



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- **September 4** - Labor Day, UME Office Closed
- Close out your club treasurer books for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Due to our office **October 1**.

October

- **October 1** - 4-H Club Financial Packets Due
- **October 1 to 7** - National 4-H Week

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4-H CLUB FINANCIAL PACKETS DUE OCTOBER 1

The following items are due to our office **October 1**:

4-H Club Treasurer's Book
Club Annual Summary Report
(From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

4-H Club Property Inventory Report
(As of June 30, 2023)

Proof of 990 filing (ePostcard)
(July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

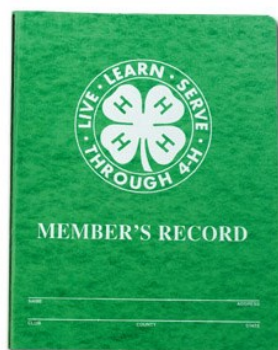
Use the UME office address not your home address:

1 Commerce Drive
Cumberland, MD 21502

If you are unsure of the status of your filing or need assistance, please contact Jody.

Original signatures are required on all documents. If you need assistance, please let us know. Call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

Record Book Assistance



As you complete your record book for 2023, please feel free to contact our office if you need assistance.

You can also schedule a time to get assistance in person at our office. This is for individual members or families.

Call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

For a complete guide and forms go to <https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms>

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 1 TO 7

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your club and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. Here are a few ideas on how to celebrate:

- ◆ Invite a friend to your October club meeting.
- ◆ Decorate a bulletin board at school or local library.
- ◆ Bake cookies as a club and deliver to police and first responders.
- ◆ Make a poster to display at your club's meeting location.
- ◆ Have a 4-H scavenger hunt within your community.
- ◆ Plan a walk with your family, friends, or club members for [Walk Maryland Day, October 4](#).
- ◆ Participate in the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign - see below.
- ◆ Send any club activities to us so we can share on social media and our newsletter.



Many Hearts.
One Love.

4-H WEEK CHALLENGE

Share your love for 4-H. Send us a short video (maximum 15 seconds) of you sharing what you love about 4-H.

You may introduce yourself (first name only) before you complete the sentence "I love 4-H because..."

This is open to Allegany County 4-H members, 4-H volunteers, and 4-H parents. All entries will be entered into a drawing for a gift - One gift for youth and one gift for adults.

Email your entries to Toni at tonir@umd.edu by **September 29**.

4-H & TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 4 TO 15

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the Paper Clover campaign twice a year directly benefit 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.



To participate in this event, call the LaVale store manager at (301) 729-8525.

4-H DIAMOND CLOVER LEVELS 5 & 6

Level 5 - If you have completed Level 5 for 2023, please submit your form to the 4-H office by **November 1**. This will allow time for your name to be submitted for the 2024 4-H Gala.

Level 6 - This is a friendly reminder that all **NEW** Diamond Clover – Level 6 proposals are due to the state 4-H Office by September 30. Your local program Educator and Diamond Clover Advisory Committee will need to review your proposal before you submit your proposal to the PORTAL below. After your Educator approves your proposal, download all documents, fill in all information, then upload them to the Portal below.

For more information, please visit the Maryland 4-H website, <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>.



2023 MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATION PROCESS

The Maryland 4-H Volunteer Award nomination process opened July 1 for 2023 submissions. Please consider submitting a nomination for a deserving volunteer that has had a positive impact on your life and 4-H experience!

To see who is eligible for the award and what you need to submit about the nominee, review the [Maryland 4-H Volunteer Award Requirement Chart](https://go.umd.edu/3KQEZoK) at <https://go.umd.edu/3KQEZoK>. Use the Sample Nomination Form to see what the nomination form will look like to help prepare your nomination.

Submit your nomination to the [online nomination portal](https://ume.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Ah3QpXV5PvoT3w), https://ume.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Ah3QpXV5PvoT3w, by **October 15**.



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- ★ **Mylo Downey 4-H Leadership Award** – Designed to honor major Leadership contributions to 4-H program.
- ★ **W. Sherrard Wilson 4-H Service Award** – Designed to honor major Service contributions to 4-H program.
- ★ **Dorothy Emerson 4-H Citizenship Award** – Designed to honor major Citizenship contributions to 4-H program
- ★ **Honorary 4-H Member Award** – Designed to honor outstanding 4-H leadership to an individual who was not a 4-H member as a youth.
- ★ **4-H Alumni Plaque Award** – Designed to honor 4-H alumni that continues to support 4-H
- ★ **Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame Award** – Designed to honor outstanding citizenship, leadership, career accomplishments and character. Winner may be considered for the National 4-H Hall of Fame Award.
- ★ **4-H Family of the Year Award** – For a family well known for their steadfast dedication to the 4-H program.
- ★ **Maryland Friend of 4-H Award** – Designed to recognize significant support regardless of years of experience (as little as one year of service).
- ★ **Maryland Partner in 4-H Award** – Designed to recognize an industry or community organization that provides significant financial or in kind support to the 4-H Program.
- ★ **Dick Angus Spirit of 4-H Award** – Designed to recognize a UME professional that exemplifies the Spirit of the 4-H program while serving as an educator and a volunteer.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK RENEWALS

As indicated in the excerpt from the letter sent by Aly Valentine, Assistant Director of Operations, UME volunteer background checks are due for renewal. **For volunteers initially screened in 2021.**

In 2021, UME initiated a new volunteer background check policy in order to provide for the safety and well-being of University of Maryland Extension (UME) volunteers and constituents (e.g., staff members, program participants, and the community) as well as to protect UME's assets and reputation as a service provider. The policy requires that volunteers be background checked every 3 years. Calendar year 2024 would be the first recertification period for individuals who completed their background check in 2021. In order to align the background check process with the annual re-enrollment process through 4-H Online, we will begin the volunteer background check renewal process this fall. This should allow for a smooth re-enrollment process and reduce the chance of gaps in protection or appointments.

