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## \$4 for 4-H

Join us for the Maryland \$4 for 4-H Annual Fundraising campaign sponsored by the Maryland 4-H Foundation on April 28th!

This campaign is the largest fundraiser we participate in to raise funds to support the Carroll County 4-H Program. Of every donation made in the name of Carroll County 4-H, we receive 50% of those funds. It is a wonderful opportunity to link arms with other counties across the state to support the Maryland 4-H Foundation, all while supporting our own program here in the County.

In 2025, the Carroll County 4-H Program received \$3,476.44 (\$6,952.88 raised in total) from 164 generous donors, which was the highest number of donations that any other county/city received! We have a goal to break that record this year! And we need you to make that happen! Every \$4 donation can help, and numbers add up quickly. The funds raised help us provide county wide programming for our 4-H members throughout the year.

Watch the Carroll County Extension Facebook page as we get closer to April 28th! We will be highlighting the impact the 4-H program has had on members and alumni.

Mark your calendars for April 28th or you can donate NOW! Donations can be made at <https://go.umd.edu/MD4for4-H>

Here are some tips on how you can help share the \$4 for 4-H fundraiser:

1. Share the Carroll County Extension Office Facebook post on your personal or business social media pages.
2. Challenge your friends to donate by tagging them. Everyone loves a good challenge!
3. Share your 4-H Alumni story along with the donation link.
4. Text/email your friends asking them to support \$4 for 4-H.

**Help us attain our goal of reaching 200 donors in 2026! We know we can smash last year's 164 donors to reach 200 in 2026! Every \$4 donation (or more!) counts and makes an impact for Carroll County 4-Hers!**



**Donate Here!**

# Achievement Program

ALL Carroll County 4-H Families and Supporters are welcome to attend the **2026 Achievement Program “Celebrating a Night of 4-H Excellence”** on **Tuesday, April 14th** at the **Carroll County Ag Center**. The **program will start at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm)**. We will once again have Glamourview Creamery joining us that evening and they will be open before the program if families would like to grab dinner. Everyone will receive a free ice cream coupon when you check in at our registration table this year. We are also encouraging everyone to embrace the theme for the evening and wear **PURPLE** or **GOLD!**

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](mailto:jchameli@umd.edu) by April 3, 2026.**

Scan the QR Code to RSVP for the  
2026 4-H Achievement Program!



## 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.





## 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 at 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 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.

Workshop is FULL. Email Jennie (jchameli@umd.edu) to be added to the waitlist.



## 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.

Workshop is FULL. Email Jennie (jchameli@umd.edu) to be added to the waitlist.

## Garden Workshop

It's growing season! Are you new to gardening and interested in learning where to start? Are you a seasoned gardener and want to try new things this year? Come to the 2026 Garden Workshop on **Saturday, May 2nd at 9 A.M.** and learn about entering into the onsite garden and garden departments where judges come out and judge your garden in person. There will be some fun projects and activities that include creating an herb planter to enter into the fair and learning about plant supports and how to keep your plants healthy and strong. We'll also learn about feeding your plants naturally with things like herbal teas and coffee grounds. You'll make special vitamin tea to take home to feed your tomatoes and herbs. You'll also take home a vegetable plant to add to your garden. Come spend a fun morning getting your garden project growing.

The workshop will be held at Laney Acres Farms (14865 Oak Orchard Rd.; New Windsor, MD 21176). There is a \$10 fee for the workshop. Checks can be made payable to the CCEAB or you can use the payment link found in the registration confirmation link (additional charges will apply).

Registration can be completed at:

<https://forms.gle/tFCe8g7s6sHnZ9xw9>



# Welding Workshop

Welding Workshops are back! Let's fire up the fun and build something amazing! We are teaming up again with the Career and Technology Center to offer two exciting evenings with hands-on welding.

**Friday, April 24th—Beginners Workshop**—This is for 4-H aged members (8 as of January 1st and older) to learn basics of welding and all participants will make the same project.

**Friday, May 8th—Advanced Workshop** - This workshop is for 4-H members who have already taken the beginners welding workshop. You will be able to choose your project to work on for this workshop with Mr. Schweinsberg's approval. More information will be emailed on the approval process.

