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Carroll County 4-H Reopening Update

I'm excited to announce that we will be able to open 4-H programming on April 1st! Of course we are following all of the Maryland 4-H guidelines and we will have to limit group sizes to 35 or less individuals for indoor and outdoor events at this time. I will be working with our club leaders and volunteer led programs to work through all of the procedures of approval processes for meetings/events. Before attending any in-person event, please be on the lookout for information with specific guidelines that will need to be followed including: social distancing, wearing a mask, and signed health pledges (copy attached to the end of *Tribune*) just to name a few. Please read through the *Tribune* carefully as you will find that many of our spring activities are taking place in-person, but we are requiring registration to ensure we stay within our group size limits.

The Extension Office is now open! Faculty and Staff are working on a rotational basis. At this time, Becky is in the office on Monday and Wednesday and Lori is there on Monday and Thursday if you have a specific 4-H need or need to pick up anything. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Becky Ridgeway (bridgewa@umd.edu) or Lori Augustine (loria@umd.edu).

4-H Enrollment

ALL 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers need to enroll for the 2021 4-H year by logging into 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com) to complete your 2021 enrollment. Please note that EVERYONE (4-H MEMBERS, CLOVERS AND UME VOLUNTEERS) will need to log into their family account that you created in 2020 and re-enroll each person listed on your account. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT – LOG IN USING YOUR EMAIL AND PASSWORD.** If you have forgotten your password, there is an option to restore your password.

ALL 4-H MEMBERS including CLOVERS MUST PAY THEIR \$10 STATE PARTICIPATION FEE THROUGH 4-H ONLINE. The insurance fee for 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers is paid through your 4-H Club and will not be collected at this time.

Remember, you must be enrolled in the Carroll County 4-H Program by May 1, 2021 to be eligible to show at the 2021 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Please don't wait, enroll now!

If you have any questions, please email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu).

UME Volunteers

ALL UME Volunteers SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR ENROLLMENT BY MARCH 1, 2021 on 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com). This new deadline is a Maryland 4-H requirement to meet the new background check requirements. Even if you missed the March 1st deadline, we will still work with getting you enrolled! When completing the volunteer enrollment, remember this is a two-step process. Step 1 is the enrollment which leads into step 2, the screening process.

Please note that the state will be approving the screening section of all volunteers once the background checks have been completed and before the county office can approve enrollments. Most volunteers will be considered a Tier 2 volunteer which will consist of a \$15 background check fee completed by a private company. This will be conducted every 3 years.

Some of our volunteers will be considered a Tier 3 volunteer which will consist of a background check along with fingerprinting and will cost around \$55. Volunteers in Tier 3 who work with camp (residential and day camps) or chaperone over night trips with 4-H members will fall under Tier 3.

4-H Camp Update

At this time, there is still much unknown about the 2021 4-H Camp Season as we must follow all Maryland 4-H, Maryland State, CDC and American Camp Association guidelines to hold a safe camp. We know there will be no residential camp and are still on-hold as to knowing if a day camp will be offered in it's place. When we have more information, we will share out a final decision.

Potential camp dates:

First week – June 21-24, 2021

Second week – July 12-16, 2021

Clover Fun Days

For 2021, Clover Fun Days will be hosted virtually. As much as we wish to be in-person for Clover Fun Days, we feel we won't be able to offer the same experience as previous years. Our Clover Fun Day Youth Leaders are working on providing two great opportunities! More information will be provided in the following weeks, but hold the following dates: **July 13-16, 2021 and August 9-13, 2021**

Registration for Clover Fun Days can be found at:

<https://forms.gle/Yzi5CYTkL7uwcnnA7>

Career AGsperience

Join us for the Career AGsperience program starting on April 7th through May 12th, 6:30 P.M. each Wednesday night. Each week a different topic is featured, including: Career and Goal Setting, Resume Development, Internship Acquisition and Business Etiquette.

The program has a focus related to agricultural-related careers, but the information gained will be great for any career/college choice, not just AG related!

