



## Upcoming Events

### April

- April 7 - Cumberland Easter Egg Hunt
- April 19 - 4-H Celebration Bingo
- April 21 to 23 - Engineering Camp
- April 22 - spring Livestock Weigh-in/ Tagging

### May

- May 1 - 4-H enrollments & Livestock Registrations due
- May 13 - Western MD 4-H/FFA District Show
- May 17 - State Fair livestock tagging
- May 29 - UME Office



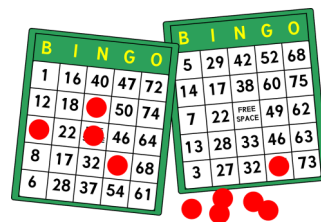
## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT BINGO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 6:30 P.M.  
ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Join us on **Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Allegany County Fairgrounds** for an evening of *4-H Celebration Bingo*. Whether you are new to 4-H or have been part of our 4-H family for decades, we invite you to come out to recognize our 4-H members and volunteers.

The evening will include:

- Bingo with prizes
- Awards for 2022 achievements
- Desserts, Desserts & more Desserts



Allegany County 4-H will provide all the desserts.

To register for this evening of fun and sweet treats:

- Go to <https://go.umd.edu/AchievementCelebrationBingoNight>
- Email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu)
- Call 301-724-3320.

We hope to see you there!

## Cumberland Easter Egg Hunt

The annual egg hunt will be held on **Friday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m.**  
We need adult and youth volunteers to help make this event a success.  
Report time is 1:00 p.m. for volunteers at Constitution Park.

If you can help, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) by April 3.



## 4-H SPRING LIVESTOCK TAGGING DATES

Tagging will be held **Saturday, April 22** at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12 p.m. Only these animals will be tagged:

- Market - Lambs, Goats, Swine, Feeder Calves
- Breeding - Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats

A second tagging will be held **May 19, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at the fairgrounds. Only these animals will be tagged:

- Feeder Calves
- State Fair entries

## LIVESTOCK REGISTRATIONS FORMS

**Livestock registration forms (tagged April 22) are due May 1:**

- ◆ County Bred Entry Forms
- ◆ Bred & Owned Entry Forms
- ◆ Breeding Animals and Registered Animals
- ◆ Horse and Horse Lease (if applicable) - When leasing, be prepared that all animals are on the grounds the week of fair.

**Livestock registration forms are due June 1:**

- ◆ Feeder Calves tagged on **May 19**
- ◆ State Fair Entries - Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Swine
- ◆ Rabbit - Tattoo identification required
- ◆ Poultry - Band identification required (Bands for market birds will be supplied by the 4-H Office).

**\*No Exceptions to Deadlines\***

**2023 MDA Animal Health and Show Requirements  
can be found here:**

<https://bit.ly/2023MDA>



## WESTERN MD 4-H/FFA DISTRICT SHOW

The Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show will be held **May 13, 2023** at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, MD.

The Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show is one of the four regional Spring Livestock Shows for Maryland 4-H and FFA members. Shows are beef, dairy and meat goats, sheep, and swine.

For more information and registration forms, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) or go to <https://bit.ly/DistrictShow>

All entry forms are due **May 5, 2022**.



## Poultry Project Announcement

Planning on purchasing market chicks for the 2023 Allegany County Fair and Ag Expo?

Please note that we are planning for a market poultry carcass show **ONE WEEK PRIOR** to this year's fair.

If you have questions, please contact your 4-H club leader or call our office at 301-724-3320.



## FREE CHICKS FOR 4-H MARKET POULTRY PROJECTS

Southern States of Cumberland offers free chicks for any Allegany County 4-H member who wants to do a market chicken project. Each applicant will receive up to five (5) free chicks (Cornish cross) and one 25-pound bag of starter feed. Additional chicks may be purchased.

For an application, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu). **Due April 15, 2023.**

## QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENT

All 4-H'ers exhibiting animals are required to complete the online training program when they reach each 4-H age division - Juniors (ages 8-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13), Seniors (ages 14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year OR when as Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, they choose to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division.

New members and members changing age divisions will receive notification from our office. If you are unsure of your QA status, you may email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320.

Quality Assurance must be completed by **July 1, 2023** to show any animals at the 2023 Allegany County Fair. **The system is closed at this time. Once the system opens, the link will be shared.**

## 2023 JUNIOR SHEEP & GOAT SKILLATHON



The 2023 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon will be held **Sunday, May 7** at the 50th Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. It is sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association and held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Youth compete according to their ages as of January 1, 2023: junior, 8-10; intermediate, 11-13; and senior, 14-18.