**Both workshops will run from 4pm-8pm at the Career and Technology Center.**

There is a **\$35 cost for the workshop to be paid at the door (cash only).**

Each workshop is limited to 13 youth at this time to ensure there are enough volunteers. You will be notified by the Extension Office if you are in the workshop or on a waiting list. We anticipate these workshops will fill quickly! Register for the welding workshop at: [4-H Welding Workshop Registration](#)

## New 4-H Family Workshop

Is your family new to the 4-H Family? Maybe your family has been involved for a few years, but is still learning about the program. As a parent, you might just have some questions and want to attend. All families are welcome to attend. We will cover the basics of the 4-H program, along with information about the fair. This would be a great opportunity to attend if you are wanting to learn more about how to complete your fair entries to what fair week looks like. **Program will be held on Monday, May 18th at 7pm at the Carroll County Extension Office.**

This program is geared towards adults and will not offer programming for 4-Hers that evening. Please make sure to register at: <https://forms.gle/1rKcrP9Ce2EyXaAW8>

## Bread Baking Workshop

Calling all young bakers! Join us for a fun and interactive 4-H Bread Night where youth ages 8-18 will learn how to make two delicious breads completely from scratch, soft pretzels, and focaccia bread. During this hands-on workshop, participants will mix, knead, shape, and bake their own breads while learning the basics of working with yeast dough.



Discover how simple ingredients like flour, water, yeast, and salt come together to create flavorful breads. They will practice kneading dough, shaping traditional pretzels, and dimpling focaccia before adding their own toppings such as herbs, garlic, cheese, marinara, or coarse salt. Along the way, you will learn basic kitchen safety, measuring techniques, and how baking works.

No prior baking experience is necessary; this class is designed to be fun and approachable for beginners while still exciting for those who already enjoy baking. Each participant will leave with the breads they created as well as new baking skills they can use at home.

There is a \$30 fee, which is to be paid at the door (cash only) from 4-7:30pm at the Carrer and Tech Center. Limited to 15 participants. Register for the bread baking workshop at: <https://forms.gle/jWGtopzZv3i6cCu89>



## Raise Monarchs for the Fair!

The Green Outdoor and Environmental Sciences Field Day will be on July 5th from 5:30 to 8pm at 1760 Bloom Rd in Westminster, MD. Cost of the program including monarch eggs is \$20. Please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/yThwdZO> by June 1st and mail checks payable to 4-H GOES, c/o Alison Kidwell at 6414 Freedom Ave, Sykesville, MD 21784. If you would like to pay via Venmo, please email [4hgoes@gmail.com](mailto:4hgoes@gmail.com) for details. Payment must be received within 10 days or your spot will be forfeited. For more information and updates visit <https://4hgoes.wordpress.com/2026-4-h-g-o-e-s-field-day/> or email [4hgoes@gmail.com](mailto:4hgoes@gmail.com).

## Shooting Stars 4-H Club—Beginner/Safety Course

Do you have an interest in shooting archery? Shooting Stars 4-H Club is an archery-based 4-H club that meets on the third Sunday of the month and offers archery speakers, activities and shooting at each meeting. The club will be holding a mandatory new beginners/safety course on Thursday evenings in May for anyone interested in joining the Shooting Stars Archery Club. For more information about joining Shooting Stars 4-H Club and registering for the beginner/ safety course, please email [cc4hshootingstars@gmail.com](mailto:cc4hshootingstars@gmail.com).

## Bicycle County Fair Contest

Do you enjoy riding bicycles and want to improve your bike riding and safety skills? Register for the Carroll County 4-H Bicycle Contest to be held on Saturday, July 25th (before fair week) at the Ag Center. The bike contest includes a skills riding section, a road safety section, a written section and a parts identification section. If you've never tried the bike contest, bring your bike and try it out! This is not only a contest, but an opportunity to learn new bike information and improve your riding skills. To register for this contest, use the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair online entry system (when it opens in May) and register by June 10th. Everyone who participates in this county competition is eligible to move forward to the Maryland State Fair Bicycle Contest. For more information, please find the rules at: <https://www.carrollcountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/O-45-Bicycle-2026.pdf>



## Clover Fun Days

Looking for something fun for your 5-7 year old Clover Members? Look no further than everyone's favorite 3-day Clover Fun Days! Join us for just one or both of our fun-filled Clover Fun Day programs this summer! Clovers will spend their days making art and crafts, playing games, movie time, field trips and much more! The program is led by our Senior 4-H Members and Alumni members. You are welcome to share this opportunity with family and friends! **The cost of the 3 days is \$90 a slight increase from previous years, but we will be provide a t-shirt for each clover member for our field trips this year!**

### Clover Fun Days—June 22-24, 2026—Camp Discovery

Registration Link for June Clover Fun Days—<https://forms.gle/UVzjhUfgJfkruxeq5>

### Clover Fun Days—July 13-15, 2026—Camp Chef

Registration Link for July Clover Fun Days—<https://forms.gle/vWVHEU4oEV6HHPHq9>



## Fair Fun Days—Rocketry

Schools finally out and it's time to join 4-H for the 2026 Fair Fun Days! This year, we will be splitting our first Fair Fun Days and will be offering a morning session on Rocketry. Each member will leave with a built rocket that they can enter in the fair rocket contest! This program will include the rocket and 2 engines! All participants will be able to decorate their rockets at home for the fair contest! Fair Fun Days—Rocketry will be held on **Thursday, June 18th from 9am—12pm at the Extension Office**. The program cost is \$20 for cash/check or \$20.96 if paying by credit card. Registration for the program can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/gUmyQNeegiQGJ2Nb7>