As a current volunteer you will need to complete the background check process this fall. We will provide notification of the need for renewal according to the following schedule:

- September - volunteers initially screened in January – April of 2021
- October – volunteers initially screened in May – August of 2021
- November – volunteers initially screened in September – December of 2021

The notification to renew your background check will come from Sterling Volunteers. Their email address is "theadvocates@sterlingvolunteers.com". The background check should be completed within 30 days of invitation to avoid separation and dismissal and assure your 2024 enrollment is approved by the March 1 target deadline.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE



National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world. Conference is held at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD from in late March-early April each year.

Submit your Senior 4-H Portfolio for consideration through [4-H Online](#) (Event Registration). The Senior 4-H Portfolio includes:

- 4-H Resume
- Essay
- Candidates will also participate in an interview.

Additional information about this event can be found on the National 4-H Conference [webpage](#).

FAIR CLASSES

Do you have a suggestion for a new indoor 4-H class at the Allegany County Fair? Are there classes that you feel are obsolete and should be discontinued?

If so, email suggestions to jparrish@umd.edu by **January 1**. You can view the 2023 Fair book here - <https://bit.ly/2023fairbook>.

MARYLAND 4-H STATE COUNCIL

The Maryland 4-H State Council is the premier leadership opportunity in Maryland. It comprises active 4-H members from around the state interested in developing high-level leadership skills and representing their county 4-H program. State Council members have the opportunity to learn from each other, volunteers, and faculty/staff outside of their club and county.

Applications to join the 2023 Maryland 4-H State Council will be accepted from **September 15 to November 15, 2023**. All 4-H members age 13-18 are eligible and encouraged to apply and will need to go through the 4-H Online Event registration.

Allegany County 4-Hers Lydia Vassiliadi, Jake Nowaczyk, and Jude Gibson-Thoele are serving on State Council this year. More general information can be found [here](#). If you'd like even more information, please contact Jessica, jmellon2@umd.edu, or a state council member.

VOLUNTEER AND TEEN FORUM

Registration is open for the **2023 Volunteer and Teen Forum** scheduled for **November 4-5** at the Holiday Day Inn Oceanfront in Ocean City! All 4-H Volunteers, Professionals and Teens (ages 13-18) are encouraged to attend this event as it has been designed just for you!

The Forum includes:

- 16 engaging volunteer and teen workshops on Saturday focused on Thriving, Connections, STEM and Service
- Clover, junior and intermediate youth classes full of hands-on and fun learning activities on Saturday, for parents who wish to bring their kids (parent/guardian must be registered to attend the Forum). Space is limited to 10 per age group.
- Volunteer and teen connections and energizers on Saturday and Sunday
- Fun activities for all on Saturday night

This is a great way to meet fellow 4-H peers and learn in a fun and engaging environment!

Registration Information

You can register to attend the full forum (November 4th and 5th) or can chose the Saturday only.

- Full time registration includes Saturday breakfast and lunch, Sunday breakfast plus all of the workshops, classes and activities on both days.
- Saturday only registration includes Saturday lunch only plus all of the workshops, classes and activities on Saturday, November 4th.

Review the [registration packet](#) for full details about the 2023 Volunteer and Teen Forum. Register through 4-H Online <https://v2.4honline.com> by **October 1st, 2023**.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

Scholarships available for Allegany County members/volunteers. Email jparish@umd.edu for details.

VOLUNTEER AND TEEN FORUM
Light your Spark

November 4-5, 2023
The Holiday Inn on 65th Street in Ocean City
Who: 4-H members age 13-18, 4-H volunteers and professionals
Why: To support networking, connections and learning for teen and adult leaders

SAVE THE DATE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Victoria Adams
- ★ Abigail Ditto
- ★ Christian Dowling
- ★ James Egros
- ★ Kalen Hawkins
- ★ Madelyn Hook
- ★ Kevin Humbertson, Jr.
- ★ Ike Jackson
- ★ Jayla Jackson
- ★ Joshua Lawton
- ★ Reagan McKay
- ★ Colin Shumaker
- ★ Kalob Skidmore
- ★ Kip Stiles
- ★ Violet Strozykowski
- ★ Lindsey Ternent
- ★ Caleb Zehm

2023 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following Allegany County 4-H members and alumni for receiving scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year.

- ★ Kaden Burkett
- ★ Aubrey Cramer
- ★ Maelea Cramer
- ★ Jonathan Eanes
- ★ Maria Eckard
- ★ Abigail Grove
- ★ William Hao
- ★ Eden Houser
- ★ Heidi Houser
- ★ Brenna Jackson
- ★ Joseph Kovach
- ★ Malakia May
- ★ Kara McCusker
- ★ Sadie Strawderman
- ★ Hailey Ternent
- ★ Catherine Vassiliadi
- ★ Brienne Willison

4-HERS VISIT NASA HEADQUARTERS

In June, Allegany County 4-Hers Edward Buser and Natalie Moore visited the grand opening of the Earth Information Center at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Maryland and DC 4-Hers were invited to attend the special field trip to see the new facility, which shows how NASA data can improve lives in the face of natural disasters and environmental challenges.

