THE EXTENSION OFFICE WISHES EVERYONE A SAFE, HEALTHY & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON & NEW YEAR!

Let’s make 2019 a memorable 4-H year full of fun, friendships & accomplishments!

4-H Inclement Weather Policy

When schools close or dismiss early due to weather, all 4-H activities (including meetings) scheduled for that evening are automatically cancelled. If a snow emergency plan for Harford County is in effect at 7:00 a.m. on either a Saturday or Sunday, all 4-H programs/activities will be cancelled. Should the plan go into effect after 7:00 p.m., programs in progress may be completed; if the plan is in effect by 6:00 p.m., all 4-H events will be cancelled for that evening.

Above All, Be Safe!

“The Christmas cards and letters are being distributed among our military members ... they are very appreciative.” ~ “Thank You” letter received from an overseas location

MILITARY MAIL

For 2018, the following 4-H Clubs submitted 554 Christmas cards to our military troops: Dog Club, Clover Life, Cloverettes & Friends, Blue Ribbon, Trailblazers and Livestock Club.

4-H PROJECT WEDNESDAY ON FACEBOOK

In an attempt to introduce the vast catalog of 4-H activity guides and curriculum that are available for youth to use, 4-H Project Wednesday appears on Facebook - you guessed it – every Wednesday! The first five weeks have showcased the following 4-H projects: Geology, Bicycles, Horses/Ponies, Entomology and Photography. Most every project activity guide is available to see at the Extension Office; samples are located in the large conference room bookcase; and sold either online at https://shop4-h.org or in the 4-H Office. Search Harford County 4-H, University of Maryland Extension in Facebook and like the page!
RECORD BOOKS

- If you are in need of Record Book covers or Project Activity Guides (Project Books), you may purchase those online at: https://shop4-h.org. You are more than welcome to contact the 4-H Office to see if those items are in stock as well.
- All of the inserts for your Record Book may be found on our web page: http://extension.umd.edu/harford-county/record-books
- Record Books, Clover Scrapbooks and Senior Portfolios are due to your club leader. Please contact your leader for specific due dates. Do not bring your Record Book to the Extension Office. Club leaders will be judging and scoring your book again this year.
- The Harford County 4-H Achievement Awards program is scheduled for Sunday, April 7 at the 4-H Camp.

WINTER WORKSHOP VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Do you have talent, knowledge or hobby that you would like to teach and share? Crafts, dancing, science, sewing, cooking, gardening, nature – anything that you enjoy – pass your passion on to the next generation through hands-on activities.

Each class is 45 minutes long; you could teach at least one, hopefully two, maybe three or even four classes throughout the course of the day. We offer Clover classes (ages 5-7) and classes for ages 8-13. Please consider providing a new opportunity for youth in our county to grow!

4-H Winter Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 26 at the 4-H Camp in the DCO Building. So mark your calendars, complete the attached registration form and talk to friends that may have an interest to share. Instructor forms are due by January 2.

2019 MARKET STEER WEIGH-IN & TAGGING

The ownership deadline is January 1, 2019, for market steers. Animals must be registered in the individual name of the 4-H member. The mandatory tagging and weigh-in for steers will held at the Equestrian Center (Harford County fairgrounds) on Saturday, January 5 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Snow date is scheduled for the following Saturday, January 12. **All steers must have halters on and be halter-broken.

4-H members enrolled in the Beef project were mailed information packets. If you did not receive a packet and plan to show, call the Extension Office. Livestock registration forms and ear tag fees are due to the 4-H Office by Friday, December 28.

HORSE BOWL

Horse Bowl practices have begun, but it’s not too late to join the group! Weekly practice sessions are held at the Extension Office on Monday evenings, beginning at 7:00pm. You can be part of a group of youth who will represent Harford County at the State Horse Bowl competition to be held March 2, 2019 in Hagerstown, MD. You do not need to own a horse, just have an interest in learning about them. Have fun and make new friends while gaining a lot of knowledge! Call the 4-H Office for more details.
CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 CAMPING SEASON

Camp Counselor applications for the 2019 Harford County 4-H Camping season are being accepted until December 1. Teens must be 14 years old by April 1, 2019, in order to be considered a Counselor in Training (CIT). The training schedule, service hours schedule and application/forms are located on our web page: [http://extension.umd.edu/harford-county/2016-4-h-camp-counselors](http://extension.umd.edu/harford-county/2016-4-h-camp-counselors)

SENIOR 4-H OUT-OF-STATE TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

- NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS – Atlanta, GA; held November 23-27, 2018
- NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE – National 4-H Council in Chevy Chase, MD; held April 6-11, 2019
- WEST VIRGINIA OLDER MEMBERS CONFERENCE – Jackson’s Mill, WVA; held end of June
- CAMP MINIWANCA – Shelby, Michigan; held June 14-21, 2019
- VIRGINIA 4-H CONFERENCE – Blacksburg, VA; held June 24-27, 2019

Nominees must be 4-H age 14-18. Applicants must be enrolled in 4-H and not older than 4-H age 18 the year the trip takes place. Youth interested in applying must complete a 4-H resumé, essay and application and be interviewed. This year’s essay topic is: “Describe your most significant 4-H experiences and how they contributed to your personal growth as shown by attitude, insights, and life skills gained.”

Completed applications and portfolios are due to the Harford County 4-H Office by January 7, 2019 except the application for the National 4-H Conference which has expired. Additional information is available at: [http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/leadership-trips-awards-and-scholarships](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/leadership-trips-awards-and-scholarships)

2019 ENROLLMENT/RE-ENROLLMENT

All 4-H families will be responsible for enrolling/re-enrolling as volunteers, 4-H members or Clovers in 2019 through 4HOnline. Please wait until the database has been prepared for 2019. The link, start date and directions will appear in the next newsletter. ~THANKS!

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4-H EASY GIFTS WORKSHOP

December 8
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

4-H Camp | Street, MD

Each child will be offered 5 crafts to make and take home! Inexpensive items can be purchased for gifts; there will be a raffle and baked goods for sale. Cost is $6.00 per child and you pay at the door. You must call the 4-H Office at (410) 638-3255 to register by December 3, 2018. *This event is being held in conjunction with the 4-H Camp’s “Breakfast with Santa.”

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Winter Workshop - January 26
4-H CAMP—DCO Building
Volunteer Instructor Registration Form
Due by January 2, 2019

Instructor Name(s): __________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________ Phone: __________

If you are a 4-H’er teaching a class, please list the adult volunteer who will be present during your class: ______________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Class: ______________________________________________________________________

Are you willing to do more than one time: ______Yes ______No

Which time(s) do you prefer: ______ 10:00 a.m. Age appropriate for: ___ 8-14 yr. olds
________ 11:00 a.m. __ Clovers (5-7 yr. olds)
________ 12:30 p.m. 
______ 1:30 p.m.

Brief Description of Your Class:
__________________________________________________________
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If you need to limit your class size, please indicate how many: ______________________

Please return this sheet by WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

To: ldibasti@umd.edu 4-H Office, 3525 Conowingo Road, Suite 600
Or fax (410) 638-3053 Street, MD 21154

Receipts must accompany reimbursement forms, which are available at the Extension Office or at the Winter Workshop, for repayment of expenses. We charge the participants $15 for all four classes including lunch. You are welcome to join us for lunch.

THANK YOU!

If you require special assistance to participate, please call the Extension Office (410-638-3255) two weeks prior to the event.

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