## Fair Fun Days—Home Environment

We can't wait for the Home Environment Fair Fun Days on **Thursday, June 18th from 1—4pm at the Extension Office!** We are going to have a grand time as we learn how to make a Hook Rug and Loom Hat! You will learn the basics of both projects and will most likely need to take it home to finish, but you will leave with everything you need, plus you get to take your loom loop home to continue the fun in making more fun projects! The program cost \$45 (cash/check) or \$46.80 (credit). Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/1TicCZahJxweBBzT7>

## Fair Fun Days—Sewing

Pull out those sewing skills for this Fair Fun Days as we will be Sewing the day away! **Fair Fun Days—Sewing will be held on Thursday, July 2nd from 9am-3pm at the Extension Office**. We are planning to make PJ Pants and a pillow as our main projects. If time allows, we may make a key chain and pin cushion. We will be providing all materials for this workshop and will let youth choose from a selection of flannel fabric for the PJ Pants. The cost of the program is \$40 for cash/check payments and \$41.63 for credit card payments. Limited spots available. Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/CWZrN9Ahr5otnEN7>

## Fair Fun Days—Canning

It's time to pull out those canning jars and hit the garden! We will be learning all about canning in this Fair Fun Days on **Thursday, July 23rd, 9am-3pm at the Extension Office**. We will learn about canning jams as we make 2 different types, along with pickles and salsa! You will be all set to enter your canned goods at the fair the following week! The best part is you will be able to still enjoy them at home after they've been entered at the fair! The program cost \$50 (cash/check) or \$51.96 (credit). Limited spots are available. Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/JeAoe9eagCUetPXm6>

## Animal Husbandry Quality Assurance

**AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT WHEN THE PROGRAM OPENS FOR 2026!**

If you are a new member or have moved to a new age group (Junior to Intermediate, Intermediate to Senior), you are required to take the online Quality Assurance Program this year. The online program is required for ALL 4-H members showing beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, horses/ponies, poultry, rabbits and alpacas/llamas. An email will be sent when the website is opened by Maryland 4-H. (<https://ahqa.umd.edu/>) You will need to register and complete this program if you are planning to show at any 4-H animal show. If you have questions, please contact Becky at [bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu). Quality Assurance must be completed by **Friday, July 17th to be eligible to show** at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.



## CC 4-H Beef Classic

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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 weigh in, but can also found attached to the online Tribune.

## Meat Goat Workshop

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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 Weigh-In and Tagging

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If you plan to exhibit Market Swine at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair or Maryland State Fair, it must have a Maryland 4-H ear tag and be weighed in at the Carroll County 4-H Weigh-In. Market Swine Weigh-In will be held on **Friday, May 1st from 5-9pm at the Carroll County Ag Center (TRP Barn)**. You must turn in a completed 2-part Livestock Registration form to the Extension Office with the number of tags you will need. **Livestock Registration Forms are due to the Extension Office by April 24th.** Remember **to fill in ALL information, including RFID tag numbers.** This helps us as your pigs come across the scales to match up to who owns the animal when there are multiple 4-Hers on one trailer. The Animal Science Code of Ethics will be on the reverse side and BOTH pages must be signed. There will be a total of 3 signatures for the 4-Her and 3 for the parent/guardian. **Tags cost \$2.** Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. You must register, tag and weigh-in the appropriate animal for Carroll County. You may not weigh-in your animals at another county and be eligible for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Questions? Call 410-386-2760. **This is the only weigh in date for swine for Carroll County 4-H members!**

*Castration Policy of the Maryland 4-H AnSc Program: All male steers, lambs, pigs and goats must be neutered and healed prior to 4-H weigh-in and tagging. The only exception would be animals that have obvious signs they have been banded, however, their scrotal sac is still intact.*

## Junior Stock Show

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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. Registration information for the Junior Stock Show will be in the May Tribune.





## Market Goat and Market Lamb Weigh-In/Commercial Goat-Lamb Tagging

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If you plan to exhibit a Market Goat or Market Lamb at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair or Maryland State Fair, it must have a Maryland 4-H ear tag and be weighed in at the Carroll County 4-H Weigh-In. Market Goat and Market Lamb Weigh-In will be held on **Friday, May 15th from 5-8pm at the Carroll County Ag Center (TRP Barn)**. You must turn in a completed 2-part Livestock Registration form to the Extension Office with the number of tags you will need. **If you are planning to show a market animal and a commercial breeding animal, they MUST be on 2 separate Livestock Registration Forms. Livestock Registration Forms are due to the Extension Office by May 8th. Remember to fill in ALL information, including Scrapie tag numbers. Having ALL information filled in helps the committees move through weigh-in quicker and helps match up animals when multiple 4-H members are on the same trailer.** The Animal Science Code of Ethics will be on the reverse side and BOTH pages must be signed. There will be a total of 3 signatures for the 4-Her and 3 for the parent/guardian. **Tags cost \$2.** Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. You must register, tag and weigh-in the appropriate animal for Carroll County. You may not weigh-in your animals at another county and be eligible for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Questions? Call 410-386-2760. **This is the only weigh in date for Market Goats and Lambs for Carroll County 4-H members!**

