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Focus
on 4-H

Allegany County ~ November 2025



Fall Volunteer Training Youth/Adult Partnerships

November 12, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Allegany County Fairgrounds

All volunteers
are encouraged
to attend.

Effective partnerships between youth and adults foster growth. It's vital to consider how adults can engage with teens and how teens can take on leadership roles in their communities. The 4-H Thriving Model highlights social competence, connection, personal responsibility, and contribution. Many volunteers struggle to cultivate these outcomes, especially with adolescents navigating self-discovery. Teens also face challenges in recognizing their potential.

This training offers practical strategies for building strong youth/adult partnerships and promoting mutual growth. Join us in creating a thriving environment where youth and adults can succeed together and strengthen these vital relationships.

To register, email jparrish@umd.edu by **November 10**.

Beekeeping Workshop

The ABCs of Getting
Started with Honeybees.

November 2, 2025
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Constitution Park

Presented by Ben Cooper ~ The Bee Barn Apiary

Join us for an interactive workshop where you'll discover the essential skills to start your own bee colony. Fun activities will "bee" included.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please get in touch with the University of Maryland Extension Office at 301-724-3320 by October 21.

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Register by October 29 at
<https://go.umd.edu/ACbeekeeping2025>

Or scan here



Event Calendar

November

- 2 - Beekeeping Workshop
- 14-16 - 4-H Volunteer/Teen Forum
- 11 - UME Office Closed
- 22 - Beef tagging
- 27 & 28 - UME Office Closed

December

- 1 - Market Beef registrations due
- 12 - Santa letter requests due

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.



4-H/FFA Beef Tagging & Weigh-In

November 22, 2025

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



Winter tagging for all market steers will be held at Cessna Farm in Clearville, PA. This event is mandatory for all market steers for 2026. All animals must be steers, not bulls. It is essential that all animals can be handled appropriately to be weighed. If no one is in line at 10:00 a.m., the weigh-in WILL CLOSE.

Commercial breeding beef for the 2026 4-H program year must attend this tagging **or** the 2026 spring tagging to receive a 4-H breeding tag. Registered beef females who are tattooed with matching registration breed papers in the name of the 4-H member do not need to be tagged.

All livestock registration forms are available at <https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms>. You can also reach out to us by calling 301-724-3320 or emailing jparrish@umd.edu.

Livestock Registration, County Bred, and Bred & Owned forms will be accepted on the day of tagging, but must be submitted to the 4-H office by December 1, 2025. No Exceptions. All forms must include the RFID tag number for each animal.

Complete details can be found [here](#) or email jparrish@umd.edu.

2025 Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project & Record Awards Program Portal Open!

Applications for the 2025 Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program will be accepted in 4-H Online now through **November 16, 2025**. Senior age 4-H members may apply.

The guidelines for the 2025 Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program, a submission help sheet, and the essay scoresheet can be found on the Maryland 4-H website at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/> under the Animal Science Resources / Animal Science Project Records heading.





Clubs, if you would like to participate in the campaign at the LaVale Store, call (301) 729-8525 to arrange a day/time.

It's Paper Clover Time!

Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp and leadership activities.



4-H Open House Carnival



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Register today to become a

Global Food Champion

Grades 9-12 Mondays 6:30 pm
Virtual Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 15

& Bonus Dec 22- In-Person Writing Retreat

Learn how to **get involved**
in global food issues

Strengthen your resume

Meet others who are
passionate about helping

Hone your **research skills**

Chance to **earn a trip** to
Global Youth Institute

Opportunity to **earn cash
prize and scholarships**

**Don't
Miss It!**

REGISTER NOW
for the virtual workshops

so that you have a
better shot of
participating in the



Maryland Youth Institute
May 1, 2026 10am-3pm
UMES Campus, Princess Anne, MD

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Letters from Santa

Send a letter from Santa!



Send \$2.00 with the following information for each letter:
Person's Name, Address, Age, and Gender

Mail requests with payment to:

Allegany County 4-H
One Commerce Drive
Cumberland, MD 21502

Include your phone/email in case we need to contact you.

Make all checks payable to:
University of Maryland

All proceeds support the Allegany County 4-H program.

Questions? Call 301-724-3320

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Pumpkin Pie in a Bag

Ingredients:

- Quart-size zip freezer bags
- $\frac{1}{8}$ cup milk
- 2 T canned pumpkin
- Dash cinnamon
- Dash ginger
- 1 T pudding mix*
- Tart-size premade graham cracker crusts or ginger snaps
- Graham crackers for garnish (optional)



Instructions:

1. Combine the milk and instant pudding in the bag.
2. Remove the air from the bag and seal it.
3. Squeeze and knead the mixture with your hands until it is blended, about 1 minute.
4. Add the pumpkin, cinnamon, and ginger.
5. Remove the air, and seal the bag.
6. Squeeze and knead the mixture with your hands until it is well-blended, about 2 minutes. The mix should have the consistency of pudding. If it is too runny, add pudding mix. If it is too thick, add milk.
7. Place $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon of graham cracker crumbs in the bottom of a cup.
8. Cut the corner of the gallon freezer bag, and squeeze pie filling into the cup.
9. Garnish with whipped topping.

<https://oklahoma.agclassroom.org/>

All Things Pumpkins

4-H members carved out time for our All Things Pumpkin 4-H Workshop, taught by Michelle, our 4-H Educator. It kicked off National 4-H Week on October 5 at the Constitution Park Community Building.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jasper Brinkman
Calla Claussen
Natalie Davis
Trinity Evans
Danielle Folk
Carter Gares

Jesse Helms
Abigail Henry
Savannah Kimble
Willow Kirby
Jensen Little
Kinley Mallow

Christopher Piper
Lettie Rinehart
Luke Rinehart
Kaleb Ritchie
Everett Williamson
Paxton Yantz

4-H Record Books Due February 1

It is never too early to start wrapping up your 2025 record book. 4-H record books for 2025 are due at the 4-H office by February 1, 2025. Diamond Clover Levels 1 to 4 are also due at this time.

- To meet fair eligibility to show livestock - Members must submit a complete record book with a completed project sheet for each project exhibited at the 2025 Allegany County Fair to show at the 2026 Allegany County Fair.

If you need assistance, please contact our 4-H staff. You can also schedule a time to get assistance in person at our office. To reserve a timeslot, please call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu by November 30.

For a complete guide and forms, go to <https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms>. It is recommended that you use a 3-ring binder or 3-prong folder for your record book. Traditional 4-H record book covers are available at the office for \$3.50 each; however, they are not required.

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