



# Cloverleaf Chronicle November 2023



Happy Thanksgiving! Just a reminder, this publication is a forum for you, our 4-Hers, Clubs, and Volunteers! We encourage you to submit pictures and articles highlighting your activities, ideas, and outstanding accomplishments! To be included in our next issue, please email all submissions no later than 12/5/23 to Marylisa Schaedel at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).



## 4-H FALL FEST!!

Despite the dreary weather, the 1st 4-H Fall Fest was a huge success! Thanks to our 4-H Teen Council members for their hard work! Over the past 8 weeks, the members made games, signs and developed craft ideas for the Fall Fest! The day of the event, they decorated the Grove and ran the game and craft stations. Great job to all!! *More pictures can be found on page 16!*

Our second annual Clover Craft Workshop was held on October 28th! Our Clovers and their friends had a great time making four crafts. Pictured at right, Emmalyn Hindle and Arielle Leeds, our two youth instructors taught a button craft class! *More pictures can be found on page 17!*





# UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



*This time of year it is important to reflect on what we are grateful for in our lives. I would like to thank our Volunteers, 4-Hers, and families who support our wonderful 4-H Program!*  
~Marylisa Schaedel



The 2024 MD 4-H State Council Membership Application Submission Portal is now OPEN in 4-H Online. 4-H Members age 13-18 as of January 1, 2023 may apply. The application includes a resume, cover letter and current photo which are submitted through 4-H Online under Event Registration. For more information, visit the MD State 4-H website, <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership>. Applications will be accepted through 11/17/23.



Record Book changes are complete! Visit our website to find the new, streamlined Summary Record and Title Page. 2023 forms are still acceptable if you keep them saved on your home computer! Also, be sure to check out our new e-Record Book category for Intermediates! This option will allow our 4-Hers aged 11-13 to express their creative side by turning their record book into a slideshow or video presentation. Again, this is strictly optional! Traditional Record Books will **always** be accepted for all age groups! To read the new guidelines and to check out the forms, visit our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

Record Books will be due on 2/5/24. We will be holding our FINAL Record Book Workshop on 12/4/23 at 7 pm for anyone new or needing a refresher! Historian Books will also be collected at this time to follow the calendar year. Interested clubs can leave books for judging on or before 2/5/24. If you have questions regarding the Historian Books, please contact Lynne DiBastiani [ldibasti@umd.edu](mailto:ldibasti@umd.edu).



**The Harford County Livestock and Dairy Skillathon practices will begin on 11/3 at 6 pm!** Their Kick Off meeting will be a Livestock/Dairy Demonstration Night for participants to complete a demonstration for their project work! If you are interested in participating, please contact Tracy Brooks, [tlbrooks28@gmail.com](mailto:tlbrooks28@gmail.com).



Our Fall Reading Contest is in full swing! This year our theme is **Read "fur" Fun!** Studies show how reading aloud builds vocabulary, reduces stress and strengthens fluency, so we encourage you to snuggle up with your favorite pet or farm animal and start reading! Full details and the reading log can be found on page 12 and 13. Be sure to snap a picture of reading to your favorite animal and send it our way before the contest ends! Questions? Please reach out to Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).



# Upcoming Events



Camp Counselor Applications are due 12/15! Applications and Information can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>



Interested in participating in the 2023 Bel Air Christmas Parade? Lisa Fulco along with the Churchville Champions and the Easy Riders 4-H clubs are looking for 4-Hers to create a float and/or ride their horses in the parade. The parade will be held on Sunday, December 3 from 3:30-5:30 pm and participants must report at 2:15. Walkers are discouraged by parade organizers unless performing. Reach out to Lisa Fulco if interested: [lifulco@yahoo.com](mailto:lifulco@yahoo.com).

Steer Weigh In and Tagging will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2024 from 10 am –12 pm at the Equestrian Center with an inclement weather reschedule date of Sunday, January 15. Registration forms will be mailed to all beef project members in late November. Paperwork and payment is due to our office on or before January 4, 2024. If you are new to the beef project forms can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>



## *Start planning your menu.....*

Just a reminder, Meal Appeal will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 8 am-1 pm at the 4-H Camp. We are continuing with our mystery list of ingredients and mystery kitchen tools! Once clubs are registered to participate, they will receive the 2024 mystery list!

Just a reminder, clubs and individuals are invited to participate! Individuals may also enter a nutritional poster, place setting or healthy lunchbox.