*Castration Policy of the Maryland 4-H AnSc Program: All male steers, lambs, pigs and goats must be neutered and healed prior to 4-H weigh-in and tagging. The only exception would be animals that have obvious signs they have been banded, however, their scrotal sac is still intact.*

## Swine, Sheep and Goat 4-H Classic

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Hold the date! We will have a new format for the Carroll County 4-H Swine, Sheep and Goat Classic 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.** Attached to the online version of the Tribune you will find the registration form and letters with additional information about the shows. Please note that you will need health papers for the show.

## Maryland State Fair—Rate of Gain

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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 Livestock Sale Requirement Update

An update to the requirements 4-Her's 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 of —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.**

## Dog Training Program

It's that time of year again to start thinking about participating in the 2026 Dog Training Program.

**Registration for training classes will take place on April 9th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.** Youth and parents will need to be present, along with a **copy** of your dog's rabies certificate and county dog license/tag to be left on file with the trainers. Dogs without a valid rabies certificate/county dog license WILL NOT be allowed to attend training classes. If the rabies certificate expires during training, you must bring the new certificate with you at the next possible training date. If you think you might be substituting a dog within the training classes, bring those certificates/licenses with you. Please take the time to register as many dogs as you think you may need through the training classes.

Additionally, on **April 20th there will be an initial Dog Evaluation Session in the Extension Office at 6:30pm.** The dog(s) that the youth registered to train with will need to come and be evaluated as to their suitability. If a dog is deemed to not be suitable for this kind of training, it will be dismissed. A youth may substitute another dog for training, but it must be present on April 20th for the evaluation. The minimum age for dogs participating in this program is at least 6 months of age by May 5th. There will be no classes for clover-age youth.

Fees for this year: A \$30 fee is required for all Carroll County 4-H Members (Additional siblings in a family will be \$25). Payment will be accepted at the April 9th registration. The Carroll County 4-H Dog Care and Training Classes are open to Carroll County 4-H members ages 8-18. **The Training classes will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning May 5th** and will run most Tuesdays until the Fair.



## Attention Poultry Judging Enthusiasts!

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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](mailto:efarmgalore@yahoo.com)



## 2026 Poultry Orientation

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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:**

**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

## Poultry Showmanship and Skillathon Workshops

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Poultry Exhibitors! Check out this new opportunity! The Poultry Committee is offering a Poultry Showmanship and Skillathon workshop to help you prepare for the fair! There will be hands-on opportunities relating to poultry showmanship and you will learn more and participate in a poultry skillathon! This workshop will be offered 2 times, so you only need to attend once. Workshops will be offered on **Saturday, April 18th and Saturday, May 16th in the Poultry Barn at the Carroll County Ag Center from 9—11:30am.** Each workshop is limited, so make sure to sign up quickly! If you have additional questions about this workshop, call/text Nancy Carlisle at 443-605-5134.

Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/gjTKoRfCADAkzB8b6>

# Poultry and Rabbit Registration Form

The Poultry and Rabbit Registration Form is **REQUIRED** for those exhibitors planning to exhibit at the county and/or state fairs. Please fill out the Poultry and Rabbit Registration form attached to the online *Tribune* and submit to the CC Extension Office by **June 1st**.

## Horse and Pony ID Cards

Horse and Pony ID Cards can be completed at the link provided below or you can complete a paper copy, which is attached to the online version of the *Tribune*. Please fill out the ID Card by **June 1st!** Everyone who is planning to participate in the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair or the Maryland State Fair **MUST** complete the Horse and Pony ID Card!

Horse and Pony ID Card Form— <https://forms.gle/xGv94HizvADbdkBT9>



## Horse Judging Practices

Let's dust off those notebooks and grab our boots! It's time for Horse Judging Practices to start! Any 4-H member (8 years old and older) can participate in horse judging. You will learn more about what to look for when looking at horses confirmation and performance. You do not have to own a horse to attend practices, just have an interest in learning more! **Horse Judging practices will be held on Wednesday evenings starting at 7pm.**

**Classroom – April 1 and April 8– Carroll County Extension Office**

**April 15, 2026 - Rockland Breeze Farm (Stock Horse Conformation) - 144 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD**

**April 22, 2026 – Sweet Rock Stables (Morgan Horse Conformation)**

4300 Rock Drive Millers, MD 21102 — Location is tricky if you haven't been here before, but if you use Google Maps and put the farm name in it will take you to the right spot.

