



# **Charles County Quarterly 4-H Newsletter**

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*all dates are subject to change, registration required for all events!

# **NOVEMBER 2024**

# **4-H TEAM**

11/5/24	Office Closed, Holiday			Kelly Bryant, Charles County 4-H Educator
11/7/24	Record Book Office Hours	5:00 - 7:00PM	Extension Office	kmbryant@umd.edu   301-226-7503
11/11/24	Office Closed, Holiday			Bonnie Boyden, Program Management Specialist
11/13/24	Record Book Office Hours	5:00 - 7:00PM	Extension Office	bboyden@umd.edu   301-226-7506
11/14/24	Sewing Workshop	4:00- 8:00PM	Extension Office	Jeanne Williams, Program Assistant
11/19/24	Clover Night: Fall Fun!	5:00 - 6:00PM	Extension Office	jeanneh@umd.edu   301-226-7507
11/18-11/20	National Skillathon Competition		Louisville, Kentucky	Mikayla Johnson, Program Assistant
11/25/24	EAC Meeting	6:00 -7:00PM	Extension Office	mdiane@umd.edu   301-226-7508
11/28/24	Office Closed, Holiday			
11/29/24	Office Closed, Holiday			Donna Mohler, Administrative Assistant
				dmohler@umd.edu   301-226-7501

# **JECEMBER 2024**

12/1/24	4-H Online Shutdown			Main Office Phone: 301-226-7500
12/7/24	Holiday Craft Workshop	9:30 - 11:30AM	Extension Office	
12/13/24	Record Books Due			
12/17/24	Clover Night: Holiday Party	5:00 - 6:00PM	Extension Office	University of Maryland Extension
12/25/24	Office Closed, Holiday	6:00 - 8:00PM	Extension Office	Charles County Office

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EXTENSION

#### FOR WEEKLY UPDATES: JOIN OUR ONE-LIST:

Email Bonnie at bboyden@umd.edu to be added to the list.

#### Facebook Group: Charles County 4-H

\*Our Facebook group is a closed group designed to keep enrolled 4-Her's, parents, and volunteers up to date with things going on in the program. Updates will be posted as available. When requesting membership, please answer all prompts or your request may be denied.



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### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: WHEN SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED **DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER 4-H PROGRAMS ARE** ALSO CANCELLED.

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# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

# **RECORD BOOKS**

#### DUE DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2024

Youth Project Records, Record Books, and the Senior Portfolio offer 4-H members a chance to learn record-keeping, reflect on their past accomplishments, and organize their thoughts. Participants are acknowledged for achieving their goals, demonstrating leadership in local club or county/city activities, and contributing to community service projects.

- <u>All animal science youth must turn in a record book to</u> participate in animal science projects in 2025.
- Individual clubs may have record book requirements.
- Clover 4-Hers may also turn in record books. Clover project sheets may be found on our website.
- Record sheets for most projects and guidelines for completing record books may be found on the Facebook page or contact Jeanne for the Google Drive link. Some other project sheets are also available in the 4-H office.
- Record Books will be sent out to be judged, and will be returned to clubs in January. Book awards will be presented on the club level.

Jeanne will be hosting Record Book Office Hours again this year: November 7th, November 13th from 5-7PM. Email Jeanne at **jeanneh@umd.edu** if you are interested in attending!

# <u>4-H YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</u> <u>REQUIREMENTS</u>

To become a member of 4-H, youth need to be 8 to 18 years old as of January 1. For 4-H Clovers, the age requirement is 5 to 7 years old as of January 1. To be a member in good standing, you must attend a percentage of club meetings established in your club by-laws to be eligible to participate in events, such as but not limited to, fairs (county and state), showing animal projects, participating in county and state contests.

Please be aware of enrollment deadlines for specific events or projects. Members MUST complete their enrollment by a designated date to be eligible to participate.



# **4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT**

The Maryland 4-H Online Enrollment System will be open for new enrollments and re-enrollments after January 2, 2025. Returning members and UME adult volunteers will re-enroll by logging into the website using the family email address and password that they used to set up their initial profile. If you have forgotten your password, there is an option to request a new one. If you have forgotten your email address, you must contact Donna Mohler at **dmohler@umd.edu**.

