



Upcoming Events

June

- **June 1** - Poultry, Rabbit, State Fair, and Feeder Calf (tagged 5/17) registrations due.
- **June 1** - Allegany 4-H & Ag Expo Scholarship forms due
- **June 15** - MD 4-H Foundation scholarship forms due
- **June 19** - UME Office closed, Juneteenth

July

- **July 1** - Quality Assurance & Horse Standards deadline
- **July 4** - UME Office Closed
- **July 14 to 22** - Allegany County Fair



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 1

4-H Scholarships

- **Allegany County 4-H Scholarship** - Offered to present or former members of the 4-H program in Allegany County with a minimum of two active years. Questions - Email jparrish@umd.edu. For an application, go to <https://go.umd.edu/ACscholarship>. Due June 1.
- **The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship** - Offered to current Maryland 4-H members or alumni. <https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/> Click on How We Give. Due June 15.



Allegany County Ag Expo Scholarship

Offered to present and former Ag Expo participants. For an application go to <http://bit.ly/3Eyx0td>. Due June 1.

NEW FACE AT UME - ALLEGANY COUNTY



Sarah Llewellyn joined our team on May 8. Sarah serves as the Master Gardener Coordinator and Agriculture and Food Systems Educator. Her goal is to encourage others to safely and effectively garden and create healthier communities. She plans to use her background in education to meet the needs of both children and adults in agriculture and horticulture education. Sarah received her B.A. in Elementary Education and Master of Arts in Reading Education from Frostburg State University.

If you need help with a 4-H gardening/agriculture project, you can reach Sarah at sllewell@umd.edu or 301-724-3320.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Nature Nights

Rocky Gap State Park

June 20-23 - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Target helper- 4-Hers ages 11-18, 4-H Adult Volunteers

Help lead games and songs; help kids ages 5-7 enjoy and explore nature



4-H Pop Up in the Park

In a park near Georges Creek Elementary

June 28 - 11 am to 12:30 pm

Target helpers- 4-Hers ages 14-18; 4-H Adult Volunteers

Lead a family-friendly activity to help generate 4-H interest at George's Creek Elementary School.

REACT Gaming Camp

June 12-16, 9 am to 12 pm at Allegany College of Maryland

Target helpers- 4-Hers ages 14-18; 4-H Adult Volunteers

Lead games for ice breakers and warm ups; help kids code their own video games

BUILD YOUR OWN OPPORTUNITY

Take the LEGO WeDo 2.0 robots and iPads to the City of Cumberland Parks and Rec Day Camp; This camp runs most of the summer. Typically, the enrichment activities are in the morning. I worked here for six summers and it is a really rewarding experience. I took the LEGOs for my first few summers as a 4-H educator, and they asked me to come back this year. Unfortunately, I can't attend personally, but I would be happy to work with a group of interested teens to make this happen.

REACT Robotics Camps

August 7-11 at Allegany College of Maryland

9am to 12pm- Grades 4-8

1pm to 3pm- Grades 1-3

Target helpers- 4-Hers ages 14-18; 4-H Adult Volunteers

Lead games for ice breakers and warm ups; help kids build and program LEGO robots

True Leaders in Equity Institute

National 4-H Council is pleased to offer the [True Leaders in Equity Institute](#) from July 10-13, 2023, in Bethesda, Maryland. The True Leaders in Equity Institute is a training program for passionate youth ages 15-19 to learn about equity and inclusion and how it affects their communities. The institute will prepare participants to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System as we work together to create more welcoming and inclusive environments.

This training and leadership opportunity challenges participants to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities.

For information on any of the above opportunities, email Jessica, jmellon2@umd.edu.

4-H LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION FORMS

Livestock registration forms are due June 1:

- ◆ Feeder Calves tagged on **May 17**
- ◆ 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>



QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENT

All 4-H members exhibiting animals are required to complete the AHQA online training program when they reach each 4-H age division (as of January 1 of the current year):

- Juniors (ages 8-10)
- Intermediates (ages 11-13)
- Seniors (ages 14-18)

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.