The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association provides ribbons, premiums, and t-shirts to the top 10 individuals in each age category. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee to enter the skillathon to help defray the cost of refreshments, awards and supplies. The registration link is <https://2023skillathon.eventbrite.com>. For more information contact Ashley Travis at [ashley90@umd.edu](mailto:ashley90@umd.edu) or Susan Schoenian at [sschoen@umd.edu](mailto:sschoen@umd.edu).

A series of online quizzes have been developed to help youth study for the sheep and goat skillathon at <https://www.sheepandgoat.com/online-quizzes>.



# MARYLAND 4-H ENGINEERING CAMP

Located at the Harford County 4-H Campgrounds (The Rocks), Maryland 4-H Engineering Camp was created to introduce some of the numerous engineering projects and opportunities available through 4-H and in the professional world and to provide hands-on experiences to prepare youth for some of the county, regional, and state 4-H contests.

In addition to in-depth exploration of Engineering projects, fun challenges will test the youth's ability to use the Engineering Design Process to solve problems and achieve goals, including in teams. Topics that have been featured in the past include large tractor operation, welding, aerospace, computers, environmental engineering, GPS/GIS mapping, and underwater robotics. Information can also be found on the Maryland 4-H STEM website - click on the Engineering tab—<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/stem>



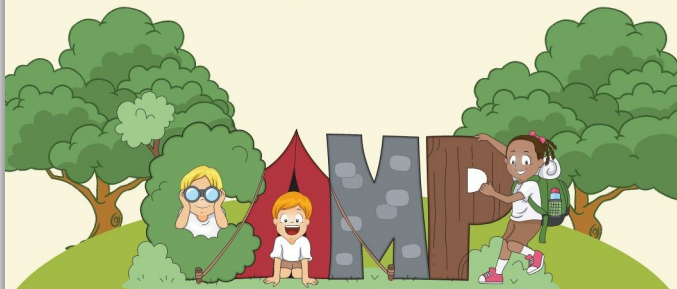
## Event Details

- **Date:** April 21-23, 2023
- **Start Time:** 6 pm, Friday, April 21
- **End Time:** 12 pm, Sunday, April 23
- **Location:** Harford County 4-H Camp (The Rocks): 6 Cherry Hill Rd, Street, MD 21154
- **Registration Closes:** April 9, 2023, or when filled
- **Eligibility** - Enrolled Maryland 4-H members ages 12-18 as of January 1, 2023, are eligible to attend.

## 4-H CAMP ALGAWA

**JUNE 25 TO JUNE 29, 2023**

4-H Environmental Education &  
Camping Center  
Bittering, Maryland



Registration information will be sent out March 20.

To be added to the mailing list,  
email [rcvetnic@umd.edu](mailto:rcvetnic@umd.edu).

## 2023 TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Maryland 4-H Program will be hosting a one-day Teen Leadership summit for youth ages 13-18 on the University of Maryland, College Park Campus this June.



This event will offer educational workshops, networking opportunities and a chance to get a feel of a college campus!

More information will be coming soon, so keep an eye on our Youth and Adult Leadership page on the State 4-H website.

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

## ALLEGANY COUNTY 4-H LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

4-H Leadership Council is a local group of teens learning and developing leadership skills while helping to build a strong community.

### Who can join?

This opportunity is open to any enrolled 4-H teen in Allegany County attending high school with at least one full year of 4-H experience.

### What will you do?

This will be decided by the members! Here are some examples:

- Participate in service and leadership opportunities
- Increase cultural competencies and equity practices
- Help advocate for the 4-H program
- Host special events and speakers to enhance leadership skills
- Be a liaison for your 4-H club(s)
- Participate in the Allegany County Fair



If interested, complete the application found here

<https://go.umd.edu/TLCInterestForm>

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

### Allegany County 4-H Scholarships

The major purpose for the Allegany County 4-H Scholarship Fund is to provide supplemental funds to assist present and former members of 4-H Clubs of Allegany County, Maryland to continue their education at an accredited institution of higher learning. Questions - Email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).

For an application, go to <https://go.umd.edu/ACscholarship>. **Due June 1.**



### Maryland 4-H Scholarships

The Maryland 4-H Foundation offers 4-H members the opportunity to apply for academic scholarships. Each year scholarships are awarded to current Maryland 4-H members or alumni who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university or post-secondary technical training program for the fall and spring semesters of the upcoming academic year. **Due June 15.**

<https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>

### Allegany County Ag Expo Scholarships

The major purpose for the Ag Expo Scholarship Funds is to provide supplemental funds to assist present and former Ag Expo participants to continue their education at an accredited institution of higher learning or post high school technical programs.