To enroll please visit: www.Maryland.4honline.com

For detailed instructions or assistance with the process, call 301-226-7501 or email Donna Mohler.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Have you ever thought about becoming a 4-H volunteer? Join us in making a difference at 4-H! As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to share your skills and knowledge while guiding youth in their personal growth and development.

To become a 4-H volunteer you MUST have:

- 1.Completed the Volunteer packet in 4-H Online (application, references, position/job description, confidentiality statement, and appointment agreement.)
- 2. Attended Volunteer Training at the Charles County 4-H office.
- 3.Completed an interview and have been appointed.

Please Note: You are only required to complete the volunteer packet and training process the first year you become a volunteer.

Continuing volunteers must submit an online enrollment each year.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*please refer to the mini calendar on the front page for a full list of upcoming events.

## **CLOVER CRAFT NIGHTS**

Hey Clover parents! We're excited to let you know that Clover Craft Nights will be happening until the end of the year! Your little ones can enjoy an hour filled with fun and creativity.

#### Upcoming Dates:

- November 19
- December 17
- January 14

These events are open to registered 4-H Clovers (ages 5-7 as of January 1) only. Please email Mikayla at **mdiane@umd.edu** for a registration form.



## HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Holiday Craft Workshop will be held on December 7th from 9:30 - 11:30AM. 4-H youth may invite a friend. Please look for updates from Jeanne and email her for more information at **jeanneh@umd.edu.** 



# TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

# **HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS**

Launching on October 7th, limited-edition collectible 4-H holiday ornaments will be available in Tractor Supply stores nationwide. Featuring three unique designs for 2024, these ornaments are sure to become a cherished family tradition for 4-H'ers for years to come. **100% of the funds raised from ornament sales will benefit 4-H.** 

# PAPER CLOVER DATES: NOVEMBER 29TH – DECEMBER 15TH

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!



# MARKSMANSHIP NEWS

The Charles County 4-H shooting Sports (Shotgun) group sent three shooters to the State Shoot on Sat, Oct 19th. They were part of a total of 60-70 4-H shooters from across Maryland. Each shooter shot against their peers grouped by age – Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions. Two of our shooters were in the Intermediate Division and one was shooting in the Junior Division.

## **OUR RESULTS**

#### Junior Division (7 Shooters):

Colin Fabey, Trap (11th Place), in Skeet (1st Place) and **2nd Place** 

#### Intermediate Division (20 Shooters):

Caleb Zarychta, Trap (6th Place), Skeet (13th Place), Sporting Clays (9th Place) **and 10th Overall** 

Luke Barrett, Trap (11th Place), Skeet (4th Place), Sporting Clays (10th Place) and **9th Overall** 

Job well done to all our participants and many thanks to our shooters, their parents, and our coaches – Frank Fruh, Larry Young, Ray Pierce, Wes Cory, Phil Herbert, and Bill McConnell!





# **UME OPEN HOUSE**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our partners who attended our Extension Open House on October 2nd. The event was a huge success! Our October Open House brought together our partners and community leaders to explore the programs we offer to the community as part of AGNR Extension Service. We offered a tour of our facility along with a handful of light refreshments and giveaways. We showcased our various programs such as 4-H, Master Gardeners, SNAP-ED, Marylanders Online, and Agriculture and Food Systems. This event provided an excellent opportunity to engage with the community and strengthen the University of Maryland Extension network in Charles County!



Kelly and Bonnie at UME Open House in front of our 4-H display!

# **CHARLES COUNTY FAIR 100 YEARS!**

This year marks a remarkable milestone as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our county fair! Over the past century, this cherished tradition has brought together generations of families, friends, and neighbors to showcase the best of our community.

From livestock exhibits and agricultural showcases to thrilling rides and delicious fair food, the fair has been a beloved gathering place where memories are made and stories are shared. As we reflect on a hundred years of rich history, we honor the countless volunteers, participants, and attendees who have contributed to its success. Here's to the past century of joy and community spirit, and to many more years of celebrating together!

