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Welcome Kylie Olsen!

Hello to the Carroll County 4-H Family,

I'm excited to introduce myself as the newest 4-H Educator on the Carroll County 4-H team! I grew up in 4-H in Northern New York, so being part of this program again feels a little like coming home. There's something special about 4-H, and I'm thrilled to be back where we work together to "make the best better."

My family and I moved here in the summer of 2024, and we've been having a great time getting to know the area. In my free time, you can usually find me with my family searching for a new hiking trail, trying out delicious local eats, catching a game at Camden Yards, or creating art. I'm always open to recommendations, so feel free to share your favorite spots!

In my role, you'll likely see me out and about in the community helping bring 4-H to local events, spending time at 4-H Summer Camp at Hashawha, or joining youth activities. I love connecting with young people and families and hearing the stories that make 4-H so meaningful to you.

I'm really looking forward to meeting more of you, learning where you'd like to see additional 4-H opportunities, hearing about the activities you're interested in, and being part of all the things that make Carroll County 4-H such a strong and welcoming community.

Kylie Olsen, 4-H Educator of Residential Camp and Outreach



\$4 for 4-H—THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the 2026 Maryland 4-H \$4 for 4-H! We are still awaiting final totals and we will share out when we receive them, but as of printing the Tribune, we had 252 donations for the program! We truly cannot run the Carroll County 4-H program without the support of our 4-H community! Thank you all again for supporting through sharing out social media posts, challenging friends and family to donate and donating yourselves!

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 or 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, along with 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. Participants 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, 4-Hers 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). The program runs from 4-7:30pm at the Career and Tech Center. Limited to 15 participants. Email Becky (bridgeway@umd.edu) to be added to the waitlist.

Carroll County 4-H & FFA Entries

The Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair entry system will open on **May 9th and will close at 11:59pm on June 10th**. Remember, the Fair uses ShoWorks as their entry system. You will need to go to the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair website (www.carrollcountyfair.com) and click on the "ONLINE ENTRIES" button in the top right hand corner to set up your account to complete your Fair entries. Please note this is where you will enter your individual projects from the indoor building departments, outdoor departments to livestock. You will also need to register for county judging contests (dairy, livestock, poultry and rabbit) through the online entry system. **No late entries will be accepted.** If you need to use a computer to complete entries, you are welcome to stop by the Extension Office between 8am-4pm and we will help you. If you have any issues with the entry system, please email entries@carrollcountyfair.com.

CLUB LEADER NOTE– Clubs who plan to participate in the different events (booths/banners, parade, club books, etc.) need to register their club entries. Please make sure to use the club name when asked for a first/last name in the entry system.





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 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.

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.

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 (4 spots open)

Registration Link for June Clover Fun Days—<https://forms.gle/UVzjhUfgJfkrUXeq5>

Clover Fun Days—July 13-15, 2026—Camp Chef (9 spots open)

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

Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Talent Show

Hey 4-Hers! Do you have a talent that you want to show the world? Play an instrument? Juggle? Sing? Pat your head and rub your belly? This is the event for you!! We are looking for 4-Hers of all ages to come out on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 3pm to show off their talents on the stage of the Activities Tent. This event is open to all enrolled 4-H & FFA members of Carroll County. There will be a required "try out" opportunity on July 12 beginning at 2pm at the Extension Office just to make sure that all talent performances are appropriate for the Fair audience. (Please no songs with foul language or alcohol or suggestive references.) After sign ups close, participants will receive a link to the sign-up genius to register for a time on July 12. If you have any questions, please email the volunteer coordinator, Jamie Hester at jlynn62213@yahoo.com
<https://forms.gle/5dvSWEuMyNYK8Jgv6>

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 projects! The program cost \$45 (cash/check) or \$46.80 (credit). Registration can be completed at:
<https://forms.gle/1TicCZahJxweBBzT7>

NEW!! Fair Fun Days—Hand Raised Clay Project

Roll up your sleeves and dive into the world of clay! In this fun two-day youth workshop, participants will learn clay hand building techniques to create a one-of-a-kind coil pot inspired by their favorite animal. During the first session, youth will build their piece using low-fire clay, and in the second session, they'll glaze and add colorful finishing touches. Finished pieces can be used as a planter or decorative artwork, picked up later, and even entered into the fair! The workshop will take place on **June 17, 10 AM—2 PM and July 1, 10 AM—2 PM at the Extension Office.** Participants **must attend both sessions** and should **bring a lunch each day.** The program cost is \$20 (cash or check) or \$20.96 (credit). Limited spots are available. This workshop is for youth 10 years and older Register here <https://forms.gle/TUeGS2DjEz4WQ7Hk7>

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

Animal Husbandry Quality Assurance

NOW OPEN!!!

