



## Event Calendar

- **September 1** - 4-H Club Financial Packets due
- **September 4 to 7** - Final weekend of MD State Fair
- **September 19** - Moth Night
- **October 5 to 11** - National 4-H Week



### CLUB FINANCIAL PACKET DUE SEPTEMBER 1

Club Financial Packets due **September 1**. The following items for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 are due to our office:

- Treasure Book
- Club Annual Financial Summary Report
- Club Inventory Report
- Proof of 990 filing (ePostcard)\* - Clubs are required to file for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 on or before **September 1, 2025**. Clubs can start filing as soon as July 1, 2025.



\*The filings done by office are complete. They were emailed/mail to club leaders. If you are unsure if you need to file, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).

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## VOLUNTEER AND TEEN FORUM

4-H Beyond Ready to Lead the Future

November 14-16, 2025

The Holiday Inn on 65<sup>th</sup> Street in Ocean City

Who: 4-H members age 13-18,  
4-H volunteers and professionals

Fun engaging learning, with time to dance, beach walks,  
teen led sessions, camp sessions, club enhancement,  
STEM, Ag Sciences and so much more!

[https://2025-md-forum.4honline.com/#!/public/ins\\_u/evt\\_15o](https://2025-md-forum.4honline.com/#!/public/ins_u/evt_15o)



## ROBOTICS TEAMS FORMING

New robotics engineering teams are NOW forming with middle and high school students. Learn more about how 4-H is partnering with REACT and recruiting 7-12 grade students for the new First Tech Challenge teams.

Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CT78LDyoV/>



## Moth Night Extravaganza!

Join us for an enchanting **Moth Night** filled with discovery and creativity at our UME office on Friday, September 19.

More details and information coming soon!

## Exciting Announcement!

Starting this fall, our office will offer monthly 4-H workshops open to all age groups—Cloverbuds to Seniors. Each workshop will focus on a different topic. We would love your input on selecting the best day and time to hold these workshops to accommodate the largest number of participants.

Topics may include:



Small Engines

Woodworking

International Night

Microgreens

Beekeeping

Square-foot Gardening

Cake Decorating

Sewing

And More!



Please fill out this Google form with your suggestions for the day, time, and any additional topics you would like to see. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/z7L5FxiNhQxomXcAA>

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# MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards celebrate the incredible dedication of our Certified UME 4-H Volunteers. These individuals are the backbone of our program, helping youth learn, grow, and thrive through 4-H. Awards are open to everyone!

You don't have to be a certified volunteer to nominate! We have two special awards that allow for group nominations and recognize non-volunteers:

- Friend of 4-H Award
- Partner in 4-H Award

Nomination Period: Make sure to submit your nominations by **October 15**. Only complete nominations will be considered.

## How to Nominate:

1. Fill out the award nomination form thoroughly, providing accurate information for the specific award.
2. Upload all required supporting documentation. Please note: A letter of support is required for both the Family of the Year Award and the Volunteer of the Year Awards.
3. Submit your completed nomination and remember to download a copy for your records.
4. [The link to the nomination form.](#)


Important Note: Volunteer of the Year Awards can only be submitted by Extension Educators.

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**State 4-H Volunteer Awards include:**  
Mylo Downey 4-H Leadership Award  
W. Sherrard Wilson 4-H Service Award  
Dorothy Emerson 4-H Citizenship Award  
Honorary 4-H Member Award  
4-H Alumni Plaque Award  
Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame Award  
4-H Family of the Year Award  
Maryland Friend of 4-H Award  
Maryland Partner in 4-H Award  
Dick Angus Spirit of 4-H Award



**Educator Only Nominations include:**  
Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year  
Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year



## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 5 TO 11, 2025

**120+ Years to Celebrate.** A week that will rally, inspire and connect 6 million 4-H'ers, 3,500 educators, 500,000 volunteers and 35 million alumni. Events in every county and state celebrating and amplifying the 4-H mission: preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for life and career.

Begin planning now. Here are a few ideas:

- ★ 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.
- ★ Participate in the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign



We are planning a 4-H open house in October.  
Details will be shared in the near future.

## SUMMER AQUAPONICS PROGRAM

Allegany County 4-Hers recently concluded a summer aquaponics program in partnership with Queen Anne's County 4-H and the University of Maine. The hybrid program included weekly online meetings and an in-person learning day. 4-Hers learned about a wide range of topics, including water quality testing, the nitrogen cycle, various aquaponics system setups, plant needs, fish selection, and college and career opportunities in aquaponics.

Now in its second year, the program allowed youth to develop their own aquaponic setups by submitting a proposal based on the engineering design process. Last year's participants were able to visit the University of Maryland's aquaponics lab. This year's participants are looking forward to a tour of a MIPS (Maryland Industrial Partnerships aquaculture shrimp-farming project at the Appalachian Lab.



## 4-H NATURE NIGHTS AT ROCKY GAP STATE PARK

4-H Nature Nights at Rocky Gap State Park were held four evenings in June. Designed for 4-H youth and families interested in nature, the event combined education with fun through sing-alongs, games, nature learning, crafts, and snacks. Children learned about trees, insects, and fish, sparking curiosity and environmental awareness, while enjoying the community spirit by making new friends and engaging in group activities.

The program was sponsored in part by the Allegany County Forestry Board, and collaborators included 4-H volunteers, as well as professionals from the Maryland Park Service, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Allegany College of Maryland, and Bishop Walsh School.

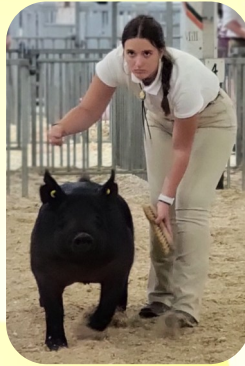




## MARYLAND STATE FAIR



Adalynn Mallow placed 2nd in her class for swine and 3rd in sheep intermediate division showmanship.



Layne McCusker finished 7th in the senior swine showmanship class.



Malia Strawderman placed 1st in Senior English Pleasure Class.



Congratulations to the Frostburg Robotics for Environmental Awareness (3rd) and Frostburg Bug Bots (2nd) on their participation at the Maryland 4-H

## EASY FALL CORN CRAFT

*Make this easy Fall craft in no time using just basic supplies!*

### Ingredients

- 4 Pipe Cleaners
- Pony Beads

### Instructions

1. Twist the pipe cleaners together in the center and fan out.
2. Bead each piece, leaving about 2" unbeaded at the ends
3. Fold the spokes up, and twist the ends of the pipe cleaners together to create the corn husk.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| ★ Victoria Adams        | ★ Jayla Jackson     | ★ Ella Riley       |
| ★ Shiloh Felton         | ★ Tristan Kifer     | ★ Kalob Skidmore   |
| ★ Susan Forkosh         | ★ James Maybury     | ★ Lane Stahlman    |
| ★ Asher Harvey          | ★ Samuel Paul-White | ★ Harry Vassiliadi |
| ★ Kevin Humbertson, Jr. | ★ Ry Petit          |                    |

## Save the Date!

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Packets

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## 4-H Photos Wanted

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

Send photos with a brief description to  
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