If you would like more information regarding the contest or to register, please visit our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>



# State 4-H Opportunities



## Outbound Opportunities!

This year Maryland 4-Hers have the opportunity to explore the world and become culturally aware in 6 different outbound locations: Argentina (4-week), Costa Rica (4-week), Japan (4 & 8-week programs), Norway (4-week), South Korea (4-week), and Taiwan (4-week). Each outbound opportunity provides a unique cultural immersion experience. Delegates will experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own! Applications are due by Dec. 15th.

Program fees include lodging, meals, transportation, camps and cultural excursions throughout the program. The scholarship opportunity is available through States' 4-H upon application approval. If you are interested, please submit an application <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92010-States-4-H-International-Exchange>

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Maryland 4-H is seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12-17 years old and show them the American Culture. From mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. For more information contact Carrie Wivell at [cwivell@umd.edu](mailto:cwivell@umd.edu).

**Looking for Host Families**

The image features the University of Maryland Extension logo (a green clover) and a photograph of two young people, a boy and a girl, smiling. The boy is wearing a grey shirt and the girl is wearing a black and white striped shirt. A circular logo for the 4-H International Exchange Program is overlaid on the bottom right of the photo.

Do you know any families wanting to experience the world all in the comfort of their own home? We are seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12-17 years old and show them the American Culture. We need 14 families to host a Japanese Delegate this summer from mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. No special trips or accommodations are required; simply let a delegate change your and your children's cultural awareness for the better! If you are interested, please submit an application <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

For more information on both Inbound and Outbound Opportunities, please contact Joseph Y. Cho at [jcho8@umd.edu](mailto:jcho8@umd.edu).

## 2023 4-H Horse Bowl Clinic

The 2023 Horse Bowl Clinic will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Animal Science Bldg. on the UMD campus in College Park. This clinic will provide an opportunity for Maryland 4-H youth, volunteers, and UME faculty/staff to acquire skills and knowledge about the different aspects of Horse Bowl. Youth participants will play each other in a "mock contest" format and will learn about scoring, rules, and the type of questions to study for and expect in a real contest! Adult participants will learn tips and breakdowns of learning to teach, how to set up a successful practice schedule and more! Cost is \$10.00 which includes light refreshments and materials. Please register through 4-H Online if you wish to attend: <https://v2.4honline.com/>.







## Calling All 4-H Horse & Pony Enthusiasts!



Please plan to join us on December 5, 2023, 7 pm at the Extension Office to discuss and plan upcoming horse related activities for 2024! You do not have to be currently enrolled in the Horse project or own a horse to participate in our educational series or contests such as Horse Bowl! Please RSVP to Karen ([kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)) by 12/1 if you plan to attend.

If you are unable to attend, but have great ideas to share, click on the Signup Genius link below to share your input:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AEAC22A1FBCE9-44956970-horse#/>

The final Equine Educational Series class will be held on 11/21, 7 pm at the Extension Office. The topic will be Equine Safety First and will cover the horse's five senses and specific safety situations.

Horse Bowl– 1st practice will be held on 12/19/23 and will continue weekly beginning January 2, 2024-March 5, 2024. If you plan to attend the first practice, please RSVP by 12/14 to Karen, [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu). Practices are open to all 4-H members.

*Join us to learn about horses even if you do not want to participate in the Horse Bowl competition on March 9, 2024.*

*~Karen Taylor, 4-H Program Assistant*



Trail Ride 11/11/23



Equine Education Series

# 4-H Demonstration Day

## Saturday, November 18, 2023



Are you working to complete a project for your Record Book but cannot fit in a demonstration at the Club level before Record Books are due? Here is your opportunity to complete the requirements for your project work and gain valuable practice presenting in front of a group of your fellow 4-Hers and their families! No prizes will be awarded, however all presenters will be given a small participation prize and a comment card.

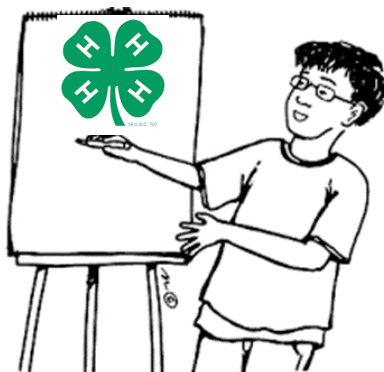
**4-H Demonstration Definition: a presentation or speech which demonstrates mastery of knowledge in a specific project area.**

If you would like to participate, please use the sign up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAAAC29ABFBC61-4hdemonstration>

The schedule will reflect 30 minute sessions from 1 pm-4 pm. This should give ample time for set up and clean up. If you require use of the screens in the large conference room, please add a note to your sign up so we are sure to accommodate your presentation.

