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2026 *NEW* ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

There will be a **NEW DEADLINE** in 2026 to complete your 4-H enrollment for fair eligibility. **ALL** returning 4-H and Clover Members **MUST** be enrolled by **March 1, 2026** to be eligible to participate at the **2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair**. **First Year 4-H and Clover Members must be enrolled by May 1, 2026 for fair eligibility.** This means that if you were a 4-H or Clover member in 2025, **YOU MUST** be re-enrolled by March 1, 2026 to participate in the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. This change is being made to ensure **ALL** of our members are enrolled in a timely manner when participating in **ALL** 4-H activities.

ALL 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers will need to enroll for the 2026 4-H year. You will log into 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com) to complete your 2026 enrollment. Please note that **EVERYONE** (4-H MEMBERS, CLOVERS AND UME VOLUNTEERS) will need to log into their family accounts that you have already created and re-enroll each person listed on your account. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT – LOG IN USING YOUR EMAIL AND PASSWORD.** If you have forgotten your password, there is an option to restore your password.

ALL 4-H MEMBERS AND CLOVERS MUST PAY THEIR \$10 STATE PARTICIPATION FEE THROUGH 4-H ONLINE. UME Volunteers do not pay a participation fee. The insurance fee that 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers pay will still be paid through your 4-H Club.





February Project Night—Jewelry

Carroll County 4-Hers are invited to participate in our February Project Night to create a necklace and bracelet set. Participants will be stringing their own beads and learning how to add a clasp. We will be meeting in Room A/B of the **Extension Office at 6pm on Friday, February 13, 2026**. This workshop is open to all 4-Hers 8 years and older. However, if the child is 8-10 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult.

The \$25 fee must be paid prior to the program. Once you register, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. If registering more than 1 youth, please fill out a separate registration form for each youth.

Registration is full. Email Jennie (jchameli@umd.edu) to be added to the wait list.

Fashion Fun Night

Lights! Camera! Action! Join us for an exciting night while we explore the world of fashion! Learn more about the Fashion Revue program, while making some lip balm, bath salts and more! We will be hosting Fashion Fun Night on **Friday, March 13th, 6pm at the Extension Office**. This program is open to our 4-H members at least 8 years and older. However, if the child is 8-10 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult.

A \$20 fee must be paid prior to the program to help cover the cost of program materials. Once you register, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Checks can be made payable to the CCEAB. If registering more than 1 youth, please fill out a separate registration form for each child.

Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/KteX3AZ1gNrAiAHV6>

April Project Night—Fruit Stamp Art

Join us for a new and fun way to make stamp art! We will be using different types of fruit to create 1 Table Runner and 2 Tea Towels. We will be hosting Fruit Stamp Art on **Friday, April 10th, 6pm at the Extension Office**. This program is open to our 4-H members at least 8 years and older. However, if the child is 8-10 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult.

A \$20 fee must be paid prior to the program to help cover the cost of program materials. Once you register, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Checks can be made payable to the CCEAB. If registering more than 1 youth, please fill out a separate registration form for each child.

Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/UKG5PbpwFQWt3rWW7>



February Clover Night—Crafts

Clover Age 4-Hers (5-7 years old) are invited to join members of the Ambassador Team to make an age appropriate clover craft. Participants must be enrolled members of the Carroll County 4-H Program and must be between the ages of 5-7 years old. This class will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 6pm at the Extension Office. There is no fee for this workshop. A parent must stay with their clover member during the program.

Register for the program at <https://forms.gle/ShKPxutgGAbc7mYYA>



March Clover Night— Bulldozer Building Kit

Clover Age 4-Hers (5-7 years old) are invited to join members of the Ambassador Team to make a movable Bulldozer Building Kit. Participants must be enrolled members of the Carroll County 4-H Program and must be between the ages of 5-7 years old. This class will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026 at 6pm at the Extension Office. Class fee is \$10 and you will be invoiced once you register for the program. A parent must stay with their clover member during the program.

LIMITED SPOTS! Registration can be completed at <https://forms.gle/ERZqTqtXjLrfupWR6>

April Clover Night— Plants (Herbs)

Clover Age 4-Hers (5-7 years old) are invited to join members of the Ambassador Team to make a your own Herb Head (the herbs are the “hair” you will grow). Participants must be enrolled members of the Carroll County 4-H Program and must be between the ages of 5-7 years old. This class will be held on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 6pm at the Extension Office. The class fee is \$5 and will be collected at the door. A parent must stay with their clover member during the program.

LIMITED SPOTS! Registration can be completed at <https://forms.gle/gkSfyBv63jKbzaMM8>

4-H Game Day Apps Workshop

Are your 4-Hers excited for the Super Bowl? Let's get them involved in the Big Game Day food prep! They are invited to the Extension Office Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 1:00pm to participate in this workshop where we will be making a **charcuterie board, a football shaped cheese ball with a veggie tray, and make and bake French Dip sliders**. All supplies will be included including a wooden charcuterie tray. There is a \$40 participant fee for this workshop.

The \$40 fee must be paid prior to the program. Once you register, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. **If your invoice is not paid by one week prior to this event, your registration will be canceled as there is a great deal of perishable food purchased for this event.** If registering more than 1 youth, please fill out a separate registration form for each youth.



The class is full. Email Jennie (jchameli@umd.edu) to be added to the waitlist.

Demonstration Day

It's time to start thinking about Demonstration Day 2026. This event will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026** at the Extension Office. All registrants will receive an **email shortly after registration closes to sign up for a presentation slot**. The contest will start at 9:00 a.m. and time frames will be available through the morning, as needed, based on the expected number of participants. The registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Start thinking about that demonstration you've been wanting to do. This is a great opportunity to compete at the county level while fulfilling a requirement for project records! All **Demonstration Day registration will be done through the Carroll County Fair website at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Registration will close on February 9th! Registration must be completed through the fair entry system found at www.carrollcountyfair.com** Rules and regulations can be found at www.carrollcountyfair.com. If you have any other questions, call the Superintendents or call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.



Public Speaking Contest

Prepare your speaking voices for the annual day of Public Speaking scheduled for **Saturday, March 14, 2026 beginning at 9 a.m.** Rules and Regulations can be found on the fair website. **Registration will close on February 27th.** The procedure will be the same as past years, no pre-scheduled times, but you must be present between 9 and 11 a.m. to deliver your speech. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-386-2760. **You must go to www.carrollcountyfair.com and complete registration through the fair entry system.**

Achievement Program—Pictures Needed!

As we prepare for the 2026 Carroll County 4-H Achievement Program, we are looking for pictures from club events, county programs, fair, etc. We want to showcase all the amazing activities our 4-H members participated in throughout the 2025 year. **Please send your pictures to Jennie Chamelin at jchameli@umd.edu by March 20th.**

The 2026 Achievement Program will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at the Carroll County Ag Center.

Youth and Volunteer Nominations for Achievement Program

It's that time again to recognize the achievements of our members and volunteers! Each year at our Achievement Night Program, special Carroll County 4-H awards are presented to outstanding 4-Hers and UME Volunteers. It is important to have families input for the award nominations as you know your members and fellow volunteers best. Often times, a well-deserved 4-Her is overlooked simply because they weren't nominated. You need to include a short explanation of why the youth/volunteer is deserving of being recognized. If a name is just written, the reviewers do not know what this individual has done to be deserving of county-wide recognition.

Nominations can be made through the link below or the attached paperwork can be emailed or dropped back at the office. Nomination link—<https://forms.gle/aqtru8wDKnXrSY9S7>



Clover Memory Books

Clover members are able to put together a Clover Memory Book (scrapbook) of their year in 4-H. Clover Memory Books highlight everything Clover members did throughout the year including pictures, ribbons, judging score sheets, etc. Guidelines for memory books can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books> at the bottom of the page. Memory Books are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, February 2, 2026.**

Record Books

It's a great time to start thinking about your 2025 record books! Record books are a great way to keep track of your 4-H career and highlight your accomplishments. The record book includes a junior summary, project records (which you already do), a 4-H story and a few more items. Record Book covers are available at the Extension Office for free. Record Books are due **Monday, February 2, 2026.** More information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

Diamond Clovers

Are you working toward achieving level 1-5 of the Diamond Clover Program? 2025 Reports and 2026 plans are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, February 2nd**. Remember, you must submit your 2025 plan before starting on any of the tasks for the 2026 year. The Diamond Clover Program starts for members at 4-H Age of 9. If your next step is Level 6, make sure to read all of the guidelines and those plans are due by September 30th for you to start in 2027 (you must have approval from the state 4-H office). Diamond Clover information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>

Sewing Machines

Interested in sewing, but don't have a sewing machine? You're in luck as we have a few sewing machines that are ready for a new home. These are free machines that have been used over the years for our 4-H sewing program. All of the machines do work, but may need some adjustments for your needs. Anyone interested, please contact Jennie (jchamelin@umd.edu) to reserve a machine. Please note that any repairs for these would be the responsibility of the 4-H member.

