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Extension Staff Partners with College & Me Program

The University of Maryland Extension and Garrett County 4-H is excited to be part of this year's College & Me program.

College & Me is a longstanding collaborative partnership that allows 5th-grade students in Garrett County Public Schools to attend the Garrett College campus, see a college environment, and learn about a diverse range of careers.

Lacie and Karen from 4-H; and Ashley Bodkins, UME Horticulture educator; teach youth about careers in Extension, Horticulture, and STEM. As students learn parts of a plant and their purpose, they also get to extract chlorophyll from leaves and experience STEM with 3d pens to make a key chain to take home.

During our classes, we have been excited to see a number of 5th grades who are Garrett County 4-H members. Who will we see next?

5th grade 4-H members - See you at College & Me!



Ruth Enlow Library Display

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Calendar of Events

November 2024

- 2 Beef Fall Weigh In at GC Fairgrounds 8 am– 2 pm
- 11 Extension Office Closed/Veteran's Day
- 13 Club Leader Meeting @ 6:30 pm via ZOOM
- 15 National Trip Applications Due
- 15 **DUE:** Maryland 4-H State Council Applications
- 28-29 Extension Office Closed/Thanksgiving
- 25-29 National 4-H Congress

December 2024

- 10 Animal Science Updates for Volunteers via Zoom @ 7 pm
- 25 Extension Office Closed/Christmas Holiday

January 2025

- ** 4-H Online Enrollment Opens-TBD
- 1 Extension Office Closed/New Year's Holiday
- 20 Extension Office Closed/MLK Day



Beef Fall Weigh-In~November 2, 2024 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Members will need to sign up for a time slot to bring their market steers to the fall tagging and weigh-in. There will be one-time slot per member.

Please register here: <https://go.umd.edu/2024BeefWeighIn>

Please keep in mind that these appointments are a guideline only. We will be working with live animals and as such the times may not be exact. We ask for your patience and cooperation.

When you arrive at the weigh-in, please have your registration card completed front and back, to take with your animal to the scales. Remember to turn the card in to the 4-H staff prior to leaving the fairgrounds because we use the information on each card to develop our database for the final 4-H livestock sale.

If you have any questions during the day of the weigh-in, please contact Roberta Cvetnick at 301-616-0084.

Garrett County Livestock Association Dues

Adult dues are \$5.00 per year, or \$30.00 for ten years. 2025 dues may be paid between August 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025. Dues should be mailed to: Garrett County Livestock Association, 1916 Maryland Highway, Suite A, Mt Lake Park, MD 21550.

4-H Horse Bowl

4-H clubs are preparing for the 2025 4-H Horse Bowl competition, scheduled for March 2025 in College Park. Horse Bowl is a double-elimination quiz competition that covers all aspects of horses and horsemanship. Any 4-H member in the county can participate and will be on the junior, intermediate or senior team, based on the member's age on January 1, 2025. Interested persons should contact our office at 301-334-6960.

4-H Club Leaders Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held by Zoom on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 pm. Organizational leaders from each club are encouraged to participate. The agenda for the meeting will include an update on volunteer status for each club, planning for re-enrollment for 2025, and steps to close out the 2024 year. Please call the office to register.



What is a Skillathon and Bowl Contest?

A skillathon is a friendly contest to test your knowledge about a topic through a variety of stations and tests. Maryland 4-H offers a variety of skillathon events as state contest opportunities.

Dog Skillathon- February
Dairy Skillathon- February
Livestock Skillathon - March
Goat, Sheep & Wool Skillathon - May

A bowl contest is another friendly contest that tests your knowledge, but done more in a quiz bowl format, where teams have to answer quickly and correctly. Maryland 4-H offers a variety of bowl contests too.

Horse Bowl - March
Dairy Bowl - April

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, or would like more information on the contest, please reach out to Lacie.



TSC Paper Clover Campaign to Begin November 29th

To embrace the holiday spirit, the Paper Clover campaign will move from October to November and December this year, officially launching on Black Friday! **Running from November 29th to December 15th**, we are thrilled that TSC is hosting this event during the season of giving. We can't wait to see how much **we raise for 4-H Camp and Leadership Scholarships!**

2025 4-H Enrollment

~Dates for 4-H Enrollment

Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning in **January 2025**. Watch for email announcement for opening date of enrollment along with details. Enrollment will be due by **February 1, 2025**. As a reminder, projects and volunteer type & roles will not roll over into next year. You will need to select your projects and volunteer information again.



~Internet Connection

To enroll in Maryland 4-H Online, you need internet access and a valid email address. The enrollment must be completed using Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers. 4-H Online enrollment is not supported by Internet Explorer.

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

The **Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations, MD 4-H Disciplinary Policy & Procedures** and **Photo/Media Release** are part of the online enrollment process and will be signed electronically.

~Enrollment Fee

Maryland 4-H has an annual \$10.00 enrollment fee per 4-H member (No fee is collected for volunteers and any children in a family beyond three). Families will pay the enrollment fee online by credit card at the time they enroll. After payment has been received, each family will receive two emails; first notification that enrollment has been received and second notification that the enrollment has been approved at the county 4-H office.

~Livestock Contracts Important

Livestock Contracts (blue form) - needs to be filled out by any 4-Hers who may consider taking a market animal project in 2025. This is a paper form (blue form) and is not part of the online enrollment. Be sure to complete this form if there is any chance you may bring a market animal to the fair. The contracts are available from the club leaders or by contacting the 4-H office. They are due to the Garrett County 4-H Office by **February 1, 2025**.



Completing 2024 Enrollment Year



Record Books – members complete your books and turn them in to the club leader so they can be reviewed to make sure everything is complete, and the leaders can bring them in to our Office by **February 1, 2025**.

Forms and directions are available at :

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms>.

If you need assistance or have questions regarding your record book, please feel free to contact the 4-H office.



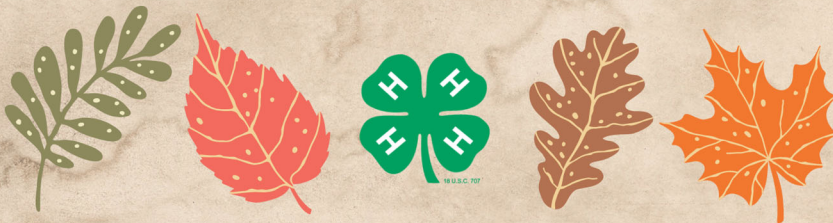
President's 4-H Volunteer Service Award Record – Recognition for 4-H member's volunteer hours. Service hours should include efforts to help others and improve the community. You can be participating on behalf of a community, religious and/ or youth organization. It can be an individual effort or with a group such as school-based service-learning projects. This could include club projects, community events, fair activities, and 4-H Camp services. Hours must be completed during the 2024 calendar year. The form for recording hours is available at:

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms> and should be submitted to our office by **January 15, 2025**.



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Happy
Thanksgiving



Wishing you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving



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