. The sessions will not be recorded.

However, before taking the class you must contact Chris Rein at the Howard County office at 410-313-1915 or email Crein@umd.edu for UME Volunteer paperwork, that must be completed before attending the training.

Once all your paperwork is returned to the office, Chris will be able to register you for a class.



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

FAIR SPECIAL AWARDS

The Howard County 4-H Program is looking for sponsors of Special Awards for the 2018 Fair.

If you are interested in picking up any of these awards, please contact Rick Hodiak at 410-313-1914 or hodiak@umd.edu.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H ALL STAR 2017 BASKET AND BAG BINGO



The Howard County 4-H All Stars are currently planning the 2017 Basket and Bag Bingo Fundraiser. It is scheduled for **Friday, March 23rd** at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building. 4-H All Stars sponsor many 4-H awards and activities throughout our county. If interested in making a donation for the fundraiser or would like tickets, please contact Marjie Eyer 301-829-1449 or Martin Hamilton at 410-489-6258.

USED TACK SALE

The Spur and Stirrup 4-H Club Used Tack Sale will take place on Saturday, February 3rd this year! The sale will be located in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds from 8 AM until 1 PM. We have a snow date of Saturday, February 10th just in case!

Come support all the vendors!

CENTRAL CLUSTER 4-H COMMUNICATION CONTEST

The contest will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. This is an excellent opportunity, whether a 4-H'er carries a public speaking project or not, to receive valuable tips, and advice to enhance public speaking abilities and presentation. Champions will have the opportunity to move on to the State competition at University of Maryland College Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

This year the Central Cluster 4-H Communication Contest (Montgomery, Howard, & Frederick Counties) will be held on **Saturday, March 17, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. Bushy Park Elementary School 14601 Carrs Mill Rd, Glenwood, MD 21738** 4-Her's may participate in four different Communication Contest areas:

- Prepared Speech
- Radio/Public Address
- Interpretations,
- Extemporaneous Speech.

Clovers are welcome to participate in Prepared Speech area only, reciting the American or 4-H pledge.

Ribbons will be given in each of the age categories for each county. Extemporaneous presenters will draw for their speaking topics upon arrival at their scheduled time. Juniors and Intermediates have 30 minutes of preparation time and seniors will have 15 minutes preparation time.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-central-maryland-4-h-communication-contest-tickets-42639727573>

Registration Deadline no later than Monday February 26, 2018



HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS E-MAIL

The Howard County Fairgrounds e-mail is info@howardcountyfair.com. Please use this e-mail address for all future reservations. Be sure that you contact the Fairgrounds in advance of any cancelations.



CENTRAL CLUSTER FASHION REVUE SHOW

Central Cluster Fashion Revue Show will be held on **Saturday, June 2, 2017** at it will be held at **Bushy Park Elementary School 14601 Carrs Mill Rd, Glenwood, MD 21738**. Judging for the Fashion Revue show will be held on **Thursday, May 31, 2018** at the **Gary J. Arthur Community Center 2400 State Route 97 Cooksville, MD 21723**

First Planning Meeting for the Fashion Revue Show at the Howard County Fairgrounds 2210 Fairgrounds Road West Friendship, MD 21794 on Wednesday evening February 28th at 6p.m.

We welcome all interested 4-Hers and volunteers in helping out with this program. 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 alga-pie@umd.edu.

To Register for: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-fashion-revue-planning-meeting-tickets-42641420637>

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 7th**. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



2018 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 17th - Saturday, June 23rd**. All youth, ages 8 (as of January 1, 2018) through 14, are welcome to apply. Applications will be available online the first 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 24th** 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 9th**. 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.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

SCHOOLS CLOSED

When schools are closed **ALL** 4-H programs are canceled. This includes closing early due to inclement weather. If the snow emergency plan goes into effect after the regular school day, then activities are cancelled.

SNOW



EMERGENCY PLAN

If a Snow Emergency Plan for Howard County is in effect at 7:00 a.m. on either Saturday or Sunday, **ALL** programs and activities, 4-H, school and community, will be canceled. Should the Plan go into effect after 7:00 a.m., programs in progress may be completed at the discretion of the activity leader.

UME CLOSED....

In observance of Presidents Day, the Howard County UME Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th.



WILLS FAIR

Wills Fair will be held **Saturday, May 19, 2018** 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 20, 2018.

MODEL 4-H DOG SHOW

Happy Hounds 4-H Club will be holding the 2018 Maryland Model Dog Show on Sunday, March 24, 2018, 10:30am at the Howard County Fairgrounds in the Dining Hall. (Judging begins at 11:00am)

Registration fee: \$10.00 per participant.

For more information or to register, visit www.MDmodeldogshow.com

BEEF FIELD DAY

Mark your calendar now! The Howard County 4-H Beef Field Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28th**. 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 ASAP at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

With the start of the 2018 show season, members need to remember several regulations established by MDA for all livestock exhibits of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has identification requirements for national animal disease traceability (ADT). All livestock being bought to shows in 2018 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 2018 4-H swine projects will be tagged with a regular 4-H tag.

FOR POULTRY:

- a. AI testing will require 15 birds or all birds in the flock if fewer than 15 birds from the exhibitors flock instead of 30 or up to 30 within 21 days prior to the exhibition.
- b. Private sales of poultry will be allowed at Maryland exhibitions if complete seller and buyer sales records are kept by the operator of the exhibition for one year.
- c. Wild bird displays and table egg judging contests will be allowed.

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

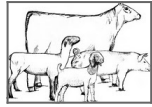
LIVESTOCK RATE OF GAIN REQUIREMENTS

Beef Steers, Market Goats, Market Lambs, and Market Pigs will have minimum "rate-of-gain" required to show in 2018. This means that market animals will have to gain a certain amount per day from Tag-In Day to the County Fair:

SHEEP
.40 lbs. per day

SWINE
1.50 lbs. per day

BEEF
2.00 lbs. per day



MARKET GOAT
.20 lbs. per day

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON PRACTICES

Whether you carry a livestock project or not, *Livestock Skillathon* is a great way to work with other 4-H'ers and learn information about livestock. Practices will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The tentative practice schedule is below:

Wednesday, February 7 th	Wednesday, February 14 th
Saturday, February 17 th	Wednesday, February 21 st
Wednesday, February 28 th	

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All animal science quality assurance trainings will be completed online for 2018. The online Quality Assurance program will be available online after March 15th.

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 are a junior; you complete the junior section, which are not broke out into separate species.
- 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.

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 2018.

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.



Basket & Bags Bingo

To benefit the Howard County 4-H All Stars

Friday, March 23, 2018

20 Regular Games plus Special Games & Raffles

ALL BASKETS & BAGS WILL BE FILLED

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Bingo Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Food will be available!

Location:

Mt. Airy Fireman's Activity Building
Twin Arch Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Ticket prices: \$20 in advance

\$25 at the door

For Tickets Call:

Marjie at 301-829-1449

Martin at 443-472-8276

Please notify us if you have special needs, when ordering tickets.

We will do our best to accommodate you.

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The name is used to describe the prizes that were purchased.