Fashion Revue

Grab your favorite outfit or pull out the sewing machine! It's almost time for the 2026 Fashion Revue! Fashion Revue will be held on **Saturday, March 28th at St. Mary's UCC** (1431 E Mayberry Rd, Westminster). Judging will take place from 2-5pm on March 28th (except Clovers). Then all participants, including Clovers, need to return at 6:30pm for the Fashion Revue Show. Rules and Registration Form are attached to the online Tribune. **Entry forms are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 13th.**

~~2026 Livestock Sale Requirement Update~~

An update to the requirements 4-Hers must meet in 2026 to be eligible for the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Livestock Sale.:

"Junior exhibitors and Novice 4-H/FFA exhibitors of any age in any species are **REQUIRED** to participate in one of the following. All other 4-H/FFA exhibitors are encouraged to participate in one of the following:

A. Attend 4—Carroll County Dairy Bowl, 4-H Livestock Judging, 4-H Dairy Judging or Livestock Skillathon practices.

B. Must attend a Carroll County 4-H sponsored livestock workshop for a species exhibitor is showing from this list: Beef Field Day, Swine Workshop, Swine Field Day, Sheep Workshop, Meat Goat Workshops, Sheep and Goat Field Day, Junior Stock Show or these additional opportunities hosted through Carroll County Extension (livestock/dairy roundup, veterinary science experience). Additionally, Dairy Steer exhibitors may attend a Dairy Workshop.

C. Other livestock related events must be approved by the Department Committee of the type of Species and the livestock sale committee prior to participation."

The wording that is bolded is the change in which 4-H members need to attend a workshop for a species they are showing and cannot attend a species workshop of something they are not weighing in.

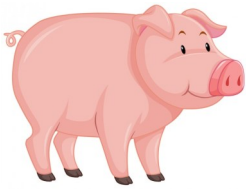


Beef Workshop

Hold the date! The Beef Committee is planning to host a Beef Workshop on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office**. Lots of information and hands-on activities will be provided in this workshop relating to the beef project. This workshop will meet the livestock sale requirement for our junior and novice exhibitors to attend at least 1 livestock workshop for a species you are showing in 2026. Make sure to register to ensure we have enough materials for everyone by Friday, January 31, 2025.

Register at <https://forms.gle/aANNoWRuxU6qtfz7>

Swine Workshop



The 2026 Swine Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 1st, 1pm at the Extension Office. If you are planning to show market swine at the 2026 CC 4-H & FFA Fair, this is a great opportunity for some hands-on experience and to learn more about updates and changes to the swine department. All juniors (8-10 years old) and novice exhibitors (1st year showing a market animal) must attend at least one livestock workshop for the species they are showing. Register by February 20, 2026 to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Register at <https://forms.gle/xYfyu6JhR5rbYZnt7>

Sheep Workshop

The 2026 Sheep Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 22nd, 1pm at Ripple Creek Farm in Hampstead, MD. An address will be sent out closer to the workshop. If you are planning to show market lambs at the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, this is a great opportunity for some hands-on experience and to learn more about updates and changes to the sheep department. All juniors (8-10 years old) and novice exhibitors (1st year showing a market animal) must attend at least one livestock workshop for the species they are showing. Register by March 13, 2026 to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Register at <https://forms.gle/yrtkfoZh8autxV6g7>



CC 4-H Beef Classic

The Carroll County 4-H Beef Classic will be held on **Saturday, April 11th** at the **Carroll County Ag Center** (TRP Barn). We are excited to be hosting this event in Carroll County again this year. We will have classes for market beef, dairy steers and beef heifers as well as showmanship too! Registration forms were handed out at weight in, but can also found attached to the online Tribune.

Meat Goat Workshop

The 2026 Meat Goat Workshop is scheduled for **Sunday, April 19th, 10am at Full Moon Farm** (4748 Full Moon Drive; Manchester, MD 21102). Important information will be shared out relating to the Meat Goat Department at the CC 4-H & FFA Fair. Sessions will also be provided with hands-on experience for 4-Hers too. All juniors (8-10 years old) and novice (1st year exhibitors) must attend at least 1 livestock workshop for a species they are showing to meet the CC 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale rules. Register by April 10th to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Register at <https://forms.gle/vcnborY8PgZQeFxS9>



Swine, Sheep and Goat 4-H Classic

Hold the date! We will have a new format for the Carroll County 4-H Swine, Sheep and Goat 4-H Classic for on **Sunday, May 31st**. This year, we will be able to show in Shipley! We will start in the morning with the swine show and will follow in the afternoon with the sheep and goat show. More information will be provided as we get closer to the show. This will still be a show off your trailer show with some limited pens that families will be able to set up if needed.

Junior Stock Show

The 2026 Junior Stock Show will be held on **Saturday, June 27, 2026 at High Ridge Farm**. Remember, this is the last opportunity to meet the livestock sale workshop requirement if you still need one. More information and registration will be provided as we get closer to the June show.

2025 Livestock Sale Check Pick-Up

If you have not already picked up your Livestock Sale Check, please contact Deanna Geiman, 443-821-4660. Before you can receive your check, please email your detailed THANK YOU ad to thankyou@carrollcountyfair.com ASAP. Prepare your thank you notes for the mail including a stamp and self addressed. These will be required when you pick up your check.

Maryland State Fair—Rate of Gain

If you are planning to show in the market beef, sheep or swine shows at the Maryland State Fair an announcement was made in January through the Maryland State Fair Livestock Exhibitors Facebook page that there will be NO RATE OF GAIN requirement for the shows/sale starting in 2026 at the Maryland State Fair. Market Goat exhibitors please note that there has not been ROG at the Maryland State Fair, therefore no changes on ROG for goats.

2026 Poultry Orientation

Poultry Exhibitors: **If you are planning to OR thinking about showing anything in the Poultry Department at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair in 2026, you are REQUIRED to attend ONE of the orientation meetings.** This includes poultry, turkey, posters, eggs, clovers, etc. This also includes first year and returning exhibitors. These meetings are for the Poultry Department and do not meet any requirements for any other livestock department. The meetings are in person (no virtual meeting offered and no make up sessions offered). All meetings are at the Extension Office and begin at 7 p.m.—check the listing on the board for the room number.

There are 3 options to attend 1 meeting:

Tuesday, March 24

Wednesday, April 8th

Thursday, May 7th

Again, you need to attend only ONE of the meetings.

Reminder: If you showed in the Poultry Department in 2025, you are required to have completed a Poultry Project Record Sheet in order to show in 2026, so be sure you have completed that (clovers are exempt). Any questions, call or text Nancy Carlisle at 443-605-5134



Attention Poultry Judging Enthusiasts!

Have you ever wondered how to tell which of your chickens is the best layer? Why you'll love it:

Be the Judge: Learn how to spot a champion and grade eggs like a pro. You'll never look at an egg the same!

Talk the Talk: Gain the "main character" confidence needed to succeed at public speaking.

Travel & Compete: Level up from clover opportunities at the county level, local contest to state and national competitions!

Stand Out from the Crowd: Master skills that most people don't even know exist!

If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Elsie McKenzie at efarmgalore@yahoo.com

Livestock Skillathon Practices

Everything you've ever wanted to know about livestock and didn't know to ask! Come learn about breeds of livestock, equipment, cuts of meat, animal parts identification, livestock feeds, hay, wool and play some fun games too! Come to learn for the state contest in March or just come to the sessions you want to learn about. Remember that you do not have to exhibit or own livestock to participate in livestock skillathon, just have an interest or curiosity. Practices run every Monday night starting **Jan. 5, 2026, 7pm** at the Extension Office. Practices will run through the state contest in March (some additional days may be added). For more information, call Kathy Gordon at 301-667-0559.

Dairy Bowl Practices

It is time to start Dairy Bowl practices again! Remember, anyone who has an interest in learning more about the dairy industry can attend these practices. Practices will be held every **Tuesday** night starting on **February 3rd** through **April 7th** at **7 p.m.** at the Extension Office. The State Contest will be held on **Saturday, April 11th** at the Carroll County Extension Office. For more information, contact Gary Brauning at 443-375-6963.

Horse Bowl

Dust off those study materials as a new year of horse bowl practice is about to begin! All 4-Hers (8 years old as of January 1st) are welcome to attend the weekly horse bowl practices starting on **Jan. 7, 2026, 7pm** at the Extension Office. Practices will be held every Wednesday night until the state contest in March. You will learn lots of new and interesting facts about horses while having fun! You do not have to own a horse to participate, just have an interest in learning more about them. Not sure what horse bowl is, then come to a practice to find out more!

Horse Safety Class

If you are a 1st year Horse Exhibitor, you are required to attend one of the horse safety classes offered to exhibit at the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. Exhibitors will learn about horse safety, along with an orientation about what happens on show day at the fair and what you need to bring. **You MUST attend one of the offered classes on Thursday, February 12th or Monday, March 23rd at 7pm at the Extension Office.**



NEW Rabbit Judging Program!

We are excited to announce the launch of a Rabbit Judging Program here in Carroll County. This program is for youth who want to learn more about show rabbits or who are interested in starting a serious breeding program. Participants will develop the skills needed to evaluate rabbits based on ARBA breed standards, body type, condition, and overall quality, similar to livestock judging. They will also learn breed identification and how to give oral reasons, explaining their decisions clearly and confidently, which builds public speaking, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.

What this program is:

- A hands-on learning experience where youth develop skills in evaluating rabbits and understanding what makes a high-quality animal.
- An opportunity to learn about rabbit breeds, conformation, health, wellness, and husbandry skills.
- Structured, educational, and fun, focused on growth, confidence, and becoming a knowledgeable judge of rabbit quality.
- Fully interactive, with active participation in judging exercises, discussions, and practice sessions.