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers and 4-H members who made this year's county fair a resounding success! Your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm were truly inspiring, and we could not have done it without you. From setting up exhibits to assisting with contests, and the sale, your contributions created a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who attended. Thank you for your time, commitment, and the spirit of community you brought to the fair. We appreciate everything you do and look forward to celebrating with you again next year!





# **2024 FAIR CHAMPIONS**

# DIVISION CHAMPION RESERVE CHAMPION HONERABLE MENTION

#### **FIELD CROPS & FARM PRODUCTS**

Junior	. Brooklynn Kilinkski		
Intermediate	. Parker Posey		
Senior	Annabelle Talbert	Remington Posey	Luke Talbert
VEGETABLES			
Junior	. Briley Posey	. Abigal Zarychta	Charles Schaecher

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#### GARDEN DISPLAY

Senior..... Annabelle Talbert ..... Luke Talbert

#### CONNIE DUNBAR RADISH CHALLENGE

1st PlaceElizabeth Hayes2nd PlaceLeelynn Harris

#### HOUSEPLANTS/TERRARIUM & DISH GARDENS

Junior	Briley Posey	Aaliyah Parker	Kaiden McKinnon	.Aiden Marshburn
Intermediate	Lilly Dennison	Parker Posey	David King	. Delana Bryant
Senior	Ivy Phillips	Claire Bright	Ivy Phillips	Jasmine Tajada

#### INDIVIDUAL FLOWERS

Junior	.Haleigh Durst	Haleigh Durst	
Intermediate	Ellie Kharlamova		Lilly Dennison
Senior	. Annabelle Talbert	Luke Talbert	

#### ARRANGEMENTS

Junior Haleigh Durst Abigail Zarychta	
Intermediate Brynn BoydenFrancesca Bologna	1
Senior Blaine Boyden Ivy Phillips	

#### FOOD PRESERVATION

Junior	Elizabeth Bowling	Abigal Zarychta	Peyton HancockElizabeth Hayes
Intermediate	Olyvia Felix	Caleb Zharychta	Layla Hayden
Senior	Claire Bright	Annabelle Talbert	Ivy Phillips

#### BREAD

Junior	Zoey Herron	.Briley Posey
Intermediate	Delana Bryant	
Senior	Zachary Bryant	

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### **DIVISION**

**CHAMPION** 

### **RESERVE CHAMPION**

### **HONERABLE MENTION**

#### CAKES

CAKES			
Junior	Charles Schaecher		
Intermediate	Lilly Dennison		
Senior	Blaine Boyden		
CUPCAKES, COOK	IES, & BROWNIES		
Junior		Charlie Schaecher	
Intermediate	Olyvia Felix	Renae Woods	
Senior	Zachary Bryant	Riley Herbert	
CANDY & GIFT BA	SKETS		
Junior	Maybree Millar	Aiden Marshburn	
Intermediate	Leelynn Harris	Skylan Brussell	
DECORATED CAK	ES & CANDY		
Junior	Colleen Galligan	Carmen Terlecki	
Intermediate	Lilly Dennison	Leelynn Harris	
HOUSEHOLD & MI	SCELLANEOUS		
Junior	Sariah Thomas	Elizabeth Winkler	Aaliyah Parker
Intermediate	Ellie Kharlamova	Kylie Brooks	
Senior	LaNesia James		
CLOTHING			
Junior	Aaliyah Parker	Mya Foster	
Intermediate	Zoey Herron	David King	
HOME ENVIRONM	IENT		
Junior	Zoey Herron	Zoey Herron	Sophia Buzzeo
Intermediate	Ellie Kharlamova		
Senior	Sarah Culver		
NEEDLEWORK			
Junior	Maybree Millar	Elizabeth Hayes	
Intermediate	Leelynn Harris	Ellie Kharlamova	Ellie Kharlamova
ART			
Junior	Haleigh Durst	Mya Foster	Sophia Buzzeo
Intermediate	Ellie Kharlamova		
Senior	Olive Swann	Sarah Culver	Nathan Carter
POSTERS			
Junior	Zoey Herron	Sophia Buzzeo	Elizabeth Hayes
Intermediate	Delana Bryant		
Senior	Aaliyah Tejada	Sophia Wehrs	Brylee Boyden
CRAFTS			
Junior	Zoey Herron	Elizabeth Bowling Cook	Zoey Herron Abagail Zarychta
Intermediate	Kylie Brooks	Renae Woods	Brookelynn Berry