Register at: <https://forms.gle/7yvZYnUiWabEudq6> Questions? Contact Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu

Junior Ambassador Application

Are you a 4-H member that is between the ages of 11-13 (4-H age as of January 1st) and have an interest in being a part of the Ambassador program? We are now accepting applications for the Junior Ambassador team for 2021-2022. Just fill out the application found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county/4-h/4-h-ambassadors> **Applications are due April 2nd and interviews will take place on April 10th at the Extension Office.**

Dairy Bowl Practices

Dairy Bowl practices have begun but you can still participate. Remember, you do not have to show dairy to participate, just have an interest in learning about dairy! There is one virtual practice left to be held on Tuesday evening at 7 P.M. April 13th. Practices will be one hour and will help prepare 4-Hers to participate in the State Dairy Bowl Contest. This year, the contest will be an individual contest and will be held virtually on Saturday, April 17th.

Login for the April's practice— April 13th—<https://umd.zoom.us/j/95957224434>

Horse Judging Practices

We are gearing up to start Horse Judging practices! The first three practices will take place at the Carroll County Extension Office. All practices will start at 7 P.M. Practice dates—April 7th, 14th, 21st

Practices will then continue weekly on Wednesdays and will be held on local horse farms throughout the county. The State Horse Judging Contest will be held on June 12th at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

If planning to participate, please register to ensure you receive all information.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/awmTwcpx2TgEUNki9>

Horse Safety Class

If you are a 1st year Horse Exhibitor, you are required to attend one of the Horse Safety classes offered. Exhibitors will learn about horse safety, along with an orientation as to what happens on show day at the fair and what you need to bring. You **MUST** attend one of the offered classes on April 12th or May 3rd at 7pm. If you plan on attending, please register at: <https://forms.gle/7CCcRoRYeiiXLZpo9>

Horse Communication Contest

The Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their public speaking skills and knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. For this contest, members will submit a recording of their speech or demonstration for judges to evaluate. Three categories are offered for this contest including: 1) Individual Presentation, 2) Team Presentation, and 3) Individual Public Speech.

The 2021 Horse Communications Contest will be held virtually. Registration for the contest will be due **April 21, 2021. Members must submit their recorded presentations between April 21-28, 2021.** The contest Procedures & Regulations are attached at the end of the *Tribune*. If you are planning to participate, please email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) by April 20th with the category and if it's a individual or team entry.



Horse/Pony ID's

Horse and Pony ID Cards will be mailed to those participating in the Horse project in 2021. Be on the lookout for these cards. Please fill out, sign and drop off to the Extension Office **by May 31st**. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

Livestock Skillathon

Everything you've ever wanted to know about livestock, and didn't know to ask! Come learn about Breeds of Livestock, Equipment, Cuts of Meat, Animal Part Identification, Livestock Feeds, Hay, Wool and play some online games.

Everyone is welcome to attend sessions to learn more about livestock. The state contest will be held on June 19th at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

2021 Practice Dates: **April 8, 15, 22, 29** **May 6, 13, 20, 27** **June 3, 10, 17**

For more information, call Kathy Gordon at 301-667-0559.

To participate, register at: <https://forms.gle/1pHiVNugrDEVWGEv8>

Livestock Judging

Oh my gosh! Can it be time again? Yes, Livestock Judging is about to begin! Our first meetings will be on **May 25th and June 8th, at the Extension Office at 7 P.M.** We will have coaches available to get you started or get you in gear again! We are excited to be back in-person this year and will be working on setting up more practices throughout the summer at local farms. Please call Kathy Gordon with any questions you might have at 301-667-0559. Make sure you register to attend at: <https://forms.gle/LhbXabuEor7rm15M9>

Beef Workshop

The **2021 Beef Workshop has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 11th at the Carroll County Extension Office. The workshop will start at 11 A.M.** Information about the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Beef Show will be shared, along with educational opportunities for 4-H members and their families. Please make sure that you register at the link below to ensure we have enough materials for each 4-Her.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/NSq8LJneun2E6RSt5>

Beef Field Day

The 2021 Beef Field Day will be held on **Saturday, May 15th at the Howard County Fairgrounds**. We will be partnering with the Howard County 4-H Program to offer educational opportunities and chances to exhibit in showmanship, beef/dairy steer classes and breeding heifers. We are excited for the chance to partner with Howard County, allowing Carroll County 4-H members to show multiple animals this year! Registration information was handed out at weigh-in, but can be found attached to this *Tribune*. Registration and payment is due to the Carroll County Extension Office by Friday, April 23rd. Registrations can be brought to the beef workshop (if attending) or dropped off at the Extension Office. If you have specific questions, please contact a beef committee member or Becky Ridgeway.