What this program is not:

- This is not a 4-H club or club meeting.
- It is not a program for pet rabbits. This focus is on rabbits for show, exhibition, or serious breeding, working toward the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- It is not a rabbit show or breeding program itself, though participants will learn about these topics.
- It is not a competition requiring top-quality, but the goal is learning to evaluate and judge quality.

The program is a great way for youth to develop expertise, confidence, and a deeper appreciation for rabbits as exhibition animals while gaining practical skills in judging and improving their own stock.

Rabbit Judging Practice Dates will all take place on the following Friday nights from 6:00—8:00pm at the Extension Office:

February 20th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, July 10th

County Contest will be held on July 24th for state fair team selection.

Practices will then resume after the fair on the following dates:

August 7th, August 14th, August 28th and September 4th

4-H judging programs are open to all interested youth between the ages of 8-18 years old as of January 1, 2026.





2026 Senior Ambassador Application

Are you a Senior 4-H member and interested in being more involved in the 4-H program? Do you enjoy becoming involved with community projects, helping at the fair, and setting examples in leadership and citizenship in the community? If so, you are a perfect candidate to apply for the 2026-27 Senior Ambassador Team! Applications can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/leadership-opportunities>

Applications are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 20th and interviews will be held on April 4, 2026. If you have questions, please contact Becky at the Extension Office.

4-H Camp Applications

Looking for a fun camp for your 8 to 16 year old to attend this summer! Then look no further than the Carroll County 4-H Residential Camps. Two fantastic and fun-filled camp weeks are planned this summer. Registration will open shortly as we finalize our payment options for a more family friendly way to pay for camp. All registration information will be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/camp-and-summer-programs/> When registration is officially open we will announce through social media and emails.

Week 1 Camp—June 22-25, 2026 (Ages 8-11)

Week 2 Camp—July 13-17, 2025 (Ages 10-16)

Have questions about camp? Reach out to the camp directors at cc4hcampdirectors@gmail.com



Camp Lifeguard Wanted!

Are you a lifeguard? We are looking for anyone who is a certified lifeguard that would be willing to work with the 4-H Residential Camp Program. We are looking for lifeguards for both weeks of camp from June 22-25, 2026 and July 13-17, 2026. If you're interested in learning more about our lifeguard opportunities, please reach out to cc4hcampdirectors@gmail.com

UME Volunteer Training

If you are interested in becoming a UME Volunteer, please email Becky (bridgeway@umd.edu) to start the process. She will send an email with the requirements that must be completed as part of the on-boarding process. You may register as a volunteer in 4-H Online, but until you complete all of the required trainings and background check, you are not certified to serve as an official volunteer for the 4-H program. The training can all be completely done from the comfort of your home.



Canned Food Drive Competition

THANK YOU to all of our 4-H Clubs that participated in the 4-H Ambassadors Canned Food Drive. Congratulations to Terra Rubra 4-H Club for bringing in 181 canned goods! For the second year in the row, Terra Rubra 4-H Club will have the first spot in the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Parade, right behind the Ambassador Team. In total, 12 clubs supported this service project by donating 557 canned items to support Carroll Food Sunday!

Cancellation/Deadlines for County Programs

Due to recent circumstances, the Carroll County 4-H Team needs to address a problem regarding program registrations, fee payment and cancellations.

Our staff works very hard to offer a variety of programs, workshops and activities for Carroll County 4-Hers. We aim to have the dates and themes announced with plenty of time for families to sign up and plan accordingly. We also strive to keep the programs affordable. We appreciate that prices have gone up for various programs as supply prices have drastically increased. Shipping is also taking longer than before, which moves up our registration deadlines. Because of these challenges, we order supplies for a program the day after we close registration to ensure we have plenty of supplies at the best prices.

Therefore, we cannot add participants to these events following the deadline, and we cannot make exceptions. We appreciate your understanding.

Events that do not have a deadline for registration but have a maximum capacity regularly fill up quickly, and we do keep a waiting list. We understand that you may need to cancel your child's registration, and we ask that you do so within 5 days of the event. This allows us to reach out to families on the waiting list and offer them the opportunity to participate.

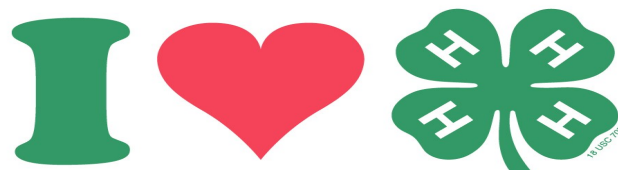
If you need to cancel after the 5-day cancellation window, **your family will be responsible for the cost of the supplies, and your family will be sent an invoice for the program.** We will also gladly set the supplies and directions aside for your child to pick up from the office and create the project at home at your convenience. Unfortunately, we have had so many unpaid invoices and last-minute cancellations that we are losing too much money to allow this to continue.

Fair Reminders

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on **February 25th at 7:30pm.**

2026 Fair Dates— July 31—August 8, 2026

Too many ribbons? Don't throw them away. If they are in **good** shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year. Ribbons should not be wrinkled, written on or missing strings. We cannot accept State Fair ribbons.



Dates to Remember

February 2	Record Books, Clover Memory Books and Diamond Clovers DUE
February 3	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 4	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 7	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 8	Veterinary Science Experience, CC Extension Office, 9am
February 9	4-H Game Day App Workshop, CC Extension Office, 1pm
February 10	Beef Workshop, CC Extension Office, 1pm
February 11	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 12	Demonstration Day Entry System Closes, 11:59pm
February 13	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 14	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 15	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
February 16	National 4-H Leadership Trip Interviews, CC Extension Office, 9am
February 17	MD 4-H State Awards Program, Maryland State Fairgrounds
February 18	CC Extension Office Closed
February 19	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 20	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 21	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 22	Rabbit Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 6pm
February 23	Demonstration Day, CC Extension Office, 9am
February 24	CC 4-H Youth Camp Training, CC Extension Office, 1pm
February 25	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 26	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 27	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 28	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7:30pm
February 29	Public Speaking Entry System Closes, 11:59pm
March 1	Clover Project Night, CC Extension Office, 1pm
March 2	Swine Workshop, CC Extension Office, 1pm
March 3	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
March 4	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
March 5	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
March 6	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
March 7	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
March 8	Fashion Fun Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
March 9	Fashion Revue Registration Due, CC Extension Office
March 10	Public Speaking Contest, CC Extension Office, 9-11am
March 11	State Horse Judging Practice, UMCP
March 12	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
March 13	Rabbit Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
March 14	Senior Ambassador Applications Due to Extension Office
March 15	MD 4-H Dairy Skillathon Contest, CC Extension Office
March 16	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
March 17	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7:30pm
March 18	Clover Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
March 19	CC 4-H Youth Camp Training, CC Extension Office, 1pm

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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers. <http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

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Y-57: Demonstrations

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Contest Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. at the Carroll County Extension Office

Menu Judging entries and Food/Nutrition Posters are due to the Carroll County Extension Office by February 6, 2026.

Contest Reminders:

- **IMPORTANT - THERE WILL BE ASSIGNED TIMES FOR DEMONSTRATIONS THIS YEAR THROUGH THE USE OF A SIGN-UP GENIUS.** All registrants will receive an email on February 6th to sign up for a presentation slot. The contest will start at 9:00 a.m., and time frames will be available throughout the morning as needed based on the expected number of participants. The registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **You will need to pre-register through the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair website (www.carrollcountyfair.com).** There will be a link to direct you to the form. You will need to create a different login from the one you used for the fair unless using the Passport feature.
- **Classes – ages as of January 1 of the current year:**
 - Clovers – ages 5-7
 - Junior – ages 8-10
 - Intermediate – ages 11-13
 - Senior – ages 14-18.

Contest Classes, Rules, and Regulations:

1. **Participants may give both an individual and a team demonstration or illustrated talk. If two are given, they must be in different classes. One team member MUST contact a superintendent to indicate who is giving the demonstration. BOTH team members must register online.**
2. There is a limit of 3 demonstrations given per person.
3. The length of a demonstration or illustrated talk should be:
 - a. Junior Division – minimum 5 minutes, maximum 8 minutes
 - b. Intermediate Division – minimum 8 minutes, maximum 10 minutes
 - c. Senior Division – minimum 10 minutes, maximum 15 minutes
4. Previous state champion demonstrators are eligible to compete in the same project area within each age division.
5. *Types of demonstrations participant can give:*
 - a. **Illustrated Talk** - Structured with an introduction, body, and summary. Instead of actually showing how to do, you explain how by use of illustrations, charts, or posters. You usually do this kind of talk in an area where you cannot actually show “how to do something” (i.e., How To Prepare A Compost Manure Bed).

b. **Formal Demonstration** - Structured with an introduction, body, and summary.

You are showing step-by-step how to do something resulting in a finished product.

