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# Focus on 4-H

Allegany County ~ December 2025



## Join us for Winter STEAM! Sunday, December 7 ~ 2 to 4:00 p.m. Constitution Park



Get ready to chill out with science and heat up your creativity! Join us for a two-hour workshop focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM), all with a fun winter theme. This free, engaging session is designed to foster curiosity, build confidence, and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

This workshop is open to 4-H members aged 5-18 years old. It takes place at the Constitution Park Activities Building. To register, go to <https://go.umd.edu/ACWinterSTEAM2025>

**Register by December 4.**

## Event Calendar

### December

- 1 - Market Beef registrations due
- 7 - Winter STEAM
- 5 - Lights by the Mountainside, weekends to 12/28
- 6 - Festival of Trees begins
- 12 - Santa letter requests due

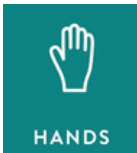
### January

- 1 - UME Office Closed
- 19 - UME Office Closed

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## Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project Updates Webinar for Volunteers ~ December 16, 2025 - Via Zoom

Animal Science Project Updates Webinar for Volunteers will be held on Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program policies and event changes/updates for 2026. This session will be of interest to Maryland 4-H Volunteers and Fair Volunteers working with 4-H members in the Animal Science program areas. Register here: <https://forms.gle/gbnpfy8Coour2eUPA>.



### Hands for Larger Service



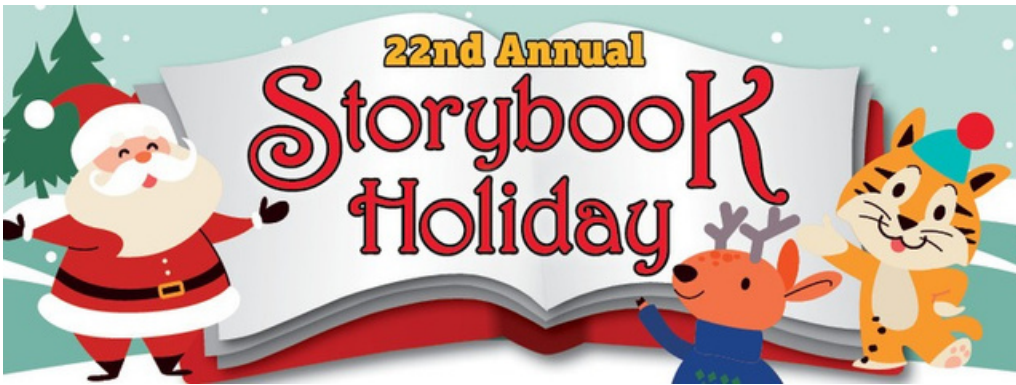
Frostburg Rise & Shine 4-H Club met with Ted Hoxie, a Tree Planting Specialist with the Department of Natural Resources, at Glendening Park in Frostburg. They removed dead trees, learned why they didn't survive, and planted new trees the correct way.



### 4-H @ the FSU STEM Festival







The Children's Literature Centre is proud to share that our 22nd annual Storybook Holiday - FREE Children's Event is being held on December 6, 2025, in Frostburg. MD!

The 22nd Storybook Holiday will feature all of the experiences we have come to know and love: Breakfast with the Elves, the author presentation, Elf Olympics, and crafts in the Elves' Secret Workshop. Visit the local shops and watch the parade down Main Street.

**Check out our 4-H tree at the Festival of Trees at City Place.** For a complete schedule, go to <https://www.frostburg.edu/childrens-literature-centre/storybook-holiday.php>

## Cumberland Winterfest

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ARTISAN CRAFT VENDORS  
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STREETS CLOSED TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC. OPEN CONTAINERS PERMIT.

