



4-H Celebration Bingo!

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Allegany County
Fairgrounds
6:00 p.m.

We're inviting all families to join us for an evening of 4-H bingo and 4-H celebrations! 4-H Celebration Bingo will consist of rounds of bingo and a celebration of our 4-H members and volunteers. Record book and volunteers awards will be presented throughout the evening. 4-H will provide pizza and drinks. We are requesting each family to bring a quick and easy dessert such as brownies, cookies, cereal bars, cupcakes, etc.

Door prizes will be awarded for each bingo round. If you are able to provide a door prize (not required), let us know when you register. You may register here <https://bit.ly/4HBingo> or email tonri@umd.edu with the following information by April 19.

- Phone/Email
- Door Prize—Y/N
- 4-H members willing to help with announcements
- Help with set up or tear down.

Upcoming Events

April

- **April 4** - \$4 for 4-H
- **April 20** - 4-H/FFA Tagging
- **April 23** - 4-H Achievement Bingo
- **April 27** - Maryland Day @ UMD

May

- **May 1** - Livestock Registrations Due
- **May 5** - MD Sheep & Wool Festival
- **May 27** - UME Closed, Memorial Day
- **May 29** - Feeder Steer/State Fair tagging

Happy National Volunteer Month!

*Thank you for
going above
& beyond.*



UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION



MD 4-H HORSE COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 10:00 am
Maryland State 4-H Center
8020 Greenmead Dr., College Park, MD

Complete event information and rules can be found on the [Maryland 4-H website](#). Fee: \$5.00.

Registration for this event is through 4-H Online. To access the registration log in to your 4-H Online family profile and click on the Events tab. You can find an Event Registration "how to" guide on the website above.

Registration Closes: April 8, 2024.



Artwork by: Maryland 4-H'er Abby W.

MD 4-H Horse Communications Contest

Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show

Saturday, May 11, 2024
Garrett County Fairgrounds
McHenry, MD

Entry Deadline ~ Friday, May 3, 2024

For registrations forms email jparrish@umd.edu

If you need special assistance to participate in the Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show, please contact the office at 301-334-6960 or email lashby@umd.edu by May 1, 2024.

Livestock News & Updates

SPRING 4-H LIVESTOCK TAGGING

Tagging will be held **Saturday, April 20** 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 Steers
- Breeding - Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats

Registration forms from this tagging are due May 1.

A second tagging will be held **May 29, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at the fairgrounds. Only these animals will be tagged:

- Feeder Steers
- State Fair Entries

Registration forms from this tagging are due June 1.

LIVESTOCK REGISTRATIONS FORMS

Livestock registration forms (tagged April 20) are due May 1:

- ◆ County Bred Entry Forms
- ◆ Bred & Owned Entry Forms
- ◆ Breeding Animals and Registered Animals
- ◆ Horse and Horse Lease (if applicable)

Registration Forms can be found here
<https://go.umd.edu/410du2R>

Livestock registration forms are due June 1

- ◆ Feeder Steers tagged on **May 29**
- ◆ State Fair Entries - Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Swine
- ◆ Rabbit - Tattoo identification required
- ◆ Poultry - Band identification required (Market bands will be available from the 4-H Office.)

No Exceptions to Deadlines

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 10-pound bag of starter feed. Additional chicks may be purchased. For an application, email jparrish@umd.edu.

Application due to Southern States by April 15.



 MARYLAND 4-H
FOUNDATION

**\$4 for
4-H**

April 4

Go online at <https://go.umd.edu/4for4-H> to donate.

HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT THIS SUMMER

Do you know any families wanting to experience the world all in the comfort of their own homes? We are seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12 and 17 years old and show them the American culture. We need 16 families to host a Japanese Delegate this summer from mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. No special trips or accommodations are required; simply let a delegate change your and your children's cultural awareness for the better! If you are interested, please apply ([link](#)).

For information on Inbound Opportunities, please contact Joseph Y. Cho at jcho8@umd.edu.

