



# VOLUNTER VOICE

Maryland 4-H Volunteer Updates

June 2020

## Maryland 4-H Volunteer Refresher Training



The Volunteer Refresher training is now available! This training was created in response to requests from long serving volunteers for a “refresher” on volunteer expectations and supported by data from the 2019 Maryland 4-H Volunteer Needs Assessment where volunteers expressed a clear need for training on 4-H Program Management competencies. It is designed to “refresh” an individual’s knowledge and understanding of volunteer and 4-H expectations and is intended for those who have served for five or more years as of 2020 (on-boarded as a UME 4-H Volunteer in 2015 or earlier).

This training is available as a video that can accessed through the Volunteer Training webpage available at: <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/volunteers/training>.

If you have served as a volunteer for 5+ years, please watch the video and submit the completion survey (accessible in the video) to complete your training. Your local 4-H Educator will be automatically notified when you submit the completion survey.

Contact your local 4-H Educator or Jamie Morris ([jkenton@umd.edu](mailto:jkenton@umd.edu)) with any questions regarding the Volunteer Refresher training.



Volunteers United are one-day volunteer development events that will be offered this fall at county or cluster locations across the state. Designed to provide selected

training topics by state presenters and hosted by field faculty and staff, Volunteers United! are intended for UME 4-H Volunteer, parents or any other adult who may benefit from the sessions. Each location will offer a youth and adult partnership focused session presented by members of the Maryland 4-H State Council and afternoon session(s) that vary and determined by the local 4-H Educator host.

Additional information will be sent out by July 1 and posted on: <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/volunteers/training>. Registration will open August 1 and will have a staggered closing for one week before each date. Contact Jamie Morris with questions at [jkenton@umd.edu](mailto:jkenton@umd.edu).

Event locations and dates include:

**October 3– Baltimore County**

**November 7– Anne Arundel County**

**November 14– Western Maryland in Allegany County**

**November 21– Frederick County**

**December 5– St. Mary’s County (tentative)**

**December 12– Mid-Shore in Caroline County**

## Launch Into Leadership– Workshop RFP

The Maryland 4-H State Council is working to organize a leadership event for junior, intermediate and senior-age 4-H members this fall. The HOPE is to provide a one day in person leadership development day on **Saturday, October 10th on the University of Maryland, College Park Campus**. *Steps are being taken to develop a virtual presentation contingency plan during the development of the event in case Maryland is unable to have large gatherings in the fall.*



This event is designed to provide a variety of leadership development workshops for youth to choose from and the State Council Executive Committee is seeking session proposals from fellow teens, adult volunteers like YOU, community leaders and UME faculty and staff!

Complete and share the [Request for Proposal](#) with fellow volunteers or teens in your 4-H club to submit a presentation proposal. Proposals are due by June 30th and are accepted through an online submission portal available through the following link: <https://forms.gle/EbUEUJVshPvA7WY2A>

## Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards

Nominations for state volunteer awards will open on July 1. Information about the awards and the nomination process is available at:

<https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/maryland-4-h-volunteer-awards>

Consider nominating a deserving volunteer for one of our state awards or for a national award, the process for which will open on November 1.

Remember, formal recognition such as awards are just one way to show your appreciation for others. Find more ways to say “Thank you” or “Job Well Done” or “You are an important part of the 4-H Program” in the [Speaking the Languages of Appreciation](#). A new avenue of appreciation is through the Volunteers’ Association [Volunteer Spotlight](#). Finding ways to show appreciation to essential workers on the front line during the pandemic may make for a great club service project! Consider using the State Council’s [Appreciation Cards](#) to assist with such a project and thank you!