Questions? Call the office 410-638-3255 or email Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu)

*If you require any special assistance, please contact our office 2 weeks in advance.*





## **Birdseed Ornaments Workshop**

**Thursday, November 30, 2023  
7 pm at the Extension Office**

Join us to learn how to make treats for your backyard feathered friends during the cold winter months using items you have in your kitchen!

Learn about the birds of Harford County while making seed ornaments and edible garland. These items also make great handmade gifts for family and friends.

**Please note– we will be using PEANUT BUTTER during this activity.**

Attendance will be limited to 15 participants.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) or call the office, 410-638-3255 by 11/27/23.





**ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! SAVE THE DATE!!**

Please join us for a Harford County 4-H



**Nacho Average**  
**VOLUNTEER**

**Appreciation**

**FIESTA**  
**LUNCHEON**

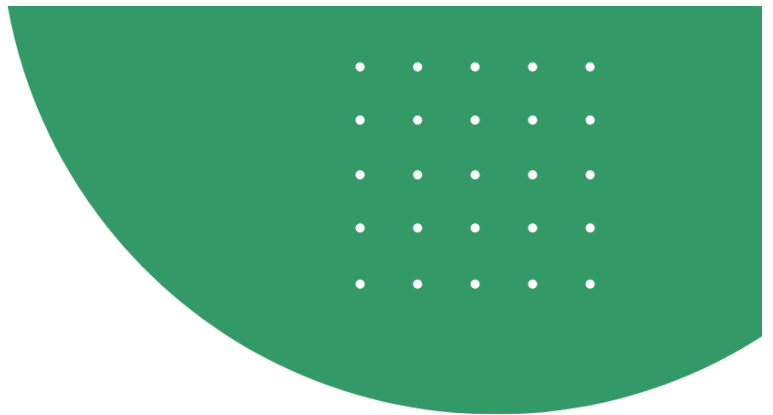


**Saturday, January 27 at**  
**12:00**

**Harford County Ag Center**



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# ATTENTION FORMER 4-H MEMBERS

Are you a Maryland 4-H alumni member? We are asking that you please take a moment to complete a short survey about how being a 4-H member affected you. Your input is greatly appreciated. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes for you to complete. Participants will be asked a screening question to confirm eligibility. More information about the research study including the consent to participate and survey link can be found at:

<https://go.umd.edu/4halumnisurvey> or swipe the QR code below.



Thank you for your time.

This institution is an equal  
opportunity provider.



**Quantities are Limited! Order your Shirts Today!!**

### 4- H T-Shirt Order Form

We are pleased to share our winning design featured below! Thanks to all who entered into our contest! Shirts will be available for purchase for \$15 each (2XL and 3XL, \$17 each). Mail or bring orders and payment to the Harford County 4-H Office 3525 Conowingo Rd. Suite 600, Street, MD 21154. Checks should be made payable to Harford County EAC.

***All proceeds will benefit the Harford County 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Association.***



***Congratulations to Emily Troyer***, a member of the Black Horse 4-H Club for creating the winning design (left). The design will be screen printed on to a kelly green cotton blend t shirt. Emily did a great job highlighting many popular 4-H projects! She will receive a free shirt for winning the contest! This shirt design is sure to appeal to many of our 4-Hers. Time is limited to order!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate size and quantity:

\_\_\_ Youth Small

\_\_\_ Youth Medium

\_\_\_ Adult Small

\_\_\_ Adult Medium

\_\_\_ Adult Large

\_\_\_ Adult XL

\_\_\_ Adult 2XL (+\$2)

\_\_\_ Adult 3XL (+\$2)

Total Shirts Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  Check  Cash

**Shirts can be picked up at the Extension Office, M-F 8 am—4:30 pm.**



# HELP WANTED!!

- ◆ **Camp Clean Up Saturday, November 18, 2023 10 am at the 4-H Camp**
- ◆ **Do you have a sewing machine taking up space in your attic or garage that you do not have any use for? Please consider donating your working sewing machine to the Harford County 4-H Program! We are looking to begin a sewing machine sign out program to promote sewing and Fashion Revue!**



## Looking Ahead...



Mark your Calendars!!

***2023-24 Dates are Tentative and Subject to Change!***

- November 17, 2023 Needs Assessment to be distributed to Youth and Volunteers!
- November 18, 2023 Demonstration Day at the Extension Office, 1 pm
- **December 15 Camp Counselor Applications Due**
- January 4, 2024 Steer Registration, Tagging Payment and Paperwork DUE!
- January 5, 2024 Meal Appeal Registration Due (Clubs and Individuals)
- January 13, 2024 Steer Weigh In (Snow Date January 14, 2024)
- January 27, 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 12 pm
- February 5, 2024 Record Books and Historian Books are DUE!
- February 10, 2024 Meal Appeal 8 am– 1pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- March 2, 2024 Winter Workshop at the Extension Office
- April 14, 2024 Achievement Day 2 pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- Intermediate Camp: June 17-21, Clover Camp: June 23-25, Junior Camp: 23-28

Looking WAY ahead.....July 20-27, 2024 Harford County Farm Fair

# 2023 4-H Fall Reading Contest

“Paws” for a Good Book and Read to your favorite animal friend “fur” Fun!