**April 29, 2026 – Persimmon Tree Farm (Hunter Horse Conformation and Performance)**

1030 Bloom Road, Westminster, MD 21157

**May 6, 2026 – Country Hill Farm (Hunter Performance)**

937 Leisters Church Road, Westminster, MD 21157

**May 13, 2026 – Ships Quarters Farm (Hunter Performance and Conformation)**

1665 Gold Smith Drive, Westminster, MD 21157

**May 20, 2026 – TBD**

**May 27, 2026 - Rockland Breeze Farm (Western Performance)**

144 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD 21158

**June 3, 2026 – TBD**

**June 10, 2026 – Carroll County Extension Office – Reasons Practice**

**June 13, 2026 – State Contest – Howard County Fairgrounds**

2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794

**Carroll County Coach Contact Information (Please call or text one of us if you are running late, going to miss a practice, or with any questions/concerns):**

Hannah Eberly – 443-244-1608, Tori Snyder – 443-244-5135,

Logan Mackenzie – 443-789-4277, Bob Shirley – 443-845-2441





## 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:**

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.



## Livestock Judging!

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It's never too early to start practices for Livestock Judging! We will be starting off with several office practices to get back in the swing of things. We will be going over basics when it comes to judging cattle, sheep and swine. For right now, we just have our office practices scheduled and will start our farm practices in June. Make sure to check all of the dates below as some are for junior and first year judges practices and others are for all ages.

Judging practices will start at 7pm and we will be starting the Extension Office.

**Junior/First Year Member ONLY Practices**— April 2, April 9, April 16, April 23 and April 30th

**Practices for EVERYONE!** - May 14 and May 28

If you have questions about judging, reach out to Kathy Gordon at [kgordon80@aol.com](mailto:kgordon80@aol.com)

## 2026-27 Junior Ambassador Applications

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Are you a 4-H member that is between the ages of 11-13 (4-H age as of January 1st) and have an interest in being a part of the Ambassador program? We are now accepting applications for the Junior Ambassador team for 2026-2027. Just fill out the application 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, May 1, 2026 and interviews will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Extension Office.**

## 4-H Camp Registration

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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 has opened and we have new 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/>

Week 1 Camp—June 22-25, 2026 (Ages 8-11) **(Week 1 camp is FULL)**

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

Have questions about camp? Reach out to the camp directors at [cc4hcampdirectors@gmail.com](mailto:cc4hcampdirectors@gmail.com)

## UME Volunteer Training

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**If you are interested in becoming a UME Volunteer, please email Becky ([bridgeway@umd.edu](mailto: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.





## Extension, Fair and Ag Center—How We Work Together

We wanted to share a reminder to all of our families in regards to how the 3 different organizations (Extension (4-H Program), Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair and Carroll County Ag Center) run that help support the Carroll County 4-H Program to help make everything work for our 4-H families.

1. **Extension Office (4-H Program)**—The 4-H Program is housed with the Carroll County Extension Office, where “4-H” falls under the University of Maryland, College Park, the land-grant institute for the state. Becky and Jennie provide educational 4-H programs throughout the year and work closely with the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair and Ag Center. From the Extension Office, we do not run the Fair or the Ag Center. We partner with both organizations as they are large supporters of the 4-H program.
2. **Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair**—The Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair is incorporated and run by a volunteer board, along with the fair manager. The fair provides the oversight for everything related to the fair. The fair board holds monthly meetings, which are open to all members and their families to attend. Fair activities are run by volunteers and the fair is their own entity. The fair board works closely with the 4-H Program (Extension) by supporting members through fair events/activities, along with paying premiums. Note that 4-H Educators sit on the fair board in a ex-officio role and provide guidance, but do not hold a vote on making decisions for fair related business.
3. **Carroll County Agriculture Center**—The Ag Center is a supporter of the Carroll County 4-H Program and the CC 4-H & FFA Fair, but they are their own entity. The Ag Center provides the facilities for many 4-H (Extension) programs and provides the grounds for the CC 4-H & FFA Fair to be held. The Ag Center is a supporter of the other 2 groups, but does not make decisions for either organization.

We wanted to share a little bit on how the 3 groups work together as we sometimes hear that we are all the same thing, but in reality we are actually 3 separate organizations that all support each other in different avenues. We cannot run a successful 4-H (Extension) program without the support of the Fair and Ag Center and we are grateful for their continuous support.

## Fair Reminders

**Everyone** is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on **April 22nd at 7:30pm**.

**2026 Fair Dates— July 31—August 8, 2026**

**2026 Fair Theme—** Celebrating 250 Years of American Freedom, Farming, and Future Leaders

**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.

**Fair Fundraisers**— The fair is currently holding several different types of fundraisers and they need the support of families to participate. Families who have previously exhibited at the fair received an email on February 23, 2025 with information on multiple fundraisers. You will have also received communication from the fair towards the end of March in regards to the tents around Shipley arena as a fundraiser.