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. Quality Assurance must be completed by **Friday, July 17th to be eligible to show** at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.



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. Registration information for the 2026 Junior Stock Show can be found attached to the online May Tribune. Entries are due by **June 19th to Candy Cole**.

Dairy Judging Practices

It won't be too long before our annual 4-H Dairy Judging Practices begin. 4-Hers who participate in the dairy project, even if you don't show dairy, can still come out to judging practices. You will have the opportunity to learn more about how to place a class of cows/heifers, along with dairy terms to use while putting together a set of reasons!

Dairy Judging Practices will start on Tuesday, May 19th, 7pm at Locust Ayr Farm 2810 Blacks School House Road, Taneytown, MD 21787 If you need additional information, please reach out to Kelly Zepp at 410-635-3922.

Animal Lease Paperwork

If you are planning to lease a livestock or horse project this year, then make sure to complete the 4-H lease agreement. **A lease agreement must be completed on all leased animals and are due to the Extension Office by June 1st.** You will receive a signed copy of your lease forms back to keep for your records. Lease forms for breeding livestock and performance (horses) animals can be found attached to the online Tribune.

Animal Health Papers

NEW FOR 2026! If you haven't already heard, there have been changes for health papers for 2026. This will be the last year that paper health papers will be accepted in 2026 as the Maryland Department of Agriculture moves to electronic health forms. Electronic or paper health papers will be accepted in 2026, but starting in 2027, ALL health forms will be electronic. The other big change starting this year is that health papers are only good for **60 days!** That means that you will need to get health papers on your own this year to be able to exhibit at the fair. We WILL NOT be having a vet at any of the livestock weigh-ins this spring. Make sure that you are planning ahead to schedule an appointment with your vet for papers for your first show along with making sure your health papers are good for the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair!





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

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

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

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-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 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.

Livestock Judging!

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 judger's 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— May 7 and May 21

Practices for EVERYONE! - May 14 and May 28

If you have questions about judging, reach out to Kathy Gordon at kgordon80@aol.com

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**.



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!

Judging Practices will be held at 7pm at the Extension Office on May 19th (Introduction to Poultry Judging) and May 26th.

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



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.

This is the LAST POULTRY ORIENTATION MEETING FOR 2026!

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 Workshop

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. Workshop will be offered on **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>

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.**

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:

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.



4-H Camp Registration

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) (**Week 2 camp is FULL**)

Email the camp directors at cc4hcampdirectors@gmail.com to be added to the waiting list.

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.

Fair Reminders

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on **May 27th 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. Keep an eye out on social media, email and in-person events to learn more about these fundraising opportunities to support our 4-H youth participating at the fair!

Indoor Building Reminders— Spring break is over, but maybe you had some time to work on some indoor exhibits for the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. There are very few changes on classes and rules for the 2026 fair. The biggest change will be entry time for the General Department. The General Department will be entered on Wednesday, July 29th with the follow time frame:

2-3pm—ONLY LEGOS can be entered

3-5pm—ALL GENERAL DEPARTMENT entries, including Legos

It should soon be safe to **plant flowers and vegetables** outside without threat of frost. Entry times for these **exhibits will be Wednesday, July 29th, 2-8pm and Thursday, July 30th, 7-9am**.

The **Crafts Department** will have 2 new classes. One will be a Pipe Cleaner Class—anything made with pipe cleaners and the second class is the “Painting On” class. There will still be painting on wood, but a second class is added for painting on metal or glass. We can't wait to see your entries and creativity!