**MAEF
CALENDAR
CONTEST**

ALL K-12
STUDENTS ARE
ELIGIBLE

ENTRIES DUE
MAY 1ST

WWW.MAEFONLINE.COM



2025 MAEF CALENDAR CONTEST

Do you know any aspiring K-12 artists out there? Encourage them to enter the MAEF calendar contest! Get those creative juices flowing and design a landscape picture, 8.5" by 11", highlighting Maryland Agriculture. We will select our favorite designs to be featured in our 2025 MAEF calendar. Winners are also awarded \$50! Use the link below for more information and to submit your artwork. <https://maefonline.com/>
Entries Due May 1, 2024.

2025 CHESSIE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST



**CHESSIE
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

**CALENDAR
PHOTO
CONTEST!**

chessiefcu.org

Chessie Federal Credit Union is now accepting entries for its 2025 calendar photo contest. All interested photographers are invited to submit up to 10 of their best photos taken in Allegany or Garrett County, MD or Mineral or Taylor County, WV.
Entry deadline: September 20, 2024

For details go to <https://www.chessiefcu.org/>.

2024 JUNIOR SHEEP & GOAT SKILLATHON

M A R Y L A N D
SHEEP & WOOL
F E S T I V A L

The 2024 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon will be held Sunday, May 5 at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. It is sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association. The Festival is always held the first full weekend of May at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

The Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Youth will compete according to their age on January 1, 2024 (4-H age). Individuals from any county, state, or province may compete. Pre-registration is required. Participants should bring clipboards and pencils to use during the contest. There is a \$5.00 registration fee to enter the skillathon to defray the cost of refreshments, awards, and supplies.

A skillathon tests the youth's broad knowledge of a topic. All stations will be on sheep and goats. Stations in the past have included breed ID, feed/forage ID, meat ID and judging, equipment ID, hay judging, fleece (wool) judging, sheep judging (wool or dual-purpose breed), and fiber ID. There have also been stations pertaining to animal health (general disease and parasites).

Please register for the skillathon by May 1. Register here <https://2024skillathon.eventbrite.com/> For more information contact Ashley Travis at ashley90@umd.edu or Susan Schoenian at 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>.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO BIRDING & CITIZEN SCIENCE

The Beginner's Guide to Birding & Citizen Science is a self-paced, online class with seven modules that provide participants with information and tools for those interested in birding. Each lesson provides an interactive presentation, a class discussion, and additional resources for those interested in more information. The lessons can be combined into a day-long introduction to birding or broken up to provide a multi-week program. Educators of all levels can easily adapt each lesson to fit their unique needs in addition to using it for their own knowledge.



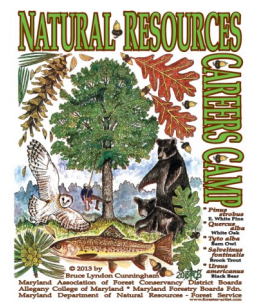
For more information go to <https://go.umd.edu/4asxbUG>

NATURAL RESOURCES CAREERS CAMP

July 21, 2024 to July 27, 2024

Join high school students from across Maryland at this week-long camp in Garrett County to explore careers and college studies in natural resources. This partnership with Allegany College of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Forest Service offers high school students a co-educational opportunity to learn from industry professionals and develop contacts that could lead to future employment and a career in natural resources. For more information:

<https://www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/programs/students-educators/nrcc/>



4-H Happenings

ALLEGANY COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to all the participants who competed at the local contest on March 8. There was an amazing variety of topics and a great, supportive audience. Those who received *champion status can compete at the Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Contest at the University of Maryland on April 27. Thank you to Linda Mellon for leading us in line dancing during the break.