For an application go to <http://bit.ly/3Eyx0td>. **Due June 1.**

# Look what's happening in 4-H...



*Jr. Barn Committee Members  
Charlie O'Boyle, Brienne Willison,  
Bryliee Miller, and Hunter Raines*



*Lydia Vassiliadi was invited to the  
White House to participate in the  
launch of its challenge to end hunger  
and build healthy communities.*



*Livestock Club members, Layla  
Rinehart & Adalynn Mallow,  
label the parts of their market  
project using teamwork.*



*Members of Frostburg Rise and  
Shine 4-H Club, Brady Roque  
and Madi Harman, recently  
received a hands-on first aid  
lesson from Jackie Durst.*



*Tammy Galloway gave a  
presentation on equine  
massage at the Just  
Hoofin' It Club meeting..*



*Members of BW Grows!, a 4-H  
Agriculture Entrepreneurship project  
recently transplanted 1500 baby plants  
in preparation for their spring plant sale.*

## 4-H Photos Wanted



**Submit your 4-H photos for the newsletter.**  
Send photos with a brief description to [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu)



# 4-H Bulletin Board

## MARYLAND 4-H LEGO BUILD VIDEOS ARE LIVE!

The directions for building this year's mission models for the Maryland 4-H LEGO Challenge are now live. They can be found in the Coaches' Corner of the [REACT website](#), and the direct link is [here](#). Thanks to our 4-H robotics friends in Garrett County for the creation of the game and videos.

This year, our local competition will be held on Tuesday, July 18. We will continue to provide more game updates via our Friday updates.

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## 4-H DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD PROGRAM

The award consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and accomplish a broad range of age-appropriate goals, acquiring valuable life skills as they progress. Completion of the Diamond Clover levels is optional. Members may begin Level 1 at 4-H age 9 and may complete one level per year. Older members may begin at an appropriate higher level in order to complete Level 6 by 4-H age 18.



There are six levels in the program: Level 1 – Amethyst, Level 2 – Aquamarine, Level 3 – Ruby, Level 4 – Sapphire, Level 5 – Emerald, and Level 6 – Diamond.

For more information on the Diamond Clover program, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).

## Save the Date!

**April 22, 2023**  
**4-H Spring Livestock Tagging**  
**Allegany County Fairgrounds**  
**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**May 1, 2023**  
**4-H Enrollments Due**

4-H Members must be enrolled by May 1 to participate in fair.

**May 6 & 7**  
**MD Sheep & Wool Festival**  
West Friendship, MD

For more information, go to <https://sheepandwool.org/2022-maryland-sheep-wool-festival/>

**May 13, 2023**  
**Western MD 4-H FFA District Show**  
**Garrett County**  
<https://bit.ly/DistrictShow>

**June 1, 2023**  
**Allegany County 4-H**  
**Scholarships Due**

**June 25 to 29, 2023**  
**Camp Algawa**

**July 14 to 22, 2023**  
**Allegany County Fair**

Watch for details in future newsletters.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Claire Bean
- ★ Jack Bean
- ★ Liam Conner
- ★ Michael Felton
- ★ Aidan Flinn
- ★ Brayden Frey
- ★ Magnolia Frye
- ★ Alaric Houser
- ★ Nathaniel Kovach
- ★ Mason Mathews
- ★ Natalie McFarland
- ★ Paizlee Moyer
- ★ Maddox Phennicie
- ★ Katrina Rice
- ★ Layla Rinehart
- ★ Lacey Rivers
- ★ William Seifarth
- ★ Rachael Still
- ★ Kaylie Yonker
- ★ Fiona Youngblood

## STAY CONNECTED WITH 4-H

Newsletter & Email Updates - To subscribe, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu)

Facebook - [University of Maryland Extension - Allegany County 4-H](#)

Website - <https://go.umd.edu/AlleganyCounty4-H>

### \*Text Reminders\*

Sign up using the directions below for each text reminder list.

All things 4-H in 2023, text  
@4halleg23 to the number 81010

2023 4-H fair information, text  
@ac4h23fair to the number 81010

2023 4-H livestock and animal science information, text  
@ac4h23barn to the number 81010

### Need 4-H help, call 301-724-3320 or:

**Jessica Mellon, Extension Educator**  
[jmellon2@umd.edu](mailto:jmellon2@umd.edu)

Contact Jessica, if your club is interested in a tech workshop/activity or for STEM volunteer opportunities such as robotics, STEM, coding, Makey Makeys, Arduinos.

**Jody Parrish, Administrative Assistant II**  
[jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu)

Contact Jody for anything related to 4-H Online, club paperwork, newsletters, record books, fairgrounds usage, scholarships and 4-H indoor exhibits at fair.

**Toni Richards, Administrative Assistant I**  
[tonir@umd.edu](mailto:tonir@umd.edu)

Contact Toni if you need assistance with club promotional materials, social media posts, community service ideas, and newspaper article submissions.