Quality Assurance must be completed by **July 1, 2023**, to show any animals at the 2023 Allegany County Fair. **The system is now open. Go to <https://ahqa.umd.edu/>.**

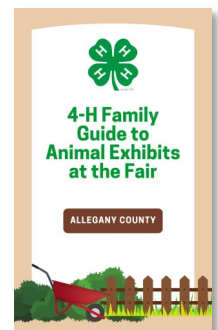
- Returning members - If you cannot remember your passcode, please contact the office. Please do not create a new account.
- New members - Click on Register New User (top left) to begin.

Our office sent out notifications for new members and members changing age divisions last week. If you are unsure of your QA status or need assistance, please email Jody at jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320.

GUIDE TO SHOWING ANIMALS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Are you showing animals at the Allegany County Fair? Please take a look at our new **4-H Family Guide to Animal Exhibits at the Fair**. Go to <https://bit.ly/3WypBSL>.

If you would like a printed copy, email jparrish@umd.edu.



4-H AT FAIR!

COMPLETE FAIR NEWS



Watch for a special edition newsletter for fair in the coming weeks. It will have more detailed information about livestock, exhibits, and more. Until then, below are a few tidbits.

FAIR BOOK

The fair book will be available soon. Each 4-H family will be permitted only one copy (if needed). Once it is available, the book and the entry form can be found at <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/allegany-county/4-h-youth-education> Go to 4-H Events and Opportunities.

FAIR REGISTRATIONS

To save time during exhibit entry, please pre-register. Pre-entry forms are due by **July 10, 2022**. 4-H families may drop them off at our office or email them to jparrish@umd.edu. If after hours, you may put them in our locked mail box.



BOOTHS AND BANNERS

Each club may enter one booth and one banner. You may enter in either open-theme or annual-theme, which is "**4-H Friendships.**" Please be sure to submit an indoor entry form in the club's name **and** call the 4-H office to reserve space. If you need instructions, email jparrish@umd.edu.

Complete rules are found in the fair book on pages 90 and 91.

FAIR BADGES AND PARKING PASSES



Fair badges will only be given to registered 4-H members exhibiting livestock, younger siblings of the exhibitors (not of 4-H age), 4-H volunteers, and parents/guardians of the exhibitors. Club leaders will be contacted to collect the list of names for their club.

Parking passes - Each 4-H family with livestock exhibitors will receive 2 parking passes. When badges and passes are available, an announcement will be made.

Fair badges and parking passes are also available to anyone wishing to help with indoor exhibits. Email jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320 for more information.

CAMPERS AT FAIR

Camper space is available for families with livestock exhibits. To reserve a camper space during fair, call Bill McKenzie at 301-338-3393 or wfmckenzie@frontier.com. The fee will be \$75.00.





POULTRY EXHIBITS AT FAIR



Breeding Chickens & Quail - At this time, there are no restrictions for poultry shows. The show is scheduled for **Thursday, July 20 at 9:00 a.m.** The poultry skillathon will be held after the show. If this status changes before fair, a virtual show will be planned.

***Market Chicken Exhibitors** - Since last year's carcass sale was well received, it will be held again this year. Details on delivering them to the processor will be shared in the near future. Leg bands will be available from the Extension Office. Families with market chickens will be contacted when bands are ready.

AND DON'T FORGET to turn in your poultry 4-H registration forms - **due to 4-H office by June 1 to be eligible!**

The poster features a vibrant, nature-themed background with green hills, a blue sky with birds, and a sun. At the top left is the University of Maryland Extension logo, and at the top right is the Maryland Park Service logo. The central text reads: "4-H Clovers Nature Nights @ ROCKY GAP STATE PARK June 20-23 6:30pm-8pm". Below this, it says "NEW & EXISTING 4-H Clovers" and "(activities targeted for 4-H Clovers ages 5-7 yrs old)". At the bottom left, it provides contact information: "If you wish to be added to our interest list, email jmellon2@umd.edu". At the bottom right, a wooden sign on a post says "SAVE THE DATE". At the bottom center, it states "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Join Allegany County 4-H for our new program- 4-H Nature Nights at Rocky Gap State Park! This program is designed for youth ages 5-7 as of January 1, 2023.