6. Live animals are no longer allowed to be brought to the Extension Office as part of the demonstration or illustrated talk for classes 1008, 2008, 3008. Live animals may be used in classes 1009, 2009, 3009. Please be sure animals are properly restrained.
7. Shooting Sports demonstrations using firearms, must be left in a vehicle until time of presentation and immediately returned to vehicle at the conclusion of demonstration. Also, firearms, must be inspected by a UME Volunteer trained within the shooting sports program prior to start of demonstration.
8. You may use "PowerPoint" as part of an Illustrated Talk. **It will be your responsibility to provide a laptop computer for the presentation.** A representative from the 4-H office will assist in setting up and connecting to the projector. You **MUST contact the superintendent in advance (By February 12th)** so arrangements can be made for the presentation to be done in a room with a projector.
9. Premiums- \$10.00 per demonstration given; rosettes will be given to everyone who participates. Champion demonstrations will be awarded a medal. Club groups may participate and will be awarded a \$25 premium per demonstration.
10. **Club demonstrations must be registered for a demonstration under the club and not the name of an individual.** Please contact the superintendent if you have any questions.

The categories and classes below follow all of the rules and regulations above:

<i>Jr.</i>	<i>Int.</i>	<i>Sr.</i>	<i>Category</i>
1001	2001	3001	Automotive, Tractors, Small Engines, Bicycles
1002	2002	3002	Arts & Crafts, Photography
1003	2003	3003	Clothing, Personal Appearance
1004	2004	3004	Conservation, Entomology, Forestry, Marksmanship
1005	2005	3005	Family Life, Child Care, Safety, Health, Home Environment
1006	2006	3006	Gardening, Plan & Plant, Ag Commodities
1007	2007	3007	Handyman, Electric, Woodworking
1008	2008	3008	Livestock – Beef, Sheep, Swine, Horse/Pony, Dairy goat, Dairy Cattle, Veterinary Science
1009	2009	3009	Livestock – Rabbits, Poultry, Small Pets, Dogs
1010	2010	3010	General
1011	2011	3011	Food/Nutrition

The following categories and classes follow specific additional rules and regulations which are denoted below:

Clover Participants:

- Ages 5, 6, or 7 as of January 1, 2026
- Clovers will be evaluated and encouraged but not judged using the Danish system. All youth will receive a participation award. Premium offered for each clover's presentation is \$5.
- A special clover evaluation sheet will be given to each participant.
- No large animals are to be used in the demonstration.
- Kitchen facilities WILL NOT be available to clover demonstrators.
- Demonstrations can be a team or individual presentation.
- Class 1020 – Clovers

Horticulture Demonstrations (Senior ONLY Category)

- Demonstrators in this category can go on to the state horticulture demonstration competition in hopes of earning a national trip to represent Maryland at the National Horticulture Judging and Demonstration event.
- No individual or team will be allowed to present the same demonstration in successive years.
- There is no minimum time limit. The maximum time limit is 15 minutes. Demonstrations over this time limit will be penalized. Set-up and take-down time is not included in the 15 minutes allotted for the demonstration.
- At the end of the presentation the judges will have the right to ask questions. Questions will not be allowed from any individual other than the judge(s).
- Presentations must be a demonstration.
- Participants are responsible for bringing everything they need for their presentation. This includes extension cords, bowls, tablecloths, utensils, etc. Although every effort will be made to have a refrigerator and stove accessible, there is no guarantee.
- Open flames are **prohibited** in any portion of the demonstration

The following classes are available for entry:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Category</i>
4025	Production – Any practice that has to do with growing vegetables, fruits, nuts, flowers, ornamental plants and turf as well as those practices concerned with maintaining, replenishing, or increasing the productive capacity of the soil.
4026	Marketing – Operations in preparing vegetables, edible tree nuts, fruits, flowers, and ornamental plants for market, offering for sale to a buyer or preparing for storage and exhibiting those horticultural crops.
4027	Artistic Arrangement of Flowers and Vegetables – The use of flowers, vegetables and other horticultural crops in arrangements, corsages and plaques. Materials used may be live or dried. Weeds and native materials may be used. Artificial plants and flowers are not to be used.
4028	Landscaping – Any practice that has to do with arrangement, establishment and maintenance of flowers, ornamental plants and turf around or within the home, business or public grounds. (Demonstrations on growing landscaping materials should be entered in the production class. Cut flower arrangement should be entered in class 4027.)

Planned Nutritional Menus:

(NOTE: Menu Judging entries and Food/Nutrition Posters are due to the Carroll County Extension Office by February 6, 2026.)

- Objectives of the competition:
 - Participants are encouraged to select and plan menus for one day according to the Dietary Guidelines.
 - Participants acquire knowledge about the nutritional value, cultural and ethnic characteristics of a wide variety of foods.
 - Participants develop skills in selecting and balancing meals for one day for a variety of lifestyles to learn how lifestyles affect meal patterns.

- Participants apply nutrition information to food choices.
- Participants use nutrition labeling in selecting foods for quick meals.
- **Participants will only be allowed to exhibit 2 menu entries.**
- Menus should include the correct number of servings from each food group in the Pattern for Daily Food Choices.
- Menus should include contrast of color, texture, and flavors. Only one menu entry per class will be accepted for each 4-H member. **Menu entries will be received no later than February 6, 2026, at the Carroll County Extension Office. Judging will occur prior to Demonstration Day.**
- On the reverse side of the menu - print – name – age – complete address – class number
- On an additional page, describe for whom the menu is planned to include self or other family member, age, activity, or other information. Tell why the menu is balanced and explain how selections meet the Dietary Guidelines.
- Menus should include a description of the preparation methods and amounts of foods.
- Judging criteria includes (score sheets available at the 4-H Office): Nutrition – 30%, Variety – 30%; Meal Appeal – 10%; Moderation of sodium, fat, sugar – 10%; Food Needs of Family Member – 10%; Creativity – 10%
- Prepared menu for a day using the MyPlate Nutritional Plan. Three meals, including no snack, hand-printed or typed vertically on one 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper, mounted on construction paper – no pictures. Updated information is available from the 4-H Office.
- Class Champions will be eligible for further competition during the Maryland State Fair.
- Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

The following classes are available for entry:

<i>Jr.</i>	<i>Int.</i>	<i>Sr.</i>	<i>Menu Category/Type</i>
1035	2035	3035	Convenience Foods – One or more meal(s) -- may include pre-packaged or prepared convenience food(s); i.e., TV dinner, frozen entrée or side dish, packaged rice or macaroni product, etc. Attach label(s) from the convenience food used.
1036	2036	3036	One Meal is from a Fast –Food Restaurant – one meal is purchased from a fast-food restaurant. Attach nutritional information from the fast-food restaurant.
1037	2037	3037	One meal is a packed lunch – one meal should be written as a bagged or packed meal.
1038	2038	3038	Vegetarian Menu – three meals meeting the nutritional needs of a vegetarian (lacto-ova). You may include dairy products and/or eggs, but not meat, poultry, or fish.
1039	2039	3039	Ethnic Menu – describe the culture represented

Food and Nutrition Posters:

(NOTE: Menu Judging entries and Food/Nutrition Posters are due to the Carroll County Extension Office by February 6, 2026.)

- **Only one entry per 4-Grader is accepted.**
- Posters may be eligible for exhibition at the Maryland State Fair.
- Posters may be either horizontal or vertical. Horizontal posters are encouraged; however, avoid a square-shaped poster.
- Posters must be designed or affixed to a standard poster board with 14" x 22" dimensions.
- Posters may be designed using watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, or collage. It must not be three-dimensional.
- Well-known cartoon figures – such as Sponge Bob, The Simpsons, Scooby Doo, etc., cannot be used because they are protected by copyrights. Brand names of foods cannot be used.
- The exhibitor's name, age, address, and a brief interpretative statement should be clearly written on a piece of paper and attached to the back of each poster in the upper left-hand corner.
- Judging criteria include information given and idea expressed – 25%; art, design, and lettering – 25%; construction – 10%; and nutrition information – 40%.
- **Posters will be received no later than February 6, 2026, at the Carroll County Extension Office. Judging will occur prior to Demonstration Day.**
- All posters will be judged on the Danish System. Score sheets will be provided for the poster exhibits.
- Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given

The following classes are available for entry:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Category</i>
1045	Junior Entry
2045	Intermediate Entry
3045	Senior Entry

Food Science Displays:

- Objectives of the competition:
 - Participants will develop an appreciation of the scientific process through planning and conducting experiments in food and nutrition.
 - Participants gain experiences in reviewing, organizing, and interpreting scientific ideas in food and nutrition.
 - Participants increase their knowledge about how science is used to convert raw agricultural produce into processed food products.
 - Participants increase awareness of the relationship of biological and physical sciences to food and nutrition.
 - Participants understand the importance of food and agricultural science and technology in providing a wide array of foods in today's markets and to recognize the many career opportunities.
- No project may involve any live animals or harmful chemicals, explosives, open flames, or any other potentially dangerous materials.
- Exhibitors must work on their displays individually. Team projects are NOT allowed.
- **Youth presenting a Food-Science Display will participate in conference judging on Demonstration Day. The displays are not due ahead of time to the Carroll County Extension Office.**
- The size of the display must be a minimum of 28" W x 14" D x 22" H or a maximum of 42" H x 36" W x 17" D and sturdy enough to stand alone.
- The report may be handwritten or typed and attached to the display board. DO NOT

attach multiple pages.