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**HONERABLE MENTION** 

### DIVISION CH

### CHAMPION RESERVE CHAMPION

CRAFTS

CRAFIS			
Junior	Sariah Thomas	Carmen Terlecki	Sophia Buzzeo
Intermediate	Ellie Kharlamova		
Senior	Aaliyah Tejeda	Sarah Culver	
CERAMICS			
Junior	Piper Hayden	Piper Hayden	
Intermediate	Delana Bryant	Olyvia Felix	Brookelynn Berry
Senior	Madilynne Felix	Milla Magno	
PHOTOGRAPHY			
Junior	Sydney Stoddard	Mya Foster	Haleigh Durst Sariah Thomas
Intermediate	David King	Caleb Zarychta	Ellie Kharlamova
Senior	DeAngelo Foster	DeAngelo Foster	Melissa Magno
WOODWORKING,	METAL & ELECTRIC		
Junior	Haleigh Durst	Haleigh Durst	Aaliyah Parker
Intermediate		Leonardo James	
Senior		Blaine Boyden	
COLLECTIONS			
Junior	Abigail Zarychta	Colleen Galligan	
Intermediate	Ellie Kharlamova	Ellie Kharlamova	Kaleb Orazio
Senior	Jasmine Tejeda		Skylan Brassell
NATURAL SCIENCE	Ε		
Junior	Abigail Zarychta	Charles Schaecher	
Intermediate			David King
Senior	Claire Bright	Claire Bright	Sarah Culver
ANIMAL SCIENCE			
Junior	Zoey Herron		
Intermediate	Skylan Brassell	Jacob Schauer- Smith	
KNOWLEDGE CON	TESTS/SHOWMANSHI	P/ & JUDGING	
POULTRY			
Junior	Colleen Galligan	Colleen Galligan	Colleen Galligan
Intermediate	Dakota Graham	Dakota Graham	Lilly Dennison
Senior	Luke Talbert	Luke Talbert	Annabelle Talbert
RABBITS & CAVIES	5		
Junior	Angelia Heard	Zoey Herron	Haleigh Durst
Intermediate	Dakota Graham	Ronae Heard	Dakota Graham
Senior	Sara Robertson	Sara Robertson	
HORSE SHOWCAS	E		
Junior	Zoey Herron		
Intermediate	Skylan Brassell		
Senior	Milla Magno	Melissa Magno	

#### **RABBIT JUMPING**

Junior	Elizabeth Hayes
Intermediate	Ronae Heard

#### **RABBIT JUDGING**

Junior..... Zoey Herron

### LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

Junior	Piper Hayden
Intermediate	Ethan Abell
Senior	Tiffany Abell

### **RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

Junior	Zoey Herron
Intermediate	Lily Ann Cupp
Senior	Sara Robertson

#### HORTICULTURE JUDGING

Junior..... Zoey Herron Aaliyah Parker Intermediate ..... Ellie Kharlamova Senior..... Ivy Phillips