# Dates to Remember

April 1	Horse Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
April 2	Livestock Judging Practice (JUNIORS), CC Extension Office, 7pm
April 3	<b>CC Extension Office CLOSED</b>
April 4	Senior Ambassador Interviews, CC Extension Office
April 7	Dairy Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
April 8	Horse Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm Poultry Orientation, CC Extension Office, 7pm
April 9	Dog Training Registration, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm Livestock Judging Practice (JUNIORS), CC Extension Office, 7pm
April 10	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
April 11	Carroll 4-H Beef Classic, CC Ag Center (TRP) Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, CC Extension Office
April 14	Carroll County 4-H Achievement Program, CC Ag Center, 7pm
April 16	Livestock Judging Practice (JUNIORS), CC Extension Office, 7pm
April 17	Rabbit Judging Practice, CC Extension Office, 6pm
April 18	Poultry Showmanship/Skillathon Workshop, Poultry Barn, 9am
April 19	Meat Goat Workshop, Full Moon Farm, 10am
April 18-19	Camp Training Weekend, Hashawha Environmental Center
April 20	Dog Training (Temperament Testing), CC Extension Office
April 22	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7:30pm
April 23	Livestock Judging Practice (JUNIORS), CC Extension Office, 7pm
April 24	Clover Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm Welding Workshop, Career and Techn Center, 4pm <b>Swine Weigh-In Livestock Registration Forms Due to Extension Office</b>
April 30	Livestock Judging Practice (JUNIORS), CC Extension Office, 7pm
May 1	Swine Weigh-in and Tagging, CC Ag Center, 5-9pm <b>Junior Ambassador Applications Due to Extension Office</b>
May 2	Garden Workshop, Laney Acres Farm, 9am
May 7	Poultry Orientation, CC Extension Office, 7pm
May 8	Welding Workshop, Career and Tech Center, 4pm <b>Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In Livestock Registration Forms Due to Extension Office</b>
May 9	Junior Ambassador Interviews, CC Extension Office
May 14	Livestock Judging (EVERYONE), CC Extension Office, 7pm
May 15	Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-In and Tagging, CC Ag Center, 5-8pm
May 16	Poultry Showmanship/Skillathon Workshop, Poultry Barn, 9am
May 17	Camp Training, CC Extension, 1pm
May 18	New Family Workshop, CC Extension Office, 7pm
May 20	Bread Baking Workshop, Career and Tech Center, 4pm
May 25	<b>CC Extension Office CLOSED</b>
May 28	Swine Department Parents Night, 7pm Livestock Judging Practice (EVERYONE), CC Extension Office, 7pm

## Carroll County 4-H Team

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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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## University of Maryland Extension (UME) 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics

4-H members enrolled in animal science projects (e.g., beef, camelids, cat, cavy, dairy, dog, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, small pet, and swine) shall, at all times, conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship, including with their projects and at all 4-H animal science activities and events. Their conduct should always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of 4-H and its animal science program. 4-H members, as well as parents, UME volunteers and others working with them, are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts; and their conduct and values must serve as a positive influence on others.

This 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics (Code of Ethics) applies to all 4-H members who are enrolled in animal science projects, and to others (4-Hers, parents, volunteers, owners, etc.) who participate in the animal science program; and it covers daily animal care, as well as participation in 4-H competitions and other 4-H animal activities and events, and other animal activities and events where the youth participates as a 4-H member.

4-H members and others who violate this Code of Ethics demean the integrity of 4-H and its animal science program. 4-H members who violate the code of animal science ethics are subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, forfeiture of premiums, awards, and/or auction proceeds and may be prohibited from participation in 4-H or 4-H/UME events or activities; other violators may also be subject to sanction, as appropriate. Infractions may be reviewed by 4-H and/or UME (on the local or state level, as appropriate to the infraction and to the event and/or activity in question), and/or may be subject to a fair oversight committee or other entity that oversees an activity or event. In addition, some acts may also be subject to review based upon the *Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct* and/or other UME policies.

**The following is a list of standards and requirements for all 4-H animal science projects, at all times, whether at home, at animal exhibitions or events, or any other 4-H event or activity.**