- Food-Science Display scoring – Scientific thought – 35%; Originality – 25%; Thoroughness – 20%; Technical Skill – 10%; Clarity – 10%
- Class Champions will be eligible for further competition at the Maryland State Fair.
- Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

The following classes are available for entry:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Category</i>
1050	Junior Entry
2050	Intermediate Entry
3050	Senior Entry

- Parts of a Food Science Display:
 - **Title** – The title is written as a question or statement. Examples: What are the Effects of Enzymes on Fruits? OR The Effects of Enzymes on Fruits
 - **Purpose** – The purpose is a short statement of why the project was done. Example: The purpose of this project is to determine the effects of enzymes on the browning of fruit.
 - **Problem** – This tells what you want to investigate. This is usually in the form of a question. Example: Why do apples turn brown when exposed to air?
 - **Procedure** – The procedure records the step-by-step manner in which the experiment was performed. Careful thought should be given to the identification of variables and the materials used.
 - **Results** – The results present an organized view of the information collected. Charts, graphs, tables, pictures, and/or drawings should be used to explain the results to others.
 - **Conclusion** – The conclusion explains the importance of the results. You will tell what you think the data you have gathered means.
- Putting Together Your Display:
 - Your display must be a three-sided display. It will be exhibited standing so it must be able to stand by itself. Please check these suggestions and exact sizes listed previously:
 - Make your backboard from sturdy light-weight material: Heavy tag board, cardboard, or poster board are good choices for backboard materials. Put the three sections of the backboard together with hinges or strong, wide tape.
 - The title and other large letters may be cut out of construction paper and attached to the backboard. Stenciled or stick-on letters may also be used. Make sure that your title is easy to see.
 - Drawings and sketches should always be drawn in pencil first and then re-traced. It is better to draw them on separate pieces of paper, mount them on construction paper, and then attach them to the backboard. Make sure all drawings and pictures are labeled.
 - Plan to put the experiment in front of the center part of the backboard. You may use the equipment and the samples as part of the display.
- Food Science Experiment:
 - This display offers exhibitors the opportunity to use the “learning by doing” process to discover important scientific facts as well as experience the joy of exploration. It is important that the youth allow ample time to complete the experiment and build the display before the competition. Re-read the descriptions and requirements of the Food Science Display and allow ample time

to complete the project.

- Scientific approaches – Youth should follow the scientific method in conducting their experiments using inductive reasoning. Inductive reasoning bases the conclusions on the examination of data collected: i.e., the fermentation of dough is affected by the temperature. The inductive approach would take identical pieces of dough and ferment for the same period of time at different temperatures and record the differences in size of the fermented dough before coming to a conclusion.
 - The scientific method involves four steps:
 - **The Purpose/Problem** that will be answered through investigation (hypothesis, a statement that will be either proven or challenged).
 - **Procedure** – a statement of how the investigation is to be carried out. This step requires careful planning and thinking about the investigative plan of attack.
 - **Results** – information gathered during the investigation is called data. After the data are collected, they need to be tabulated or diagrammed to aid in the analysis and explanation of results.
 - **Conclusion** – challenge the hypothesis or answer the questions asked.

Club Demonstrations:

- **Must be registered for the presentation as a club and not an individual.**
- A division has been created for club groups to do a demonstration or illustrated talk.
- Clubs will choose their own topic including AT LEAST 5 or more club members participating.
- Demonstrations should range from 10-15 min in length.
- Class champions will not be chosen in this division.
- A premium of \$25.00 will be given to each club.

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**CARROLL CO. 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST -
2026**



SUPERINTENDENTS:

CONTEST: SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 – 9-11 A.M. – CARROLL CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

- Participants will need to report to the registration table in Burns Hall immediately upon arrival to check-in and wait until your assigned room is available. You will need to pre-register. Registration will occur through the Carroll County 4-H and FFA Fair website/registration system (www.carrollcountyfair.com). The online entry system will open January 5 and will close on February 27th at 11:59pm.

RULES AND REGULATIONS –

- The contest consists of the following categories: Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, Radio Spot Announcement, 4-H Pledge, Interpretations – Humorous, Poetry & Dramatic.
- Contestants will participate in appropriate age category: Clovers = ages 5 – 7 years; Juniors = ages 8 – 10 years; Intermediates = ages 11 – 13 years; Seniors = ages 14 – 18 years. Ages are determined as of January 1st of the year in which the contest is held.
- First-Year Juniors are 4-H members ages 8 – 10 years of age as of January 1 of the current year who have not participated or competed in either a county Demonstration Day or Public Speaking Contest.
- First-Year Juniors may participate in Division C (Junior) OR Division B (First-Year Junior); BUT NOT BOTH.
- Time limits: **Judges may deduct points for speeches not meeting or exceeding time limits.**
Prepared Speeches – Clovers = 2 to 4 minutes; Juniors = 3 to 5 minutes; Intermediates and Seniors = 4 to 6 minutes
Extemporaneous Speeches – Juniors and Intermediates = 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors – 3 to 5 minutes
Radio Spot Announcements - 30 seconds for all age groups
Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation – Clovers, Juniors, and Intermediates = 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors = 3 to 5 minutes
- Visual aids, including posters, are not permitted. Appropriate gestures are encouraged. Dramatic Interpretation contestants may opt to sit for their presentation.

Prepared Speech

- Prepared Speech** contestants may speak on any topic. It may be wise to discuss topics that could be considered as controversial with your 4-H or Extension Educator before the contest. The speech may be written for a specific audience such as a 4-H club, PTA, or a community-service organization. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted. Only Juniors and Clovers may use a complete script.

- Memorization is not encouraged; however, speaking from an outline is encouraged.

Extemporaneous Speech

- Extemporaneous Speech** contestants will draw three topics on the day of the contest. They will choose one topic to speak on. Juniors and Intermediates may have up to 30 minutes and Seniors may have up to 15 minutes to prepare their talk. Contestants may use one side of up to four or both sides of up to two 4" x 6" note cards to write their key word outline. No speech should be fully written on the cards.

Radio Spots

- Radio Spots** should be exactly 30 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but **MAY NOT INCLUDE** a spoken introduction or "tag" by anyone other than the contestant. If music or a sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device.

The contestant **MUST** provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound-effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 30-second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to 4-H, be original and be created by the contestant. With the speaker's permission, spots may be considered for promotional purposes.

- Speakers may speak or interpret in a language of their choice. If using a language other than English, the participant must inform the Extension Office before the event so that judges may be acquired.

Interpretations

- Dramatic** – the memorized oral interpretation by an individual or a serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. The speaker shall memorize this oral interpretation. It shall be a serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. Monologues are acceptable. Mime (use of your body to create an interpretation) is also acceptable. Cuttings may incorporate characters, but monologues are acceptable. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the

script they will be using including reference.
Language other than English must be translated.

13. **Poetry** – the memorized oral interpretation by the speaker. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.
14. **Humorous** – the memorized oral interpretation of a humorous selection by the speaker. Cuttings may be taken from published plays or prose. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.
15. Speakers in the Interpretation Classes (Dramatic, Poetry and Humorous) can speak or interpret in language of their choice. If using a language other than English, the participant must inform the Extension Office before the event so that judges may be acquired.

4-H Pledge

16. **4-H Pledge class** is a non-competitive recitation of the 4-H Pledge. Participants will be evaluated as described on the score sheet. Judges may ask questions regarding the meaning of the Pledge and its significance to the participant.

Additional General Rules

17. Judges may ask questions of contestants in the Pledge, Prepared Speech, and Extemporaneous Speech, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation categories related to the presentation's topic. Due to time constraints, questioning should be limited to two or three minutes per speaker. Questions will not be asked in the Radio-Spot category.
18. At the State Contests, a contestant may only compete in one category. If a contestant wins more than one category at the County Contest, they must choose which category in which to compete at the State Contest. Only one Champion from the 3 Interpretive Presentations will go on to compete at the State Contest. Clover and Pledge classes will compete in Carroll County only.
19. The names of two ranked champions and two ranked alternates in each age group of each category will be selected to form a pool for possible representation at the State Contest. The highest ranked individual will represent Carroll County at the State Contest.
20. State Champions may not enter the same category and age group a second time. Previous year's local champion speeches may not be repeated.
21. Coaching during speech by family, friends, or others is not permitted.

22. All participants will be evaluated on the Danish System. Recognition and awards will occur at the conclusion of the contest. Premiums will be included with the premiums from the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. The following premiums are offered for Junior, Intermediate and Senior participants: Champion Award - \$4; Blue Award - \$3.50; Red Award - \$3; White Award - \$2.50; Clover and 1st Year Junior participants will receive \$1.

23. **The Contest will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be no assigned times for speeches. Report to the registration desk in Burns Hall no later than 10:30 a.m. to sign up for your room. You will need to pre-register. Registration forms will be available on the Carroll County Fair website. There will be a link to direct you to the form. You will need to create a different login from the one you used for the fair.**

Remember to allow preparation time for your extemporaneous speech (15 minutes for seniors, 30 minutes for juniors and intermediates).

CLASSES – Clover (ages 5 – 7)

- 101 Prepared Speech
- 102 4-H Pledge
- 105 Dramatic Interpretation
- 106 Poetry Interpretation
- 107 Humorous Interpretation

CLASSES – 1st Year Juniors (ages 8 – 10) [No previous participation in County Demonstration or Public Speaking Contests.]

