# **4-H Partyline**



## Service Opportunities For Your Club

According to National 4-H, members contribute hundreds of thousands of hours back to their community every year. Service is a hallmark of all 4-H programs, teaching youth about the importance of giving back, improving our communities and developing innovative solutions to solve problems, large or small. 4-H'ers learn skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, community engagement and build a sense of compassion, confidence and pride. Consider donating to any local organizations. These are just a few in our community:

# LEND A HELPING HAND F R THE H&LIDAYS





#### Calendar of Events

- Beef Fall Weigh In at GC Fairgrounds 8 am– 2 pm Extension Office Closed/Election Day
- Extension Office Closed/Veteran's Day
- **DUE:** Maryland 4-H State Council Applications
- 24-25 Extension Office Closed/Thanksgiving
- 25-29 National 4-H Congress
- Club Leader Meeting @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM

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

#### January 2023

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

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#### Beef Fall Weigh-In-November 5, 2022 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/2022BeefWeighIn

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 Ann Sherrard at 240-321-1917.

#### **Garrett County Livestock Association Dues**

Adult dues are \$5.00 per year, or \$30.00 for ten years. 2023 dues may be paid between August 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023. Dues should be mailed to: Garrett County Livestock Association, 1916 Maryland Highway, Suite A, Mt Lake Park, MD 21550.

#### **Livestock Skillathon Practice**

Are you interested in learning more about beef, swine, goats and sheep? The 4-H Skillathon Contest will be held in March at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Participants will be tested on identifying animal breeds, cuts of meat, livestock related equipment, and feed samples. Participants must also judge classes of hay samples, wool samples, and meat cuts. Each participant will take a written test on animal health/husbandry and general livestock knowledge. Seniors will also be tested on one or more of the following: Keep/cull scenario, Breeding/selection scenario and Management/marketing scenario. The contest is divided into divisions for Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13), and Senior (ages 14-18). The top ten highest scoring Senior contestants will be invited to participate in an additional Skillathon Event to qualify for the Maryland 4-H State Skillathon Team that will compete at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY in November 2023. To prepare for the contest, practices will be held twice a week, beginning in January. Place and time to be determined. If you are interested in participating, register by calling the office at 301-334-6960 and we will contact you with information about the first practice.

#### 4-H Horse Bowl

4-H clubs are preparing for the 2023 4-H Horse Bowl competition, scheduled for March 2023 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, 2023. 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 30th at 7:00 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 2023, and steps to close out the 2022 year. Please call the office to register.



A special thank you to Kyle & Mike Kepple, Dustin DeBerry, Derek & Ava Cosner, Cheyenne McClean, Eli & Lucas Barnard, and Olivia Miller for representing 4-H as parade helpers for the Autumn Glory Parade.



#### 2023 4-H Enrollment

#### ~Dates for 4-H Enrollment

Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning in January 2023. Watch for email announcement for opening date of enrollment along with details. Enrollment will be due by February 1, 2023. 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** (Yellow Form) - needs to be filled out by any 4-Hers who may consider taking a market animal project in 2023. This is a paper form (yellow 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, 2023**.



### Completing 2022 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, 2023**.

Forms and directions are available at <a href="https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms">https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms</a>. 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 2022 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, 2023.

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