Meat Goat Workshop

The Meat Goat Workshop will be held on Sunday, June 13th at 1 P.M. This year, the workshop will be held at Whitetail Acres (3106 ADAMS DR HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074) Make sure you register to make sure we have enough materials for all participants and to ensure all Maryland 4-H Guidelines are followed: <https://forms.gle/2h8YeziXeQnsYq6Q9>

Sheep Workshop

The Sheep Workshop will consist of reviewing a presentation put together by the sheep committee. All members attending sheep weigh-in will receive a copy of this presentation. You can also view the sheep workshop at—<https://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county/4-h-youth/sheep-project>

Sheep and Meat Goat Field Day

New in 2021—We will be holding a Carroll/Howard County Sheep and Meat Goat Field Day on Saturday, June 12th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. We hope this opportunity will provide for some educational opportunities along with getting your sheep and goats into the show ring! The registration form is attached to this *Tribune* and there is a \$15 per exhibitor cost to attend to help cover the cost of the field day. If you have specific questions, please contact Becky at the Extension Office.

Swine Workshop

The 2021 Swine Workshop will not be held in person this year. All swine exhibitors will receive a copy of the swine workshop materials at weigh-in on May 7th.

Animal Husbandry Quality Assurance

If you are a new member or have moved to a new age group (Junior to Intermediate, Intermediate to Senior), you are required to take the online Quality Assurance Program this year. The online program is required for ALL 4-H members showing beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, horses/ponies, poultry, rabbits and alpacas/llamas. When the website is opened by Maryland 4-H, you will need to register and complete this program if you are planning to show at any 4-H show. If you have questions, please contact Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu. Quality Assurance must be completed by **Friday, July 23rd to be eligible to show** at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. When the website is open, an email will be sent to everyone.

Livestock/Horse Lease Forms

If you are planning to lease a livestock or horse animal project this year, make sure you complete the 4-H Lease Paperwork. There is a lease agreement that is completed between the 4-H members and the individual leasing the animal to you. To request the lease paperwork, send Becky an email at bridgewa@umd.edu or stop by the Extension Office.



Market Swine, Sheep and Goat Weigh-in and Tagging

If you plan to exhibit one of the above animals at the county or state fair, it must have a Maryland 4-H ear tag and be weighed in Carroll County. You must turn in a completed 2-part form to the Extension Office with the number of tags you will need by **April 30th for Swine (Weigh-in Date – Friday, May 7th, 5-9 P.M.) and May 7th for Lambs and Goats (Weigh-in date – Friday, May 14th, 5-8 P.M.)**. Remember to fill in ALL information, including RFID/Scrapie tag numbers. The Animal Science Code of Ethics will be on the reverse side and BOTH pages must be signed. **Tags cost \$2 for swine, lambs and goats.** Checks can be made payable to CCEAC. You must register, tag and weigh-in the appropriate animal for Carroll County. You may not weigh-in your animals at another county and be eligible for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Questions? Call 410-386-2760.

More information will be provided closer to weigh-in dates about COVID precautions and how each weigh-in will be handled.

Castration Policy of the Maryland 4-H AnSc Program: All male steers, lambs, pigs and goats must be neutered and healed prior to 4-H weigh-in and tagging. The only exception would be animals that have obvious signs they have been banded, however, their scrotal sac is still intact.

Livestock Registration Forms

Livestock registration forms are a 2-page carbon copy form that cannot be printed from home. We mailed registration forms to all 4-H members who submitted 2020 project records for swine, sheep and meat goat projects towards the end of March. If you are a new 4-Her or adding one of the above projects and will need the forms mailed to you, please email Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu with how many forms you will need. Please remember that each species needs to be on their own form.