- 202 4-H Pledge
- 205 Dramatic Interpretation
- 206 Poetry Interpretation
- 207 Humorous Interpretation

CLASSES – Junior (ages 8 – 10)

- 1001 Prepared Speech
- 1003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 1004 Radio Spot
- 1005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 1006 Poetry Interpretation
- 1007 Humorous Interpretation

CLASSES – Intermediate (ages 11 – 13)

- 2001 Prepared Speech
- 2003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 2004 Radio Spot
- 2005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 2006 Poetry Interpretation
- 2007 Humorous Interpretation

CLASSES – Senior (ages 14 – 18)

- 3001 Prepared Speech
- 3003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 3004 Radio Spot
- 3005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 3006 Poetry Interpretation
- 3007 Humorous Interpretation

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It's that time again to recognize the achievements of our members and volunteers! Each year at our Achievement Night Program, special Carroll County awards are presented to outstanding 4-H'ers and Volunteers. It is important to have leader input for the award nominations as you know your members and fellow volunteers best. Often times, a well-deserving 4-H'er is overlooked simply because they weren't nominated.

In order to nominate someone for an award, you should complete a Special Awards Nomination Form. Please return the form by February 27, 2026 to the Carroll County Extension Office or email to bridgewa@umd.edu.



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

This is a 4-H volunteer who has served for 1 to 12 months as of January 1, 2025, benefiting the entire program and not just the local club. This leader implements a worthwhile scope of programs in club projects, community service, county/state activities, record books and workshops. This leader makes time to attend meetings and other 4-H activities (local and county). The leader encourages youth to participate in the overall 4-H program, is cooperative, congenial and considerate in working with 4-H'ers, leaders, parents and Extension staff. [Volunteers should be considered for their accomplishments between January 2025 and December 2025.]

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This is a 4-H volunteer who has served a minimum of three years as of January 1, 2025, benefiting the entire 4-H program (local, county, state). Same criteria as "Rookie of the Year". [Volunteers should be considered for their accomplishments between January 2025 and December 2025.]

UNsung VOLUNTEER

This volunteer is dependable and responsible, yet is not often in the spotlight. Participates in local, county, and state competitive and non-competitive educational activities.

HEALTH AWARD

This volunteer works efficiently with a conscious, energetic effort; practices safety, good nutrition and participates in fitness activities; is involved in the community, making life better for others such as helping with therapeutic riding, visiting nursing homes, and other community service areas.

I DARE YOU VOLUNTEER

This volunteer dares 4-H'ers to head somewhere with an inner urge for leadership, shares talents, knowledge, and encourages the use of safety practices. The volunteer supports active participation of members and parents in the local, county, and state 4-H program. This volunteer has done a lot for 4-H, but is being dared by 4-H'ers to go a step further "to make the best better".

HEAD AWARD

This volunteer is creative, plans local and county workshops, activities, and events, thinks clearly, uses good judgement, and brings new interests into 4-H programs.

HANDS AWARD

This volunteer is most helpful and supportive to the overall 4-H program, is skillful and trained to do the practical things well, and supports the motto "Learning To Do By Doing" by their own actions.

HEART AWARD

This volunteer gives time willingly and is devoted to the 4-H program, is understanding, patient, responsible, loyal, and hospitable to 4-H'ers, parents, and the community.

CARROLL COUNTY 4-H FAMILY

This family (at least 2 people) is involved in 4-H, not only on the local club level, but also finds the opportunity to become involved with 4-H activities on the county, state, regional or national level. This family will gain for themselves, but also share so that others may grow through their leadership. (Please include specific examples of involvement for your nominated family.)

Carroll County 4-H Volunteer Award Nominations

For each nominee, please attach a 50-100 word summary on a separate piece of paper describing the volunteer's accomplishments and contributions to the 4-H program. The nominations should be returned to the Carroll County Extension Office at 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157 or emailed to Becky Ridgeway at bridgewa@umd.edu. Please return all nominations by February 27, 2025. Thank you for your participation.

Rookie of the Year

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Volunteer of the Year

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Unsung Volunteer

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Health Award

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

I Dare You Volunteer

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Head Award

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Hands Award

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Heart Award

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Carroll County 4-H Family

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

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Carroll County 4-H Achievement Program Member Nominations



Recognizing Youth for their Achievements for the 2025 4-H Enrollment Year

For each nomination, please attach a 50-100 word summary on a separate piece of paper describing the member's accomplishments and why he/she should be considered for that award. The nominations should be returned to the Carroll County Extension Office at 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157 or emailed to Becky Ridgeway at bridgewa@umd.edu. Please return all nominations by February 27, 2026. Thank you for your participation.

Outstanding 1st Year 4-H'ers (Ages 8 – 18; Please do not include Clover Age Youth)

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Junior Awards

Juniors Up and Coming (Ages 8, 9 and 10)

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Juniors Growing and Going (Ages 11, 12 and 13)

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Outstanding Juniors

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Senior Awards (Youth Ages 14 – 18)

All Star Leadership

Nominees take opportunities to work with youth, peers and adults in leadership roles; actively participating in program planning, development, and implementation; strives “to make the best better” for club, community and country.

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Service

Nominees give a full measure of talent, skills, time and energy back to the 4-H program.

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Citizenship

Nominees exhibits respect for and responsiveness to needs, rights and responsibilities of others in club, community and country.

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

I'll Be Glad To

Nominees are always willing to accept a job, can be counted on to see the job to the finish and does the job well.

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Unsung 4-H'er

Nominees are dependable and responsible, yet not always in the limelight; nominee has not previously received deserved recognition.

Nominee: _____ Club: _____

Nominee: _____ Club: _____



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DEPARTMENT – Y-57 – Fashion Revue

Carroll County Extension Office

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Judging will take place between 3-5pm for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors

(Clovers do not have to attend judging)

All participants including clovers, must arrive by 6:30pm for show

Fashion Revue – 7pm

Superintendent: Breanne Hitch- 443-536-6388

Rachel Wells – 443-605-4936

Jamie Lynne Hester – 443-375-7082

Fashion Revue entries are due by Friday, March 13, 2026 unless specified otherwise within department rules.

Judging – March 28, 2026 – Judging will take place from 1-5pm (excluding Clovers) at the St Mary's UCC (1441 Mayberry Rd Westminster, MD 21158). A SignUp Genius will be emailed to participants for judging time. All participants need to return by 6:30pm for Fashion Show to take place at 7pm. Judging and fashion show will be held at St. Mary's UCC.

Mini Fashion Revue – Monday, August 3, 2026, time to be determined. Entries must be completed on line at www.carrollcountyfair.com.

RULES AND REGULATIONS –

1. Junior contestants (ages 8 to 10) may model only one outfit. Intermediate members (ages 11 to 13) may model two outfits – one from Constructed and one from Ready to Wear. Senior members (ages 14 to 18) may model two outfits, but no more than one outfit per class.

2. Participants must participate in both the Preliminary and On-Stage Judging portions of the event.

3. Senior champions will represent Carroll County at the Maryland State Fair. Intermediates and Juniors can model only at the Maryland State Fair. 4-H members are responsible to registering themselves into the Maryland State Contest by July 15th at www.marylandstatefair.com

4. Each participant will need to arrive between 3-5pm on June 10th for modeling/interviewing with the judges. Times will not be assigned and it's the responsibility of the participant to arrive during the judging time listed above.

5. All classes except Ready to Wear are constructed by the 4-Her using a sewing machine, hand stitching, weaving, knitting or crocheting. These garments are completed as part of the Sewing/Textiles unit. As in the past, the entire outfit does not have to be home constructed,

unless described as a requirement for the class. Construction is judged only as it affects the appearance of the outfit on the model.

6. Ready to Wear classes are garments constructed by a manufacturer. No home-constructed items may be entered in these classes. Garments do not have to be purchased new and can be altered. You are encouraged to follow class descriptions as you select the appropriate class for your entry.

7. Accessories do not need to be made by the contestant, but will be taken into consideration in judging the overall presentation of the outfit. Accessories must be easily worn or carried. No live animals or people as accessories.

8. No one will be permitted on stage or in the judging room area unless pre-entered in the County Fashion Revue event.

9. Age divisions are determined as of January 1 of the current year; Division A—Clover (5-7 years old) Division C—Intermediate (11-13 years old) Division B—Junior (8-10 years old) Division D—Senior (14-18 years old)

10. Two top 13 year olds will be selected by the judges to participate in the State Fashion Revue as an educational opportunity. They will model on stage at State Fashion Revue but will not compete for awards. Thirteen year olds participating at the Maryland State Fair will be identified the evening of the Carroll County 4-H Fashion Revue and is then the responsibility of the 4-H member to enter the state event by July 15th at www.marylandstatefair.com.

11. Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in all classes in Senior Division only.

12. Intermediate and Junior participants will be judged on the Danish system.

13. There will be a Clover division during the County Fashion Revue. Clovers may model a purchased outfit, a handmade outfit, an item handed down, or a decorated outfit. Basically, a clover member may model anything they choose as long as it is appropriate for their age division. Clovers will also be able to participate in Mini Fashion Revue at County Fair. Clover-age participants in both Fashion Revue and Mini Fashion Revue will receive a participation award.

14. Any 4-H youth in a sewing/textiles or fashion revue project may participate in State Mini Fashion Revue and Mannequin Modeling by pre-entering on the State Fair form.