Over four nights at Rocky Gap, we'll make friends, enjoy the great outdoors, learn new things, and have fun. We'll even finish with a campfire sing-along on our final night!

Youth may be current 4-H members or new 4-H members, and a family member is required to stay with the child. To be added to our interest list, email Jessica, jmellon2@umd.edu.

WESTERN MARYLAND 4-H/FFA DISTRICT SHOW

Congratulations to the Allegany County 4-H members who participated in the show at the Garrett County Fairgrounds on May 13!



ACPS SPRING FLING

On Thursday, April 27th, Kalli Trub and Dione Clark-Trub represented Allegany County 4-H at the ACPS Spring Fling at West Side Elementary School for students with IEPs. Kalli and Dione took LEGO robotics kits for the students and their families to explore.

Allegany County 4-H, as well as Maryland 4-H and National 4-H, are committed to ensuring that all children and families, including youth with disabilities, feel welcome and included in our programs.

If you need help connecting with 4-H, please contact Jessica at jmellon2@umd.edu.



4-H Photos Wanted



Submit your 4-H photos for the newsletter.

Send photos with a brief description to jparrish@umd.edu

4-H Bulletin Board

UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION 

Youth, 4-H & Adult

Rabbit Show &
Showmanship



Garrett County Fairgrounds Show Ring
Saturday, June 24, 2023
9:00 a.m.

See reverse side for registration form

- Pre-Registration Required -

Deadline: June 16, 2023

No Limit on Rabbits

Contact Rachel Schmidt at
ditechchick_25@yahoo.com or
240-522-3226

All Rabbits must be Tattooed
and Brought in Leak Proof
Containers

Food and drinks will be sold by Hopper's 4-H Club

Cost: \$3.00 per rabbit for adults only-payable at the event

Sponsored by University of Maryland Extension & Hopper's 4-H Club

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.

For more information on the Diamond Clover program, email jparrish@umd.edu.



Save the Date!

June 1, 2023

Allegheny County 4-H & MD 4-H
Scholarships Due

June 25 to 29, 2023
Camp Algawa

July 14 to 22, 2023
Allegheny County Fair

July 18, 2023
Robotics Competition at
Allegheny County Fair

Maryland State Fair
8/24 - 8/27 * 8/31 - 9/4 * 9/7 - 9/10

The Maryland State Fair will span three weekends again in 2023! Check out the 2023 Maryland State Fair Competitions schedule posted on the State Fair website on the Get Involved / Competitions / 4-H/FFA Competitions page at <https://marylandstatefair.com/4hffa/>.

4-H/FFA Department information on the Maryland State Fair website will be coming soon! New this year...the entry deadline for the 2023 Maryland State Fair 4-H/FFA Divisions will be July 15th. Also, information about the application process for the 2023 Maryland State Fair paid youth worker positions in the U-Learn Barn, U-Learn Farm, and the 4-H/FFA Indoor Building will be coming soon.

Watch for details in future newsletters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ James Burkett
- ★ Gwen Cain
- ★ Catherine Cessna
- ★ Silas Jordi
- ★ Jin Hyung Kang
- ★ Jonah Knight
- ★ Julius Little
- ★ Carson McKenzie
- ★ Cameron Mohler
- ★ Makhalah Moore
- ★ Michael Nowaczyk
- ★ Haylee Raines
- ★ Marilyn Ricker
- ★ Lawson Ritchie
- ★ Brady Roque
- ★ Dominick Scott
- ★ Noah Shumaker
- ★ Lucas Spradlin
- ★ Harbor Striplin
- ★ Mason Trub
- ★ Summer Whetstone
- ★ Shane Yonker

STAY CONNECTED WITH 4-H

Newsletter & Email Updates - To subscribe, email 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

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

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

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