This Fall, we are encouraging all of our 4-Hers to read with their favorite pet or farm animal! Be sure to snap a picture and send it in with your reading log! To participate, keep the log of what books you have read on the provided form. Once you have reached your goal, stop by the 4-H Office for a special prize! The Reading Contest will run through December 21st. If you plan to participate, please RSVP by calling the 4-H office or email Marylisa Schaedel [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) to ensure we have enough prizes!

## Contest Rules:



**Clovers (age 5-8) Read or read together with an adult 10 books**

**Juniors (age 8-10) Read 10 books**

**Intermediates (age 11-13) Read 5 age appropriate books**

**Seniors (14-18) Read 2 Chapter books**



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

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## 4-H Fall Reading Contest

Log

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



### Reading Contest Rules:

1. Please select books that are age appropriate. For example, Seniors are expected to read chapter books, Clovers, Juniors; short stories, and Intermediates; short stories or beginner chapter books. All selections should be grade level, appropriate length books, approved by a parent or guardian.
2. Please record the date you completed each book.
3. Once you have finished, please contact the 4-H Office to arrange a date and time to collect your prize!



Book Title	Date Completed
1	
2	Sr.
3	
4	
5	Int.
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	Jr./Clover

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# ☘ 4-H Picture Pages ☘

Congratulations to the Harford County 4-Hers who competed at the 2023 MD State 4-H Archery Contest! Josiah Nance, (pictured below and left), as well as Sam Wilson (L) and Cole Rineer (L), all members of the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club, braved the chilly weather to take part in the contest. Great job!!







# 4-7 Picture Pages



On September 1<sup>st</sup> in the Cow Palace at the MD State Fairground our Harford Co, Upper Chesapeake Dairy Princess; Miss Katie Jones of Forest Hill, MD was crowned the MD State Dairy Princess. Pictured here is Katie as the newly crowned MD State Princess and her Dairy Maid Promotional Team, Virginia Brooks, Madelyn Thomas, Harper Rutledge, Abigail Stewart and Bristol Erhardt.

The Dairy Princess program is a great opportunity for young ladies to get involved with the Dairy Industry. Its purpose is to educate and promote the dairy cows, the products and the people that make up the industry. The Dairy Maid program is for young ladies ages 9-15. Dairy Princess is for ladies 16-21 years old. If interested in getting involved please reach out to Mary Stewart, 443.604.4095, [mstewart@fawnviewfarm.com](mailto:mstewart@fawnviewfarm.com) ~Submitted by Mary Stewart





# 4-H Picture Pages

Thanks to our awesome Teen Council members (R) for planning and hosting our 1st 4-H Fall Fest! We had about 65 attendees and they all enjoyed visiting the animals provided by the Widman and Gallion families as well as playing games and making crafts!! Thanks to all for making this event a success!



**FALL  
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2023**





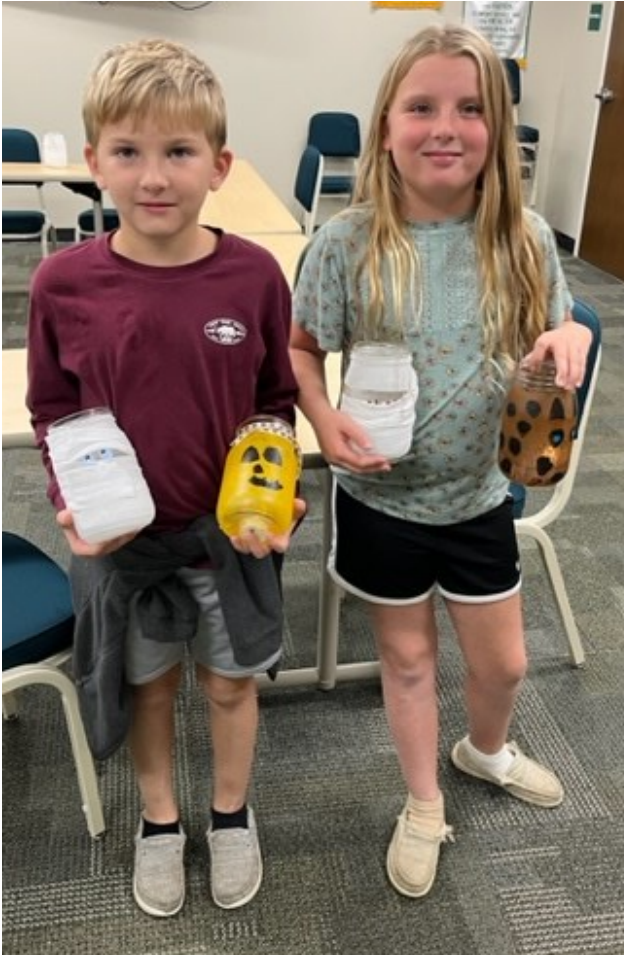
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CLOVER  
CRAFT  
WORKSHOP  
2023