15. Premiums –Junior/Intermediate/Senior - \$4.00 per outfit; Clovers - \$1.00; Fashion Revue Narrator - \$3.00

Section 001 – Clover Fashion Revue
Class 101 Clover Fashion Revue

Section 002 – Constructed Wear

Classes –

Jr. (8-10)	Int. (11-13)	Sr. (14-18)	
1011	2011	3011	Sportswear/ Lounge Wear/Casual Wear (Outfits include jogging outfits, beach wear, tennis wear, riding habits, ski outfits, skating, or other sports outfits. Loungewear includes sleepwear. Casual Wear includes sundresses, skirts, etc.)
1012	2012	3012	Costumes (costumes which are historic, ethnic, or created for theatrical or special events)
1013	2013	3013	Creative Choice (Outfits knitted, crocheted, or made from fabric that member has tie-dyed, batiked, hand painted, appliquéd or created by similar methods.)
1014	2014	3014	Formal Wear (outfit suitable for evening or semi-formal events, including men's wear, long or short dress or skirt)
1015	2015	3015	Separates (Outfit of at least two coordinated garments which must be modeled together. For example: skirt, blouse and vest; pants, shirt, jacket)
1016	2016	3016	Outer Wear (Pull-over jackets, short and long coats, rain wear, capes, blazers, and other garments to be worn outdoors but not specifically designed for a particular sport.)
1017	2017	3017	Business/Professional (Outfits appropriate for job interviews or professional settings.)
1021	2021	3021	Sports Wear/Lounge Wear/Casual Wear (Outfits like jogging outfits, beach wear, tennis wear, riding habits, ski outfits, skating, or other sports outfits. Loungewear includes sleepwear.)
1022	2022	3022	Costumes (Costumes which are historic, ethnic or created for theatrical or special events.)
1023	2023	3023	Creative Choice (Outfits knitted, crocheted or made from fabric that member has tie-dyed, batiked, hand painted, appliquéd or created by similar methods.)

1024	2024	3024	Formal Wear (Outfit suitable for evening or semi-formal events, including men's wear, long or short dress or skirt.)
1025	2025	3025	Separates (Outfit of at least three coordinated garments which must be modeled together. For example: skirt, blouse and vest; pants, shirt, jacket)
1026	2026	3026	Outer Wear (Pull-over jackets, short and long coats, rain wear, capes, blazer, and other garments to be worn outdoors but not specifically designed for a particular sport.)
1027	2027	3027	Business/Professional (Outfits appropriate for job interviews or professional settings.)

Section 004 – Fashion Revue Narrator

Class 4031 Fashion Revue Narrator: If you are interested in narrating please contact the office at 410-386-2760 to have your name placed on the narrator list.

Section 005 – Fashion Revue Special Awards

Class 1041 Best Accessorized Junior
Class 2041 Best Accessorized Intermediate
Class 3041 Best Accessorized Senior
Class 1043 Best Model Junior
Class 2043 Best Model Intermediate
Class 3043 Best Model Senior
Class 2045 Top 13 Year Old
Class 3045 Champion & Reserve Champion Constructed Sports/Lounge/Casual Senior
Class 3047 Champion & Reserve Champion Constructed Costumes Senior
Class 3049 Champion & Reserve Champion Constructed Creative Choice Senior
Class 3051 Champion & Reserve Champion Constructed Formal Wear Senior
Class 3053 Champion & Reserve Champion Constructed Separates Senior
Class 3055 Champion & Reserve Champion Constructed Outer Wear Senior
Class 3057 Champion & Reserve Champion Constructed Business/Professional Senior
Class 3059 Champion & Reserve Champion Ready to Wear Sports/Lounge/Casual Senior
Class 3061 Champion & Reserve Champion Ready to Wear Costumes Senior
Class 3063 Champion & Reserve Champion Ready to Wear Creative Choice Senior
Class 3065 Champion & Reserve Champion Ready to Wear Formal Wear Senior
Class 3067 Champion & Reserve Champion Ready to Wear Separates Senior
Class 3069 Champion & Reserve Champion Ready to Wear Outer Wear Senior
Class 3071 Champion & Reserve Champion Ready to Wear Business/Professional Senior

Carroll County 4-H FASHION REVUE CLASSES:

Classes are as follows:

A. GARMENT MADE AND MODELED BY 4-H MEMBER

1. **Sports Wear/Lounge Wear**- Outfits include jogging outfits, beach wear, tennis wear, riding habits, ski outfits, skating, or other sports outfits. Lounge wear includes appropriate sleep wear.
2. **Costumes** - Costumes which are historic, ethnic, or created for theatrical or special events.
3. **Creative Choice** - Outfits which are knitted, crocheted, or made from fabric that the member has tie-dyed, batiked, handpainted, appliquéd or created by similar methods.
4. **Re-design** – Outfits created by re-constructing or re-utilizing an existing garment.
5. **Formal Wear** - Outfit suitable for evening or semi-formal events, including men's wear, long or short dress, skirt or evening pants.
6. **Business/Professional** – Outfits appropriate for job interviews or professional settings.
7. **Outer Wear** - Pull-over jackets, short and long coats, rain wear, capes, blazers, and other garments to be worn outdoors but not specifically designed for a particular sport.
8. **Dresses** – could include a sundress or other non-formal dress.
9. **Separates** – Jacket, vest, slacks, skirt, blouse, shorts an outfit appropriate for school or casual affair. (2 or more pieces.)

B. READY-TO-WEAR FASHION MODELED BY 4-H MEMBER

10. **Sports Wear/Lounge Wear** - Outfits include jogging outfits, beach wear, tennis wear, riding habits, ski outfits, skating, or other sports outfits. Lounge wear includes appropriate sleep wear.
11. **Costumes** - Costumes which are historic, ethnic, or created for theatrical or special events.
12. **Formal Wear** - Outfit suitable for evening or semi-formal events, including men's wear, long or short dress, skirt or evening pants.
13. **Business/Professional** – Outfits appropriate for job interviews or professional settings.
14. **Outer Wear** - Pull-over jackets, short and long coats, rain wear, capes, blazers, and other garments to be worn outdoors but not specifically designed for a particular sport.
15. **Dresses** – could include a sundress or other non-formal dress.
16. **Separates** - Jacket, vest, slacks, skirt, blouse, shorts - an outfit appropriate for school or casual affair. (2 or more pieces.)

C. JUNIORS (8-10 YEARS OLD) MAY MODEL ONLY ONE OUTFIT

FASHION REVUE PARTICIPANT DATA FORM **DEADLINE: March 13, 2026** Return this form to the CC Extension Office, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157

Carroll County 4-H FASHION REVUE PARTICIPANT DATA FORM

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

1. All participants must be enrolled in 4-H and currently enrolled in a clothing or fashion revue project.



Constructed Garments:

- Class 1** Sports Wear/Lounge Wear
- Class 2** Costumes
- Class 3** Creative Choice
- Class 4** Re-design
- Class 5** Formal Wear
- Class 6** Business/Professional
- Class 7** Outer Wear
- Class 8** Dresses
- Class 9** Separates

Ready-to-Wear Outfits

- Class 10** Sports Wear/Lounge Wear
- Class 11** Costumes
- Class 12** Formal Wear
- Class 13** Business Professional
- Class 14** Outer Wear
- Class 15** Dresses
- Class 16** Separates
- Class 17** Clovers

Fashion Revue

Name:

Email:

Full Mailing Address:

Phone:

4-H Unit (County/City):

Years in 4-H:

Years in Clothing Project:

Age (as of Jan. 1):

Grade in School (as of Jan. 1): School attending now:

Constructed Garments

Please check the Class in which you are entering:

- ☐ 1. Sports Wear/Lounge Wear
- ☐ 2. Costume
- ☐ 3. Creative Choice
- ☐ 4. Re-design
- ☐ 5. Formal Wear
- ☐ 6. Business Professional
- ☐ 7. Outer Wear
- ☐ 8. Dresses
- ☐ 9. Separates

Ready-to-Wear

- ☐ 10. RTW Sports Wear/Lounge Wear
- ☐ 11. RTW Costume
- ☐ 12. RTW Formal Wear
- ☐ 13. RTW Business Professional
- ☐ 14. RTW Outer Wear
- ☐ 15. RTW Dresses
- ☐ 16. RTW Separates
- ☐ 17. Clovers

Fashion Revue

Name:

County/City:

NARRATION: Write a three-minute script limited to one side of an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper, double spaced, 250 WORD MAXIMUM (we reserve the right to edit narrations as needed). Please attach your narration. Remember that it's much easier to model your garment on stage **while** the narrator has interesting things to say!!! Do a good job of describing your garment and your work creating the garment. You may also add what clubs you are enrolled in and the 4-H projects you carry. For example, "Sally made a red dress with white polka dots" we can see that, it should say, "Sally chose this fabric because she loves the color" the narration tells us about the person, what they learned, and what they do in and outside of 4-H. This will be read during the CC 4-H Fashion Show. (You may submit the script used in your county/city Fashion Revue electronically.) You may send with this form or email to: Jennie Chamelin at jchameli@umd.edu. **Due March 13, 2026.**

Photograph Attach a COLOR full-length photograph of you wearing the outfit and accessories you will model at Fashion Revue. The photo must be at least 3" x 5" in size and no larger than 5" x 7".

Special Note:

All Constructed Participants please submit a fabric swatch instead of photo.

Re-design Participants must attach a **BEFORE** and an **AFTER** photo of their outfit.