Poultry Orientation

For ANYONE who plans to or is thinking about showing poultry at the 2021 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair, there are several exhibitor meetings scheduled and you are **REQUIRED** to attend “one” of them. **Meeting dates are as follows: Tuesday, May 4th (Poultry Barn), Thursday, May 13th (Poultry Barn), and Wednesday, June 2nd (Poultry Barn).** All meetings start at 7 P.M. There will also be an **online option for 2021 which you can complete along with a quiz for credit as attending the meeting in person.** Again, you are **REQUIRED** to attend only one in-person meeting or the online video/quiz. Remember for those 4-Hers who exhibited in 2020, you are required to have turned in a “completed” project record for your poultry project in order to exhibit in 2021. If you have questions, call Nancy Carlisle at 410-775-2839.

If you plan to attend in-person, please register for one date. This will help us stay within the in-person 4-H guidelines. Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/1grgToE4E84qm1Pn7>

If participating in the online video/quiz, more information will be made available on this opportunity.



Dog Training

Dogs

Registration and the initial DOG EVALUATION SESSION will take place for Carroll County 4-H Dog Training Classes on **Tuesday, April 6th from 6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M.** at the Carroll County Extension Office. If you have questions, please call Robin Korotki at 410-239-6251 (leave a message, please). Youth and parents need to attend an initial program session. **You will need to provide all registration paperwork at the Evaluation (paperwork will be emailed to you after you register), including a copy of your dog's rabies certificate and county dog license/tag to be left on file with the trainers, along with your dog.** Dogs without a valid rabies certificate or county dog license will NOT be allowed to attend training classes. If the rabies certificate expires during training, you must bring the new certificate with you at the next possible training date. If you think you might be substituting a dog within the training classes, bring those certificates and license/tags with you also. Please take the time to register as many dogs as you think you may need through the training sessions.

Remember, you will need to bring your dog(s) with you on April 6th for the evaluation class. If a dog is deemed to be not suitable for this kind of training, it will be dismissed. A youth may substitute another dog for training, but it must be present on April 6th for the evaluation. The minimum age for dogs participating in this program is at least 6 months of age by April 6th. *There will be no classes for Clover age youth.* This meeting is mandatory!

Fees for this year are:

A \$25 fee is required for all Carroll County 4-H Members. Payment will be accepted at the April 6th Evaluation. The Carroll County 4-H Dog Care and Training Classes are open to Carroll County 4-H members ages 8-18. **The Training classes will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning May 4th** and will run most Tuesdays until the fair. The CC 4-H Dog Show will be held on Sunday, July 25th.

Register for the Dog Training Program—Complete the registration at the link provided. Once your information is received, you will receive an email with all paperwork that must be completed and brought with you to the April 6th Dog Evaluation.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/FkQgrbfavFsVJ5Sv6>

\$4 for 4-H

The Maryland 4-H Foundation will be hosting \$4 for 4-H again this year from April 3rd—5th. Donations may be made to support the Maryland 4-H Program, along with a portion of proceeds raised coming back to the Carroll County 4-H Program. Information will be shared through the Maryland 4-H Foundation social media pages during the 3 days on how to donate.



Support 4-H!

Demonstration Contest

It's time to start thinking about **Demonstration Day 2021!** This event will be held on **Saturday, June 5th** at the Extension Office. Once registration closes, you will receive an email to sign up for a time slot for your demonstration. This is a new procedure due to COVID.

Start thinking about that demo you've been wanting to do. This is a great opportunity to compete at the county level while fulfilling a requirement for project records! All Demonstration Day registrations will be done on the Carroll County Fair website at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Once registration is open, an email will be sent to all families. Please know that we will be using a new registration system called ShoWorks, so your registration screen will look different this year. Early registration is highly encouraged to prevent any last minute computer malfunctions. Rules and regulations were attached to the December/January *Tribune*. If you have any other questions, call the Extension Office or Superintendents, Jenn Hiscock (443) 244-1633 or Erica McAndrew (410) 967-9399. **Registration should open around April 15th.**