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# Club Notes



The Super Clover Kids met on Monday, October 23rd. Our host was the House family. Aubrey and Reed gave an archery demonstration, members shared their results from State Fair and as a club we painted pumpkins. Watch the Clover Kids Facebook page so you can vote in our upcoming pumpkin painting contest. Featuring the pumpkins painted at our recent meeting. *Written by Bristol Ehrhardt*







# Club Notes



On October 15th the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club met at Bethel Church. Arielle Leeds taught members about sewing notions and different types of fabric. Club members made leaf rubbings and shared them with College Manor Assisted Living. ~Submitted by Club Leader Jane Burgess



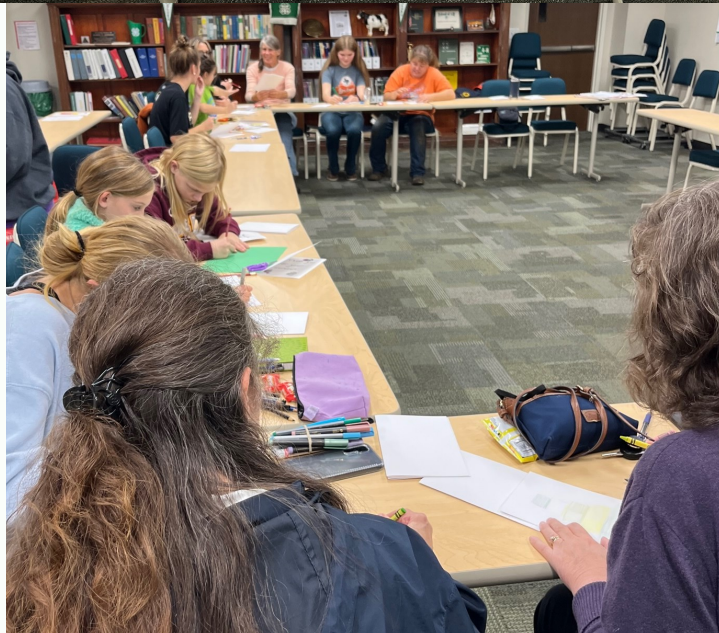





# Club Notes



In November, the Livestock Club met and created cards for Military Mail. Jaime-lyn Widman gave a demonstration on poultry judging and quizzed our members on their poultry knowledge! ~Submitted by Club Leader Alisa Schaedel



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>  Record Book Workshop 7 pm EO	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Volunteer and Teen Forum  Livestock/Dairy Skillathon Practice begin	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Ocean City, MD	<b>6</b>  Leaders' Association Meeting 7 pm EO	<b>7</b>  Horsing Around EO 7pm	<b>8</b>  Exploring New Projects EO 7 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Veteran's Day (observed) Office Closed	<b>11</b>  Veteran's Day
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  4-H Town Hall Meeting 7 pm EO	<b>14</b>  4-H 101 EO 7 pm	<b>15</b>  Camp Board Meeting DCO 6 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Camp Clean Up 10 am Demonstration Day 1-4 PM EO
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Horsing Around EO 7pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Birdseed Ornament Workshop EO 7 pm		



# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>  4-H Online Closes for 2023	<b>2</b>  Horse Bowl Clinic College Park
<b>3</b>  Dog Bowl College Park	<b>4</b>  Record Book Workshop 7 pm EO	<b>5</b>  Horse Bowl Meeting 7pm EO Submissions to Cloverleaf Chronicle DUE!	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Happy Hanukkah Hanukkah Begins	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Camp Counselor Forms DUE  Last Day of Hanukkah	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Horse Bowl Practice 7 pm EO	<b>20</b>  Camp Board Meeting DCO 6 pm	<b>21</b> Reading Contest Logs and Pictures DUE! 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve	<b>25</b>  Christmas Day Office Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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(410-638-3255) two weeks prior to the event**

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