Attach photo/Fabric Swatch here using a glue stick or tape. Please do not staple photo. Make sure your name and county/city are printed on the back of the photo. **Photos and Fabric Swatch will not be returned.**



Fashion Revue

Name:

County/City:

THIS SECTION FOR READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS ONLY:

Where was the outfit purchased?

How will the outfit be used?

COST OF OUTFIT *

COST OF ACCESSORIES

Shoes \$

Jewelry \$

Other \$

FINAL COST OF OUTFIT and Accessories: \$

Fiber Content:

Care:

What new skills did you learn in buying, planning and accessorizing this outfit?

What new skills did you learn in buying, planning, altering, constructing and accessorizing this outfit?



January 17, 2026

Dear Carroll County 4-H & FFA Beef Exhibitors:

We are excited to announce that we will be holding the Carroll County 4-H Beef Classic on **Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Carroll County Ag Center in the TRP Barn**. We hope to see many of you come out to the show! As a reminder, if you are a junior or novice exhibitor you must attend at least 1 livestock workshop for a species you are showing to meet the requirement for the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Livestock Sale. Participating in the 4-H Beef Classic would count as a livestock workshop. If you cannot attend the field day, please note that the Beef Workshop will be held on Sunday, February 8th at 1pm at the Extension Office.

Please read the important information below concerning Beef Field Day.

- You must be enrolled in the Carroll County 4-H Program or a Carroll County FFA Chapter to be eligible to participate in the Carroll 4-H Beef Classic.
- This will be a primarily show off trailer event. Limited stalls will be set up but are being held for our novice and junior members. Please make sure to check the box on the entry form if you are a new family and would like to stall inside of the barn.
- For 2026 we will be limiting each member to showing 2 animals in total at the 4-H Beef Classic.
- Please be sure to list 4-H tag number on the entry form for each steer, commercial heifer or market heifer you are entering. Make sure to include all information on purebred heifers (registration number, birth date, etc.).
- We will follow all Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Beef and Dairy Steer Department Rules for the show. Classes will be the same as listed in the beef department rules, with the exception of Dairy/Dairy Cross steers as they will all show together in 1 dairy steer show. Breeds for all shows will be broken based on numbers the day of the show.
- There will be no wash racks open for the field day. Plan to have your animals clipped and washed before arriving.
- There will be a \$15.00 entry fee per child for the Carroll 4-H Beef Field Day. This is to offset the cost of the judge, awards and other expenses. Please make checks payable to **Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair** and write in the memo line: **4-H Beef Classic**.
- **ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1, 2026.** Late entries will be accepted, but their will be an additional late entry you will need to pay \$10.00 per head to enter in addition to the \$15.00 per child fee.
- Please remember the guidelines concerning health papers. You must have your health papers for Beef Field Day & they will be checked. Please remember CVI/Health Forms are only good for 60 days. Please be sure to read the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) guidelines regarding RFID tag requirements for cattle in 2026. You will also need to bring your health papers for your cattle. Please be sure to look at your animals and fill out the back of the health papers (self-certification) & sign them before you come to the show.

- Please do not bring any animals with ringworm or warts.
- Heifers - Commercial heifers, meaning they cannot be registered with a breed association the heifer must be tagged with a green 4-H ear tag. For heifers that can be registered, they must be tattooed & you must bring their registration papers. The tattoos need to be clean, clear, & legible.
- Remember all steers have to be registered & tattooed in order to show in the purebred divisions, otherwise they will be shown with the crossbreds. Bring your steer registration papers to the scales for them to be checked. Additionally, make sure your purebred animals are tattooed, and the ear has been cleaned so the tattoo can be read.
- This is a **NO FIT SHOW** like at the fair so you will not need any fitting supplies! Animals are to be washed and dried only.
- You **MUST** take your bedding home after the show, please bring a wheelbarrow. We do not have a way of disposing of any bedding or waste after the show.
- **If showing off your trailer – you MUST clean up your area prior to leaving. You are responsible for any electricity you may need. Generators are allowed at trailers.**
- There will be other activities going on at the fairgrounds that day, so please remember to be respectful of others. Park in the designated areas.
- After the show, please remember to make sure to clean up all areas and all help is appreciated to clean up the barn/show ring.
- Any additional information about the Beef Field Day will be emailed to families closer to the event.

If you have any questions about the Carroll 4-H Beef Field Day, please contact:

Becky Ridgeway - 410-386-2760
4-H Educator

Melissa Harrison – 301-639-3495
Beef Superintendent

Dave Zepp – 443-277-2312
Beef Superintendent



ENTRY FORM
4-H Beef Classic
April 11, 2026
Carroll County Ag Center

ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY BLANK

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair

Memo Line – 4-H Beef Field Day

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per child

TO BE RETURNED BY April 1, 2026

**LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNTIL APRIL 8, 2026 - \$10.00 PER
HEAD IN ADDITION TO ENTRY FEE PER CHILD!**

Circle One	Animal's Name	4-H Tag No.	Breed	Sex	Birth Date	Heifer Registration # and Tattoo #
Beef Steer Beef Heifer						
Dairy Steer Mkt Heifer						
Dairy Cross Steer						
Beef Steer Beef Heifer						
Dairy Steer Mkt Heifer						
Dairy Cross Steer						

2 total animals can be shown at the 2026 Beef Field Day

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

4-H Age (as of January 1, 2026) _____

Email address: _____

☐ Check if this is your First Year with a Beef Project

☐ Check box if you would like to stall in the barn
(Novice and Junior Exhibitors ONLY)

RETURN ENTRIES TO:
Carroll County Extension Office
Attention: 4-H Beef Field Day
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157



**CARROLL COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
MR. AND MS. 4-H AND 4-H AMBASSADORS**

Application Due: No later than **Friday, March 20, 2026**
Deliver or Mail to: Carroll Co. Extension Office (4-H)
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster MD 21157
Interviews: **Saturday, April 4, 2026**

Dear 4-H Members,

If you are between the ages of 14 and 18 and would like to apply to be a Carroll County 4-H Ambassador, please submit the following items to the Extension Office **no later than Friday, March 20, 2026**.

Application Process Requirements:

- Completed application page (with photo), responses to application questions, and 4-H resume.
- Two (2) letters of reference attached to application. Letters should support your consideration as Mr./Ms. 4-H/Ambassador. Please obtain one letter from a 4-H adult, and one letter from a non-4-H adult. Letters may be from leaders, club officers, teachers, coaches, etc. No references from relatives will be accepted (even if they are your club leader).
- Reference letters must be submitted with your application packet.
- **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION PACKET BY 3/20/26.**
- Application packets not completed and received by **March 20, 2026**, will not be considered.

Interview will take place Saturday, April 4, 2026:

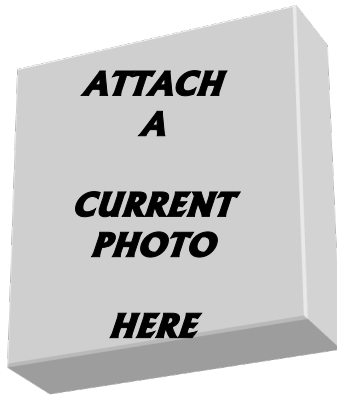
- A supplemental piece will be submitted in place of a presentation. You are asked to use your creativity to submit 1 item that showcases more about you. This can be anything that you would like to share with the judges and why this “piece” is important to you. This could be a project you have made, an award you won, pictures of your 4-H experience. Anything that showcases you. Only submit your written story as to why this piece is important to you with your application. **At your interview on April 4th, bring your item that showcases to you to present to the judges.** Your written story shouldn't be more than 2 pages double-spaced.
- Be prepared to answer questions related to: Your 4-H experience, leadership perspective, and aspirations for 4-H and the Ambassador team.

If you have any questions about the Ambassador Program or about anything pertaining to the application and/or interview process, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-386-2760 or via email at bridgewa@umd.edu.



DUE TO: Carroll County 4-H
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157

Application Due: March 21, 2026



Interviews will be Saturday, April 4, 2026. A SignUp Genius will be sent to sign up for your interview.

CARROLL COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

[For promotional purposes, please attach a current photo -- forms without photos will not be accepted!!!!]

Full name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

4-H Club(s) _____

Years of Club Work Completed: _____ Projects Carried: _____

Shirt size: _____

Do you want to be considered for Mr/Miss/Mx 4-H: Yes _____ No _____

If selected, which title would you like for your sash: Mr _____ Miss _____ Mx _____

School Level

• Name of high school: _____ Year of Graduation: _____
___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

• Name of college/Trade School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____
___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

I hereby give permission for the Carroll County 4-H Youth Development Program to use my name, photo, and above information for educational and promotional purposes without compensation.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____



CARROLL COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

MR. AND MS. 4-H AND 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION Questions

Please Complete Questions Below (please feel free to write your answers below or add additional papers).

1. 4-H emphasizes that youth “learn by doing” to make their best better. Describe the ways that you push yourself to learn more and engage in project work.
2. Which of the H’s (heard, heart, hands, or health) do you feel you embody the most through your 4-H activities and project work?
3. Give an example of how you have worked with another 4-H member and the impact that experience has had on you?
4. How have you supported the Carroll County 4-H Program through taking on or participating in leadership opportunities?
5. Being a member of the Ambassador Team comes with the responsibility of meeting at least once a month, participating in community activities, and other opportunities as they present themselves. What would the honor of being named a Carroll County 4-H Ambassador mean to you?