Public Speaking Contest

Prepare your speaking voices for the annual day of Public Speaking on **Saturday, May 22nd** at the Extension Office. After registration closes, you will receive an email to sign up for a time slot for your speech. This is a new procedure due to COVID. Rules and Regulations were in the December/January *Tribune* and can be found on the fair website along with the registration. Once registration is open, an email will be sent to all families. A new entry system will be used this year called ShoWorks. ALL registrations will be completed through the Carroll County Fair website at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office or Superintendents, Della Leister at (443)375-0123 or Rita Becker at (443)375-1114. **Registration should open around April 15th.**

Volunteer Refresher Course

The state 4-H program is requiring all **UME Volunteers who have been a UME Volunteer for 5 or more years to complete the Maryland 4-H Volunteer Refresher Training ASAP.** It never hurts to get updated on information for volunteering with the Maryland 4-H Program. You can complete the refresher from the comfort of your own home by visiting: <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/volunteers/training>

MD 4-H Reopening Training

As we work towards the program reopening, all volunteers leading or assisting at activities will need to complete the MD 4-H Reopening training. You will need to complete the video and survey for credit. The video can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/444258496> The link for the survey will be provided at the end of the training video.

UME Volunteer Training

There are many opportunities to support CC 4-H as a volunteer, even in a virtual platform. If you haven't already completed the UME Volunteer training, make plans to complete the training in 2021. Just email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and you can complete all of the required paperwork and training directly from your home. Trainings can be completed at anytime!



MD 4-H Volunteers' Association

The Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association is very excited to be re-engaging with our volunteers throughout the state. In our reengagement efforts, the Association wants to ensure that ALL volunteers know of their membership and ability to participate in our monthly meetings, training opportunities, and future events. The Volunteers' Association is open to **all** University of Maryland Extension trained volunteers! There is no membership application or fee to join. **We are here to help everyone!**

The spring 2021 meeting dates for the association are: April 20th, May 18th and June 30th

All meetings are held on Zoom with a call-in option using the information provided below:

Zoom Link: <https://umd.zoom.us/j/94604103643>

Meeting ID: 946 0410 3643

Call-In Number: 301-715-8592

Carroll County 4-H All Stars

Please save the date! Carroll County 4-H All-Stars will have our next meeting on Thursday, June 10th immediately following the Volunteer Council Meeting. At this time, we hope to be able to meet in-person if the Extension Office is allowing groups to use the rooms. If we are not able to meet at the Extension Office, the meeting will occur on Zoom. Additional details will be included in future editions of the *Tribune* as the meeting date approaches. Thank you all for your service and dedication to the 4-H Program! Most importantly, please stay healthy!

Children's Day at the Fair

The fair will, once again, be hosting Children's Day on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and we need your help! In previous years, more than 1,100 children have attended this event at the Carroll County Fair, and this success has been due to the participation of 4-H clubs, members, and volunteers!

We are asking that clubs sign up for a make-it and take-it craft table as in the past or to volunteer. The tables or stations can be a 2.5 hours or all day (5 hours) time slots. If your club chooses to sign up for a craft, we ask that you prepare these crafts for either 350 participants (2.5 hour time slot) or 700 participants (all day). When preparing these games and crafts, we ask that you keep agriculture, farming, and 4-H in mind. Remember that these activities should engage our youth and encourage them to stay for the day! If you or your club would like to help with Children's Day, but cannot attend that day, we are also looking for donations! You could provide a monetary donation, a donation for goodie bags, or items such as face paints, crayons, etc.

We hope that your club will be able to participate in some way, as it will be a wonderful opportunity to promote and educate young children and their families about the great 4-H program and agriculture here in Carroll County! To sign up for a make-it and take-it table, to volunteer, or to provide donations, please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CCChildrensDay2021>

Thank you so much for your time, and we look forward to working with you!