## HORSEMANSHIP KNOWLEDGE

Junior	Zoey Herron
Intermediate	Leelynn Harris
Senior	lvy Phillips

#### **RABBIT JUDGING**

Junior	Zoey Herron
Intermediate	Ronae Heard

### DOG KNOWLEDGE

Junior Eth	ian Hancock
Intermediate Elli	e Kharlamova
Senior Aa	liyah Tejeda

#### PRETTY ANIMAL CONTEST

Prettiest	. Lizzie Winkler
Funniest	. Angela Heard
Most Creative	Claire Bright

# **CHAMPION 4-H CLUB EXHIBITS**

#### **CLUB BANNERS**

Champion	Hot Shots
Reserve Champion	Little Rascals

# Champion.....Hot Shots

**CLUB BOOTHS** 

Reserve Champion ...... Little Rascals

#### **CLUB SCRAPBOOK**

Champion.....Creative Critters

# **CONGRATULATIONS CHAMPIONS!**



# **2024 LIVESTOCK FAIR CHAMPIONS**

Harold Roberts Memorial Scholarship Round Robin Winner

# **2024 SHEEP SHOW**

#### SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION	<u>CHAMPION</u>	<b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b>	
Junior	Haleigh Durst	Elizabeth Bowling	
Intermediate	Ethan Abell	Graham Bowling	
Senior	Bella Verdiglione	Sarah Culver	
Grand Champion Shee	ep Showman		Bella Verdiglione
Reserve Champion Sh	eep Showman		Sarah Culver
MARKET LAMB RESUL	TS		
Champion Market Lan	1 <b>b</b>		Sarah Culver (2999)
Reserve Champion Mo	ırket Lamb		Bella Verdiglione (2199)
BRED & OWNED LAMB	S		
Champion Bred & Own	ed Lamb		Blaine Boyden
SHEEP BREED SHOW			
Champion Hair Breed	Ewe		Elizabeth Bowling
SHEEP BREED			
Best of Show Ewe			Tiffany Abell
Best of Show Ram			Haleigh Durst
BRED & OWNED BREE	DING SHEEP		
Champion Bred & Owr	ned Ewe		Elizabeth Bowling
Reserve Champion Bro	ed & Owned Ewe		Hayleigh Durst

# **4-H SWINE SHOW**

### SWINE SHOWMANSHOP

DIVISION	<u>CHAMPION</u>	<b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b>	
Junior	Joseph Bolongna	Haleigh Durst	
Intermediate	Francesca Bolongna	Graham Bowling	
Senior	Luke Talbert	Annabelle Talbert	
Grand Champion Swin	e Showman		Francesca Bologna
<b>Reserve Champion Sw</b>	ine Showman		Graham Bowling

#### **BRED & OWNED HOGS**

Champion Bred & Owned Hog Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Hog	
MARKET HOGS	
Grand Champion Market Hog	Joseph Bologna (3188)
Reserve Champion Market Hog	Robbie Abell (2481)
BREEDING HOGS	
Best in Show Female	Annabelle Talbert

# **4-H BEEF SHOW**

#### **BEEF CATTLE SHOWMANSHOP**

DIVISION	<u>CHAMPION</u>	<b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b>	
Junior	Joseph Bolongna	Piper Hayden	
Intermediate	Francesca Bolongna	Ethan Abell	
Senior	Riley Herbert	Annabelle Talbert	
Grand Champion Beef	f Showman		Francesca Bologna
Reserve Champion Be	ef Showman		Riley Herbert
MARKER STEERS			
Grand Champion M	arket Steer		Francesca Boloana (2798)
Reserve Champion	Market Steer		Riley Herbert (4915)
Reserve Champion	Market Steer		Riley Herbert (4915)
Reserve Champion Best of Show Female BRED & OWNED BREE Champion Bred & Owr	Market Steer e DING CATTLE ned Heifer		Riley Herbert (4915) Luke Barrett Annabelle Talbert

# **4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOW**

### DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHOP

DIVISION	<b>CHAMPION</b>	RESERVE CHAMPION
Junior	Aaliyah Parker	Brooklynn Kilinski
Intermediate	Lilly Dennison	Samuel Swann
Senior	Olive Swann	Claire Bright
Grand Champion I	Dairy Goat Showman	Olive Swann
Reserve Champio	n Dairy Goat Showman	Claire Bright
DAIRY GOAT BREE	DING SHOW	
Best in Show Fen	nale	

#### **BRED & OWNED DAIRY GOATS**

Champion Bred & Owned DoeM	1aybree Millar
Reserve Champion Bred & Owned DoeC	laire Bright