1. The care of all 4-H project animals is the responsibility of the 4-H member. 4-H members must properly care for and groom their animals for the duration of their project. 4-H members are encouraged to establish/maintain a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.
2. All project animals must be housed at the 4-H member's residence unless a different location is submitted to and approved in writing by the local 4-H staff. Any change in location must be approved in writing by the local 4-H staff; however, it is not necessary to report direct transport to and from shows or other events.
3. Upon request of 4-H, UME, or other program, fair, event or animal officials, 4-H members must present proof of ownership, length of ownership, identity and/or age of all 4-H project animals owned or leased. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or identity of animals, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited. If a 4-H project animal is sold in a livestock sale, it is no longer eligible to be shown in a 4-H event in Maryland in that year.
4. 4-H members must provide appropriate animal health certificates (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) upon request of 4-H, UME, or other program, fair, event or animal officials. All exhibitors/parents or guardians must inspect their animal(s) for signs of contagious or infectious disease before coming to a show in the state of Maryland. The Maryland Department of Agriculture "Self-Certification of Animal Health" must be completed prior to loading animals for exhibition.
5. 4-H project animals must be presented to competition, activities and/or events, where they will enter the food chain, free of volatile drug residues.
6. Animals which are presented to competition, events and/or activities that do not culminate with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules.
7. 4-H project animals shall not be exhibited if drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and rules may affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
8. At any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other 4-H activity or event premises, a licensed veterinarian must administer or, in consultation with fair, event, UME, or 4-H officials, direct the administration of any treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications. Drenching at any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other 4-H activity or event premises is prohibited, except when performed or directed by a licensed veterinarian in consultation with fair, event, UME, or 4-H officials for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.
9. The act of enrolling in a 4-H animal science project, and/or entering a project animal in a 4-H competition, show, activity, or other event, gives consent for 4-H or UME or event authorities to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, hair, tissue, or other substance from the animal to be used for testing purposes including, but not limited to, drugs or identification. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the 4-H owner to prove otherwise at any review in regard to the matter conducted by a fair or other event or the 4-H program. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, hair, tissue or other sample, taken from a 4-H animal science project, indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally.
10. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
11. Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses, internally or externally, other than those prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition as diagnosed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
12. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical devices, or other similar practices, are not acceptable and are prohibited.
13. All judges, fair and event officials and/or UME/4-H staff and volunteers shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them or toward exhibitors or others participating in the activity. In addition, direct criticism or interference with a judge, fair, show or event official, exhibitor, breed representative, or UME/4-H staff or volunteer before, during, or after an event or other activity is prohibited.
14. No one shall violate this Code of Animal Science Ethics or conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics.
15. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition to the 4-H member whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
16. By enrolling in an animal science project and/or entering an animal in a fair or other 4-H event or activity, the 4-H member, and his/her parent or guardian, consent to have disciplinary action taken by appropriate authorities (including UME, 4-H, fair, event and/or other activity officials) for violation of this Code of Animal Science Ethics and/or any other applicable rules of UME, 4-H, a fair, activity or other event, without recourse against UME, 4-H and/or other authorities. In addition, the 4-H member, and his/her parent or guardian, further understand and agree that any action which contravenes these rules, and is also in violation of federal, state, or local laws, statutes, regulations, or rules, may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**Note: By signing this form, the 4-H member and his/her parent or guardian each verify that they have read and understand the UME 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics and the consequences of and penalties provided for violations of the Code.**

### 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT ENROLLMENT STATEMENT

**I have read and understand the UME 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics, and I consent and agree to abide by the UME 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics. I understand this Statement must be signed by both the 4-H member and his/her parent or guardian, will be kept on file in the local 4-H office, and will apply to all 4-H animal science activities and events. I understand that if I do not agree to or sign this Code, I/my 4-H youth may not be eligible to enroll in a 4-H animal science project, may not receive associated materials, and/or may not be allowed exhibit or participate in covered activities.**

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4-H Member Signature

Date

Printed Name of 4-H Member

Parent/Guardian of 4-H Member Signature

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian



April 1, 2026

Dear Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic Exhibitors;

We will be hosting the Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at the Carroll County Ag Center this year. This year we will be hosting the show in Shipley Arena in the area that is typically known for housing the beef during the fair. The show will be held in the afternoon as we will be holding the Swine Classic in the morning.

Please read the important information below concerning Sheep and Goat Classic.

- We are tentatively putting a start time for the show at 1pm. With weighing the sheep and goats starting at 12pm, even if we are still showing pigs. We will not start the show any earlier than 1pm and may have a delayed start depending on how long the pig show goes.
- Breeding Classes – We are bringing back breeding sheep and goat classes for the 4-H Classic.
  - Sheep Breeds will show the following: Commercial Division and All Other Breeds and will show based on age.
  - Goats will all show together regardless of being commercial or registered and will show based on age.
  - There will be no classes offered for rams or bucks this year.
- We will be showing in Shipley Arena on a turf show ring. We ask that you do not bring walk your animals around in Shipley as we will have to clean afterwards. We will have a staging area for classes.
- We will have access to water and will have the “cattle” wash rack open for anyone who needs to wash beforehand. Please note that all lambs and goats must be completely dry before entering the show ring.
- You are encouraged to show off your trailers. There will be plenty of parking space near Shipley. You are encouraged to bring your own generators for fans. You are welcome to set up pop up tents by your trailers. We ask that no extension cords be used from Shipley out to trailers for safety reasons. We will have some pens available for your family to set up and take down if needed.
- There will be a \$15.00 entry fee per child entered. This is to offset the cost of Sheep and Goat Classic. Please make checks payable to **Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair**.
- More information will be emailed once we receive registrations and they have been processed.
- We will be starting with the sheep show first and then will follow with meat goats.