Dates to Remember

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April 2	Junior Ambassador Applications Due CC Extension Office Closed, Spring Break
April 7	Horse Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
April 8	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
April 10	Junior Ambassador Interviews, Extension Office
April 11	Beef Workshop, Extension Office, 11am
April 14	Horse Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
April 15	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
April 21	Horse Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
April 22	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
April 23	Beef Field Day Registration Forms Due
April 28	Horse Judging Practice, TBD, 7pm CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Meeting, Burns Hall, 7:30pm
April 29	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
April 30	Swine Livestock Registration Forms Due
May 4	Poultry Orientation, Extension Office, 7pm
May 5	Horse Judging Practice, TBD, 7pm
May 6	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
May 7	Swine Weigh-In, TRP, 5-9pm Sheep and Goat Livestock Forms Due
May 12	Horse Judging Practice, TBD, 7pm
May 13	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm Poultry Orientation, Poultry Barn, 7pm
May 14	Sheep and Goat Weigh-In, TRP, 5-8pm
May 15	Beef Field Day, Howard County Fairgrounds
May 19	Horse Judging Practice, TBD, 7pm
May 20	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
May 22	Public Speaking Contest, Extension Office
May 25	Livestock Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
May 26	Horse Judging Practice, TBD, 7pm
May 27	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
May 31	CC Extension Office Closed, Memorial Day
June 2	Poultry Orientation, Poultry Barn, 7pm Horse Judging Practice, TBD, 7pm
June 3	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
June 5	Demonstration Day, Extension Office
June 8	Livestock Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
June 9	Horse Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
June 10	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
June 12	State Horse Judging Contest, Howard County Fairgrounds Sheep and Meat Goat Field Day, Howard County Fairgrounds
June 13	Meat Goat Workshop, Whitetail Acres
June 17	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
June 19	State Livestock Skillathon Contest, Montgomery County Fairgrounds
July 13-16	Virtual Clover Fun Days
July 31-Aug 6	Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair
August 9-13	Virtual Clover Fun Days

Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting date is April 28th at 7:30pm.

2021 Fair Dates—July 31-August 6, 2021

Too many ribbons? Don't throw them away. If they are in good shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year! Don't throw them out, let's recycle!

Fair Theme Contest—This year, the Fair Board is hosting a Fair Theme Contest. All 4-H and FFA members are eligible to participate. Send your fair theme ideas to Katie Weishaar at katiweko@yahoo.com. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card.

Indoor Building Update— The Indoor Department continues to plan for the 2021 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. As you plan your garden for this year, the **Garden Department** will have a new class—Radishes, make plans to plant some this year!

Be sure to check the class descriptions in the **Lost Arts Department** as the superintendents tweaked the class descriptions last year to make the classes and entries truly “lost arts”.

The **Ag Commodities Department** has eliminated the “other grasses” hay class. There will now just be 4 hay classes.

The **General Department** has a new class for Legos, which I will devote next month's column to those additions.

Sandra Stonesifer—Indoor Superintendent

Carroll County 4-H Team



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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers.

<http://extension.umd.edu/4-h>

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Maryland 4-H Health Pledge

Until further notice, any person who wishes to participate in an in-person Maryland 4-H Activity must present a completed and signed Health Pledge. A completed Health Pledge is your "ticket" to an in-person 4-H Activity; you must fill it out at home and bring it with you to the 4-H Activity. Your Health Pledge will be reviewed and collected by an adult leader when you arrive. You will be asked to complete a new Health Pledge for every 4-H Activity you attend.

Health Pledges for minors (under age 18) must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Please answer the questions below and sign the form at the bottom of the page. Health Pledges should be completed the day of the 4-H Activity you plan to attend. You should take your temperature at home when completing this form, to verify you do not have a fever over 100.4°F.

4-H Activity: _____

Activity Date: _____

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Age: _____

HEALTH CERTIFICATION

Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours? Yes No

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever over 100.4°F • Sore Throat • Chills or feeling cold for no explainable reason • A new or worsening cough not due to another health condition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty breathing • Loss of taste or smell • Muscle aches not caused by another health condition • Headache not normal for you, or not caused by another reason or health condition |
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In the past 14 days, have you been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19? Yes No

Is someone in your household currently quarantined because they were exposed to COVID-19? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to one of the questions above, you should not attend the 4-H Activity. Contact your health care provider if you are experiencing the symptoms described above.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I understand that when participating in this 4-H activity I will be required to follow rules and protocols designed to help keep everyone safe and well. These rules include wearing a mask or face covering, practicing physical distancing, washing or sanitizing my hands, and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, equipment, and materials. I agree to follow all rules, procedures, and protocols as directed by the adult leader(s) of the 4-H activity, and understand that failure to do so may result in my/my child's dismissal from the activity.

