



## 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

**4-H Club Property Inventory Report**  
(As of June 30, 2024)

**Proof of 990 filing (ePostcard) - File by September 15, 2024**  
(July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

The filing for most clubs is done by the 4-H Office. If you are unsure if you need to file, contact the UME office. If you file for your club, use the UME office address not your home address:

1 Commerce Drive  
Cumberland, MD 21502

Original signatures are required on all documents.  
If you need assistance, please call 301-724-3320 or email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 10/2 - Walk Maryland Day
- 10/4 - Photo Challenge due
- 10/2 to 13 - Paper Clovers at TSC
- 10/6 to 12 - National 4-H Week

### November

- 11/5 - Election Day, UME Closed
- 11/11 - Veterans Day, UME Closed
- 11/22 to 24 - Volunteer/Teen Forum
- 11/28 to 29 - Thanksgiving, UME Closed

# Walk Maryland Day October 2, 2024

Walk Maryland Day is a celebration of our official state exercise--walking! All Marylanders are encouraged to take time on that day to lead or join a walking event around where they live or work.

We challenge 4-H clubs and families to take a walk.

Submit a photo or short video of your club or family taking a walk - include names of the participants and where you walked.

Submit to Toni at [tonri@umd.edu](mailto:tonri@umd.edu).



For more information, visit:

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/ccdpc/WalkMD/Pages/WalkMDAbout.aspx>

## Join Our UME/4-H Staff on Walk Day!

Join us on **October 2** at the Western MD Scenic Railroad in Cumberland. UME/4-H will lead a 1-hour walk on the C&O Canal towpath to promote walking in Maryland starting at 4:00 p.m.

Put on your walking shoes, bring some water, and meet at the fountain. If you plan to participate, let us know by October 1. Email [tonir@umd.edu](mailto:tonir@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320.



## 4-H & TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 2 TO 13



Tractor Supply proudly began their partnership with 4-H in 2010 and has since helped raise over \$20 million through our Paper Clover fundraisers. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 80,000 students by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

100% of funds raised through the Paper Clover fundraisers directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they work with - 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state it was raised, and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming.

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

Clubs can have an information or activity table.



# National 4-H Week October 6 to 12, 2024

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.
- ◆ Wear your 4-H shirt to school or other event.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Participate in the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign - see previous page.
- ◆ Send any club activities to us so we can share on social media and our newsletter.

## 4-H WEEK PHOTO CHALLENGE

Submit a photo of you holding a sign\* with one word of what 4-H means to you. Also include the hashtag **#BeyondReady** (this year's theme) on your sign. You can send a photo as a club, family, or individual.

Send your photos to Jody by October 4 so we can share on our Facebook page throughout 4-H Week. Email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).

\*At least 8.5 by 11 inches, so a sheet of paper will work.



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## ROBOTICS AT MARYLAND STATE FAIR

Congratulations to the Allegany County robotics teams that participated in the State Fair!

- ★ Calvary - Placed 1st in the junior division
- ★ West Side Robotodragons - Placed 4th in the junior division
- ★ BW Bird Watchers - Placed 2nd in the intermediate division
- ★ Frost Observation Orioles - Placed 3rd in the intermediate





## 4-H DIAMOND CLOVER LEVELS 5 & 6

**Level 5** - If you have completed Level 5 for 2024, please submit your form to the 4-H office by **November 1**. This will allow time for your name to be submitted for the 2025 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>.



## 2024 MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATION PROCESS

The Maryland 4-H Volunteer Award nomination process is now open. 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/1q9j) at <https://go.umd.edu/1q9j>. Use the Sample Nomination Form to see what the nomination form will look like to help prepare your nomination.

Nominations are due **October 15**. For more information go to <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/volunteers/>

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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.

# 4-H Virtual Pumpkin Contest

Allegany County 4-H Youth (ages 5 to 18 as of January 1, 2024) may submit one pumpkin using one of the following decorating techniques.

- Painted
- Carved
- Mixed Media – Other materials (paper, yarn, glitter, flowers, etc.)

Entries must be submitted by October 25, 2024 to [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu). Include your name, 4-H age, and primary 4-H club in the email.

One winner from each age group will receive a fall-themed prize. Winners will be announced on October 30 on our Facebook page and in an email announcement.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact the University of Maryland Extension Office at 301-724-3320 by October 11, 2024.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## RECORD BOOK ASSISTANCE

As you complete your record book for 2024, 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](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).



## 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](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Victoria Adams
- ★ William Bernardo
- ★ Easton Cowan
- ★ Kalen Hawkins
- ★ Kevin Humbertson, Jr.
- ★ Jayla Jackson
- ★ Ava Jackson
- ★ Tristan Kifer
- ★ Samueal Paul-White
- ★ Ry Petit
- ★ Ella Riley
- ★ Franklin Scoggins
- ★ Blake Shives
- ★ Colton Shives
- ★ Kalob Skidmore
- ★ William Smith
- ★ Kip Stiles
- ★ Violet Strozykowski
- ★ Lindsey Ternent
- ★ Sami Vahedi
- ★ Harry Vassiliadi

## 2024 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following Allegany County 4-H members and alumni for receiving scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year.

- ★ Aubrey Cramer
- ★ Jonathan Eanes
- ★ Carl Eckard
- ★ Maria Eckard
- ★ Abigail Grove
- ★ William Hao
- ★ Eden Houser
- ★ Heidi Houser
- ★ Brenna Jackson
- ★ Joseph Kovach
- ★ Nathaniel Kovach
- ★ Kara McCusker
- ★ Jake Nowaczyk
- ★ Cassidy Stickel
- ★ Ava Strawderman
- ★ Sadie Strawderman
- ★ Hailey Ternent
- ★ Bailey Thompson
- ★ Lydia Vassiliadi

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## VOLUNTEER AND TEEN FORUM

### SAVE THE DATE!

November 22 to 24, 2024  
Ocean City, MD  
4-H members age 13 to 18  
4-H volunteers and professionals

More information coming soon.

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