- We are still looking for sponsors for all of our 4-H Classic Shows. Please see the attached letter if you are willing to donate to the show.
- The Dairy Bar from Glamourview food truck will be at the field day this year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Becky at [bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu) or 410-386-2760.

Becky Ridgeway  
4-H Educator



**Entry Fee: \$15.00 per child**  
**ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY BLANK**  
**TO BE RETURNED BY May 22, 2026**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair**  
**Memo Line – 4-H Sheep & Goat Classic**

**Please return this form as soon as possible. We understand that you may turn in prior to Sheep/Goat Weigh-In. List as much information as possible. We can add 4-H Ear Tag numbers at the scale.**

Circle One	4-H Tag #	Breed	Sex	Birth Date	Scrapie Tag #
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					
Mkt Lamb Mkt Goat Breeding Sheep Breeding Goat					

*Exhibitor's Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Birthdate:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*4-H Age (as of January 1, 2026)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail address:* \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN ENTRIES TO: Carroll County Extension Office Attention: Sheep/Goat 4-H Classic 700 Agriculture Center Westminster, MD 21157**



April 1, 2026

Dear Carroll County 4-H Swine Members;

We will be hosting the Carroll 4-H Swine Classic on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at the Carroll County Ag Center this year! We are excited to announce that we will be holding the show in Shipley Arena this year. We will have a space where the beef is typically housed during fair week where we will set up the show ring. We will be hosting the Swine Classic and will follow with the Sheep and Goat Classic the same afternoon.

Please read the important information below concerning Swine Classic.

- The show will start at 9:00am on Sunday, May 31, 2026, and we will have showmanship and market classes.
- We are planning to have the showring set up in the “beef area” of Shipley where we will be showing on turf.
- This is a showoff your trailer show. You are welcome to bring generators for your trailers, set up pop-up tents, etc. We will not be able to run extension cords from inside Shipley Arena to trailers for safety purposes.
- A limited number of pens will be provided if you would like to set up a pen outside for your pig(s). Families will be responsible for setting up and tearing down their own pens and must clean up your area and take any bedding home with you.
- We will have access to water and will set up a wash rack area.
- This year there is a limit on 2 pigs per exhibitor. Breed classes will be determined by the 5 breeds with the highest number weighed in. All other purebreds will go into an All-Other Purebred division. In the crossbred division we will have 3 division champions. At the end of the show, we will be selecting the top 5 market hogs.
- There will be a \$15.00 entry fee per child entered. Registration is due to the Carroll County Extension Office by May 22nd. The fee is to offset the cost of Swine Classic. Please make checks payable to **Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair.**
- We are still looking for sponsors for all of our 4-H Classic Shows. Please see the attached donor letter if you are willing to donate to the show. Donations help to cover the cost of awards and judges’ fees.
- More information will be sent out the week of the show with a schedule of events, when you can arrive, etc.

- We will have the Dairy Bar from Glamourview joining us for the day for food.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Becky at [bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu) or 410-386-2760.

Becky Ridgeway  
4-H Educator



**ENTRY FORM**  
**Carroll County 4-H Swine Classic**  
**Sunday, May 31, 2026**  
**Show starts at 9:00am**

**Entry Fee: \$15.00 per child**  
**ONE EXHIBITOR PER ENTRY BLANK**  
**TO BE RETURNED BY May 22, 2026**  
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYBLE TO: Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair**  
**Memo Line – 4-H Swine Classic**

**Please return this form as soon as possible. We understand that you may turn in prior to Swine Weigh-In. List as much information as possible. We can add 4-H Ear Tag number at the scale.**

4-H Tag No. (if known)	RFID #	Ear Notch	Breed	Sex	Registration # (Purebred Swine)

**Limit of 2 market swine per exhibitor.**

*Exhibitor's Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Birthdate:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*4-H Age (as of January 1, 2026)* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail address:* \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN ENTRIES TO:**  
**Carroll County Extension Office**  
**Attention: 4-H Swine Classic**  
**700 Agriculture Center**  
**Westminster, MD 21157**

# Maryland 4-H Horse & Pony Identification Card

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4-H Office Use Only

Date Received:

## Member Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## Project Identification

Name of Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Does this animal have an official measurement card granted by USAE or an affiliate? (check one) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Year(s) that this horse is a project animal  
20 \_\_\_\_\_  
20 \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Check one) \_\_\_ Owned \_\_\_ Leased (signed agreement on file)

4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

4-H Club Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

File one card for each horse with local Extension Office prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.