Printed Name

Signature*

Date

**Must be signed by a parent/guardian if participant is under age 18*





ENTRY FORM
4-H Beef Field Day
May 15, 2021

ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY BLANK

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair

Memo Line – Beef Field Day

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per child

TO BE RETURNED BY APRIL 23, 2021

LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNTIL May 3, 2021- \$10.00 PER
HEAD IN ADDITION TO ENTRY FEE PER CHILD!

Circle One	Animal's Name	4-H Tag No.	Breed	Sex	Birth Date	Heifer Registration # and Tattoo #
Beef Steer Beef Heifer						
Dairy Steer Mkt Heifer						
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Dairy Steer Mkt Heifer						
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Dairy Steer Mkt Heifer						

Multiple animals can be shown at the 2021 Beef Field Day

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

4-H Age (as of January 1, 2021) _____

Check if this is your First Year with a Beef Project

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

RETURN ENTRIES TO:
Carroll County Extension Office
Attention: Beef Field Day
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157



ENTRY FORM
4-H Sheep and Goat Field Day
June 12, 2021

ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY BLANK
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair
Memo Line – Sheep/Goat Field Day

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per child
TO BE RETURNED BY May 21, 2021
LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNTIL June 4, 2021- \$10.00 PER
HEAD IN ADDITION TO ENTRY FEE PER CHILD!

Circle One	Animal's Name	4-H Tag No.	Breed	Sex	Birth Date	Sheep/Goat Registration/Tattoo Number
Mkt Lamb Breeding Sheep Mkt Goat Breeding Goat						
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Multiple animals can be shown at the 2021 Sheep/Goat Field Day

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

4-H Age (as of January 1, 2021) _____

Telephone Number: _____

Check if this is your First Year with a Beef Project

E-mail address: _____

RETURN ENTRIES TO:
Carroll County Extension Office
Attention: Sheep/Goat Field Day
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157



Maryland 4-H State Horse Communication Contest Procedures & Regulations

Objectives

The primary objective of the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. This contest should provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

General

- 1) Contest location: **This contest will be held virtually via recorded submissions. Members will need access to a computer webcam and microphone, smart phone/tablet, or other video and audio recording device. Members will record their presentation and submit to be reviewed by a panel of judges.**
- 2) This is a contest in which **teams or individuals** compete. A Team is composed of two (2) members.
- 3) Pre-entry is required. **Registration Deadline: April 21, 2021. Registered members must submit their recorded presentations from April 21-28, 2021.**
- 4) There is no limit to the number of entries from a local 4-H unit. 4-H members wishing to participate should contact their county/city 4-H office. Official registration for the contest is submitted by the county/city 4-H office via email. Individuals participating in the statewide contest must be enrolled as a Maryland 4-H member for 2021 in 4-H Online by **April 21, 2021**. Contest registration must be submitted by the county/city 4-H office via email to regunder@umd.edu by **April 21, 2021**. Counties will be invoiced for entry fees based on the total number of registered participants from their programs. 4-H members not registered by the deadline will not be allowed to participate in the contest.
- 5) Statewide competition will be governed by the prescribed procedures and regulations found in this document. Additional rules may be promulgated for specific purposes. Contestants not complying with the rules will be disqualified. Coaches and/or spectators not complying with the applicable Procedures and Regulations will be dismissed from the contest area.
- 6) 4-Hers participating in the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest may enter ONE category, either as an individual or as part of a team. Categories are:
 - Individual Presentation
 - Team Presentation
 - Public Speech (Individuals only)

Contestants and Eligibility

- 1) Individuals participating in the statewide contest must be enrolled as a Maryland 4-H member for 2021 in 4-H Online by **April 21, 2021** and approved by the 4-H Extension Educator of their respective UME unit.
- 2) Maryland 4-H members must be between the ages of 8 - 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Juniors are ages 8 - 10; Intermediates are ages 11 - 13; and Seniors are ages 14 - 18.