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WESTERN MARYLAND JAYCEES

## Lights by the Mountainside

Western Maryland Jaycees

**lights by the mountainside**

\$5 per car

### 2025 Weekend Calendar

Weekend 1	Weekend 2	Weekend 3	Weekend 4
<b>Dec 5th</b> Opening Day! Santa in his headquarters. Breezline Fun Zone.	<b>Dec 12th</b> Santa in his headquarters. <b>Dec 13th</b> First Peoples Night- to celebrate their 65th anniversary. The first 65 cars will get free entrance on FP as well as a festive souvenir. Little Wills Creek Ranch with their Alpaca Pals. Model RR club open.	<b>Dec 19th</b> Santa in his headquarters. <b>Dec 20th</b> Dec 20th- a Holiday performance by Frostburg Dance Academy. Model RR club open.	<b>Dec 27th</b> Little Wills Creek Ranch Furry Friends. Model RR Club open <b>Dec 28th</b> Little Wills Creek Ranch Furry Friends
<b>Dec 6th</b> Breezline Fun Zone. Model Railroad Club open.	<b>Dec 7th</b> Breezline Fun Zone.	<b>Dec 14th</b> Little Wills Creek Ranch with their Alpaca Pals.	Tickets can be purchased at the gate with cash only or online by card!

The WMD Jaycees are back again with their holiday light display! What was once *Lights on the Lake* is now *Lights by the Mountainside*. Same magical lights, just a new home at the Allegany County Fairgrounds!

Be sure to check out our 4-H display near the grandstand.

## 2026 4-H Enrollment



Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning in January 2026. Watch for an email announcement for the opening date.

To enroll in Maryland 4-H Online, you need to use Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers.

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

- Current Members - Enrollments are due by February 1, 2026.
- New Livestock Members - Enrollments are due by April 1, 2026, to show animals at the fair.
- New Members - Enrollments are due by June 1, 2026, to be eligible to participate in the county and state fairs.
- Volunteers - Enrollments for returning volunteers must be completed by March 1.

It is essential to enroll as soon as possible to continue receiving the newsletter, email updates, and other important announcements.

To remind you, projects and volunteer types & roles will not roll over into next year, so you will need to select your projects and volunteer information again. Volunteers, please verify your volunteer type for 2025 so you know which option to choose. If you are unsure, please call 301-724-3320 or email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu).

If you experience any issues with re-enrollment, please contact our office. Please don't create a new family profile.

Enrollment fee - Maryland 4-H has an annual \$10.00 enrollment fee per 4-H member (No fee is collected for volunteers and any children in a family with more than three children). Families will pay the enrollment fee online by credit card at the time they enroll.



# BAD WEATHER POLICY

If there is no school or early dismissal from school in Allegany County due to inclement weather, all county-sponsored 4-H events that day/evening will be cancelled.

Contact your club leader to determine if club activities are cancelled.





## It's Paper Clover Time!

**Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025**

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



### Gift Idea - Hot Chocolate in a Jar

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup powdered milk
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- 1 - 1 ½ cup mini marshmallows

#### Instructions:

1. Layer the dry ingredients into the jars.
- For a 16-oz mason jar hot chocolate recipe, layer 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of unsweetened cocoa powder, and 1/2 cup of powdered milk. 1/2 cup chocolate chips, and 1 to 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows.
- To make two 8-ounce jelly jars, add 1/2 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of cocoa powder, 1/4 cup of powdered milk, 1/4 cup of chocolate chips, and 1/2 cup of mini marshmallows to each jar. I used a mason jar funnel to make it easy and prevent spilling. Add a lid.
2. Create and cut out the tags. Punch a hole in the top left corner of the tag. Include these instructions on the tag: Add 1/4 cup to a mug. Add 8 ounces of hot milk or water and stir.
3. Cut twine or ribbon about three feet long. Wrap it around the rim of the jar several times. Stick one end of the twine through the hole in the tag and tie it into a bow.



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Ethan Brashear**

**Jaxon Carter**

**Charles Cessna**

**Ethan Chambers**

**Bar Cohen-Inbar**

**Nicholas Eanes**

**WanTing Hao**

**Charles Helms**

**Todd Houser**

**Rowen Jordi**

**Ethan Kwok**

**Adalynn Mallow**

**Brynlee Parker**

**Samuel Phillips**

**Evan Ritter**

**Ripken Roque**

**John Schmidt**

**Teagan Stahlman**

**Branch Tuttle**

**Michael Twigg**

**Rachel Wharton**

**Carelle Zalzal**



## 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](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) by December 1.

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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