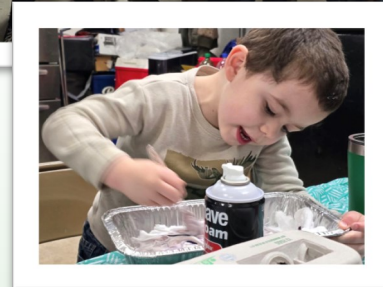


Front Row: Jacob Ritchie, Mitchel Garlitz, Lettie Rinehart, Madison Garlitz, Natalie Moore, Makenna Garlitz, James Burkett, Cooper Tanner*, Hansen Buser, Edward Buser*, and Cameron Strawderman*

Back Row: Maria Eckard, Malia Strawderman, Olivia Leonard*, Michael Hall*, Anthony Simon*, Ripken Roque*, Kaleb Ritchie, and Lawson Ritchie*

EGGCELLENT CRAFT

At their March meeting, the High Rock 4-H Club colored eggs using a variety of methods.



4-H Photos Wanted

Send us your 4-H photos for our newsletters, social media, and more.

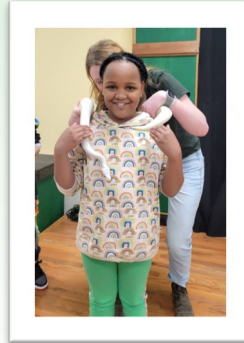
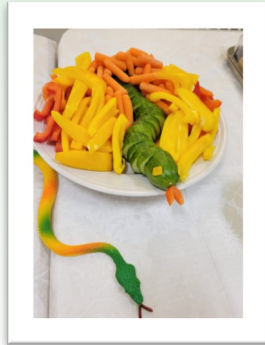
Send photos with a brief description to jparrish@umd.edu



4-H Happenings

BRING-A-FRIEND TO 4-H!

Frostburg Rise and Shine held their Bring-a-Friend meeting in March. In addition to the extra friends at the meeting, special guests from Deep Creek Lake State Park brought some of their own special guests... snakes!



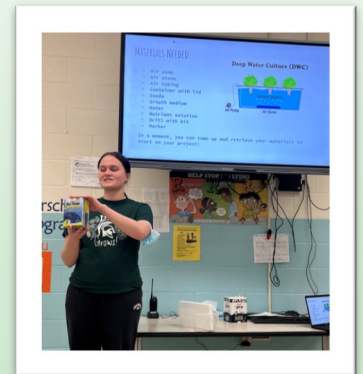
FUN WITH BIKES!

During their march meeting, the Bishop Walsh 4-H Club cruised the school's halls while they learned about bicycles.



NEW CLUB AT GEORGE'S CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BW Grows! members, part of Bishop Walsh's 4-H Club, recently visited the newly formed George's Creek 4-H Club to share their love of hydroponics. The high schoolers taught the elementary students and their families how to make DIY hydroponics grow tubs that will grow lettuces.





- ★ Ofek Cohen Inbar ★ Magnolia Frye ★ Teagan Knippenberg ★ William Seifarth
- ★ Liam Conner ★ Bodhi Gibbons-Guinn ★ Natalie McFarland ★ Rachael Still
- ★ Adelynn Evans ★ Alaric Houser ★ Maddox Phennicie ★ Ava Thomas
- ★ Aidan Flinn ★ Braxton Kisamore ★ Layla Rinehart ★ Kaylie Yonker
- ★ Fiona Youngblood

2024 SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUBS APRIL 20 TO AUGUST 10, 2024

The Foxfires Fishing Activity Club is available to all 4-Hers - Clovers through Seniors - interested in learning more about fishing as well as exploring new areas and methods of angling. Participants will learn how to clean their fish, about different baits and how to tie their own fishing flies, which can be entered in the county fair. A materials fee of \$15.00 is required (check preferred).



The Foxfires Primitive Skills Activity Club is available for all 4-Hers - Juniors through Seniors - interested in becoming more knowledgeable in traditional/survival skills. These include native plant identification, tool usage, and water purification. Participants will be able to enter activity projects at the county fair. A materials fee of \$15.00 is required (check preferred).

For more information on either club, contact Angela Frye at afrye2016@yahoo.com or 301-697-8473 or William O'Boyle at will.oboy2014@gmail.com.

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