- 3) Contestants must not have previously competed in the same category of the (Team or Individual) Horse Communications Demonstration Contest or Horse Communications Public Speaking Contest at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup (Louisville, Kentucky) or Western National 4-H Horse Roundup.
- 4) Senior contestants receiving college or vocational training beyond high school in areas relative to horses are restricted from competing in the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest.
- 5) Attire: Contestants are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate attire.

Categories: Individual and Team Presentations

- 1) The **Topic** of the presentation may relate to any aspect of the horse project or the horse industry.
- 2) Demonstrations or illustrated presentations are equally acceptable. Both should utilize **visual aids** to help convey the major points of the presentation and more than one type of visual aid is preferable. Visual aids may include but are not limited to: handouts, posters, props, videos, slides, and computer generated media (PowerPoint, websites, etc.). No live animals may be used.
- 3) The contestant(s) must supply their own props. Two tables and chairs will be provided for the presenter's use. The contestant(s) must provide all of their own equipment, including easels, except for a laptop and LCD projector. Contestants must make arrangements for special equipment such as power point equipment at least one week before the contest if it is to be used.
- 4) The contestant(s) may use **notes**. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against them. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).
- 5) The **Time** for each presentation should be as follows:
 - a. Junior Teams and Individuals (5-7 minutes)
 - b. Intermediate Teams and Individuals (7-10 minutes)
 - c. Senior Individuals (9-12 minutes)
 - d. Senior Teams (10-15 minutes)
- 6) **Time Penalties** are as follows:
 - a. Juniors and Intermediates: One (1) point will be subtracted for each minute over or under the allotted range.
 - b. Seniors: Three (3) points will be deducted for every minute under or over the allotted time.
- 7) **References** should be cited at the conclusion of the presentation. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
- 8) **Questions** may be asked by the judges only and will not be counted in the allotted time.
- 9) **Ties** will be broken by the scores in the following order: delivery, organization, content and accuracy.

Individual and Team Presentations Scoring

Scoring of individual and team presentations will be as follows:

Introduction	10 points
Organization.....	25 points
Content and Accuracy	25 points
Stage presence	10 points
Delivery	15 points
Effect on Audience	5 points
Summary.....	<u>10 points</u>
	100 points maximum

Individual and Team Presentations Awards

- 1) Team and Individual awards will be presented in all age divisions.
- 2) The top Senior Team and the top Senior Individual will be eligible to compete in the respective National 4-H Horse Demonstration Contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky as a part of the Maryland 4-H State Horse Communications Team. Note: Participation is contingent upon the national event being held and upon current state and University of Maryland Extension/4-H out-of-state travel guidelines.

Category: Public Speech

- 1) The Topic of the speech may relate to any aspect of the horse project or the horse industry.
- 2) The contestant(s) may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against them. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).
- 3) No visual aids may be used.
- 4) The Time for each speech should be as follows:
 - a. Juniors and Intermediates (4-6 minutes)
 - b. Seniors (7-10 minutes)
- 5) Time Penalties are as follows:
 - a. Juniors and Intermediates: One (1) point will be subtracted for each minute over or under the allotted range.
 - b. Seniors: Three (3) points will be deducted for every minute under or over the allotted time.
- 6) References should be cited at the conclusion of the presentation. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
- 7) Questions may be asked by the judges only and will not be counted in the allotted time.
- 8) Ties will be broken by the scores in the following order: delivery, organization, content and accuracy.

Public Speech Scoring

Scoring of individual and team demonstrations will be as follows:

Introduction	10 points
Organization.....	25 points
Content and Accuracy	25 points
Stage presence	10 points
Delivery	15 points
Effect on Audience	5 points
Summary.....	<u>10 points</u>
	100 points maximum

Public Speech Awards

- 1) Individual awards will be presented in all age divisions.
- 2) The top Senior Individual will be eligible to compete in the National 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky as a part of the Maryland 4-H State Horse Communications Team. Note: Participation is contingent upon the national event being held and upon current state and University of Maryland Extension/4-H out-of-state travel guidelines.

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