# **4-H MEAT GOAT SHOW**

### MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION	<u>CHAMPION</u>	<b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b>	
Junior Intermediate	Peyton Hancock Emilee Lancaster	Briley Posey	
Senior	Annabelle Talbert	Shyanne Stine	
Grand Champion Meat	Goat Showman		Annabelle Talbert
Reserve Champion Mea	t Goat Showman		Shyanne Stine
MARKET MEAT GOAT			
Champion Market Goat			. Sarah Culver (2997)
Reserve Champion Mar	ket Goat		Portlynn Roberts (4492)
BRED & OWNED MARKE	TGOAT		
Champion Bred & Owne	d Goat		Annabelle Talbert
BREEDING MEAT GOATS			
Best in Show Female			Annabelle Talbert.
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<b>Reserve Champion Bred</b>	& Owned Doe		.Sarah Culver

# CAMP NEWS

# THANK YOU!!

Camp was an absolute blast this year! The energy, enthusiasm, and camaraderie created an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our incredible 4-H volunteers and campers whose hard work and dedication made this camp possible.

Your passion and commitment shone through in every activity, from the engaging workshops to the fun-filled games. We truly appreciate the time and effort you put in to create such a welcoming and vibrant community. The friendships formed and the skills learned will surely last a lifetime.



We can't wait to see everyone again next year for even more adventures and memories! Thank you once again for making this year's camp a resounding success!

# 2024 HONOR CAMPERS

Congratulations to our Honor Campers at overnight camp for being outstanding campers!

Spirit	Owen Holcomb
Head	Ryan Cory
Heart	Portlynn Roberts
Hands	Colleen Galligan
Health	Kaleb Orazio



**CLOVER DAYS** 

Thanks to everyone who helped with Clover Days! Our Clovers had a great time learning about various fairy tales, some they've never heard before!





### November - December 2024

# ROBOTICS

Kudos to all our robotics teams that took part in the 2024 State Fair Robotics Competition! The youth had an amazing experience at the fair this year. A heartfelt thank you to Bob Davidson, Gary Prybyla, and Caitlyn Olejnik for their ongoing support and guidance for our young engineers!

If you are interested in joining the Robotics program please reach out to Mikayla **mdiane@umd.edu.** The program runs from May to August, with more information to come out closer to the date.

# **VEX ROBOTICS**

This year we had two VEX Robotics teams:

- The Land Droids: (Intermediate)
  - Sebastian Magana
  - Jacob Schauer-Smith
  - David King
  - Owen Holcomb
- The Lumber Bots: (Senior)
  - Blaine Boyden
  - Robbie Abell
  - Ethan Abell





Congratulations to our Senior team, Lumber Bots, for winning **1st place** in their division! Awesome Job!



Congratulations to our Intermediate Team, Land Droids, for winning **2nd place** in their division!

# **LEGO ROBOTICS**

Our LEGO team did an awesome job at the competition! This year we had one LEGO team:

- Rock'n Robots: (Intermediate)
  - Liam Kydd
  - Lucas Kydd
  - Haley Adams
  - Caleb Charnock
  - Tommy Charnock
  - Grayson Gray



Congratulations to the Rock'n Robots for getting **6th place** in the intermediate division!





Our LEGO team presented their Service Project to the judges, focusing on this year's theme of bird conservation. They dedicated part of their weekend to collaborate with Keep La Plata Beautiful to clean up Tilghman Lake. La Plata is proud to be the first Bird City in Maryland!

The LEGO team also built a bug hotel for the birds! A bug hotel is a man-made structure designed to provide shelter and habitat for various insects and beneficial creatures. It typically consists of different materials, such as wood, straw, and hollow stems, arranged in a way that attracts insects like bees, ladybugs, and butterflies. Bug hotels help promote biodiversity by offering a safe space for insects to nest, hibernate, and find food, which in turn supports the ecosystem. This, in turn, helps birds locate food.



# DAY AT THE MUSEUM!

In July, Clovers got to explore the Calver Marine Museum on Solomon's Island! They had an amazing time discovering discover the prehistoric past, the natural environment, and maritime heritage of Southern Maryland. The museum features many different exhibits including a discovery room where our clovers searched for fossils, climbed aboard a skiff, and got up close to a possum. The museum also features river otters, skates, rays, and other diverse animals found in the Chesapeake Bay.

Clovers even did a scavenger hunt around the museum to learn and interact with the exhibits!