Dates to Remember

May 1	Swine Weigh-in and Tagging, CC Ag Center, 5-9pm Junior Ambassador Applications Due to Extension Office
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 Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In Livestock Registration Forms Due to Extension Office
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	MD 4-H Livestock Judging Clinic, CC Ag Center, 10am 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	CC Extension Office CLOSED
May 28	Swine Department Parents Night, 7pm Livestock Judging Practice (EVERYONE), CC Extension Office, 7pm
May 31	Swine, Meat Goat and Sheep 4-H Classics, CC Ag. Center
June 1st	Poultry/Rabbit Registration Forms Due Horse and Pony ID Cards Due (online or paper copy) Animal Lease Forms Due CARROLL COUNTY 4-H & FFA FAIR ENTRIES CLOSE AT 11:59PM!!!!
June 10	Fair Project Day— Clay Hand Building, CC Extension Office 10am—2pm
June 17	Fair Project Day—Rocketry, CC Extension Office, 9am
June 18	Fair Project Day—Home Environment, CC Extension Office, 1pm
June 22-24	Clover Fun Days, CC Extension Office, 9am-4pm
June 22-25	Residential Camp (Younger Week), Hashawha
June 27	Junior Stock Show, High Ridge Farm
July 1	Fair Project Day—Clay Hand Building, CC Extension Office 10am-2pm
July 2	Fair Project Day—Sewing, CC Extension Office, 9am
July 3	CC Extension Office CLOSED
July 13-15	Clover Fun Days, CC Extension Office, 9am-4pm
July 13-17	Residential Camp (Older Week), Hashawha
July 23	Fair Project Day—Canning, CC Extension Office, 9am
July 26	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Set Up, CC Ag Center, 8am
July 31-	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair
August 7	
August 8	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Clean Up, CC Ag Center, 9am
August 27-30	Maryland State Fair (Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats and Swine)
September 3-7	Maryland State Fair (Dairy Cattle and Judging Contest)
September 7	CC Extension Office CLOSED
September 10-13	Maryland State Fair (Dogs, Dairy Goats, Engineering Contest)

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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Junior Stock Show
Saturday, June 27, 2026

Sponsored by: High Ridge 4-H Club

Location: High Ridge Farm LLC

2966 Manchester Baptist Church Rd - Manchester, MD 21102

Classes for Swine:

- 1 15 Years Old and Over
- 2 12-14 Years Old
- 3 10 and 11 Years Old
- 4 9 Years Old
- 5 8 Years Old
- 6 5-7 Years Old (Clovers)

Classes for Sheep Fitting and Showing:

- 7 15 Years and Older
- 8 12-14 Years Old
- 9 10 and 11 Years Old
- 10 9 Years Old
- 11 8 Years Old
- 12 5-7 Years Old (Clovers)
- 13 Market Lambs (for those bringing their own animals only)

Classes for Market Goat Fitting and Showing:

- 14 15 Years and Older
- 15 12-14 Years Old
- 16 10 and 11 Years Old
- 17 9 Years Old
- 18 8 Years Old
- 19 5-7 Years Old (Clovers)
- 20 Market Goats (for those bringing their own animals only)

Families are welcome to bring outgrown show attire for sale or swap. High Ridge 4-H will be providing a silent auction as well.

Market hogs will be provided for everyone attending for fitting and showing practice.

Lambs and goats will be provided for all Clover exhibitors for fitting and showing practice. They will also be provided for participants who are not showing sheep and/or goats this year but would like to try fitting and showing at the Jr. Stock Show. If you or your family have market sheep or market goats tagged in your name for 2026, you need to bring them. If your animal is unavailable and you need to use lamb or goat at the Stock Show, please call to confirm availability. All sheep and goats must have current Maryland Health Papers for this show.

Show Schedule: June 27, 2026:

9:00am	Exhibitor arrival
9:00am	Arrival of Sheep and Goats
9:00-9:30am	Sheep Weigh In
9:00-10:00am	Swine and Sheep Clinics
10:30am	Swine Fitting and Showing
LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR SALE BY HIGH RIDGE 4-H CLUB	
11:30am	Market Goat Clinic followed by Fitting and Showing
12:30pm	Sheep Show Begins

Ribbons will be awarded in each class.

Rules: Open to exhibitors ages 5 and up. Exhibitors must arrive by 9:00am on the day of the show. Great for first time exhibitors, exhibitors that have not met sale requirements, 4-Hers who want to try something new, or exhibitors who need more practice before fair.

1. All lambs brought by exhibitors must be washed and slick shorn.
2. Limit 1 goat per exhibitor and goats must be washed.
3. Exhibitors are limited to 2 lambs.
4. Show attire is required.
5. Entries due June 19, 2026 to High Ridge Farm LLC

JR. STOCK SHOW ENTRY FORM: June 27, 2026

Name:

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

Address:

Phone Number:

Please circle the classes 4-Her will be participating in:

SWINE CLASS

1 2 3 4 5 6

SHEEP CLASS

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

GOAT CLASS

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Release and Hold Harmless agreement:

I have read and I understand all rules of the Carroll County Jr. Stock Show and 4-H rules associated with the animals I am entering. By signing this entry form, I waive any right to any claim. In regards to any accident or loss to person, animal or property that may occur while on the premises of High Ridge Farm LLC, I will not hold High Ridge Farm LLC, its owners, the University of Maryland Extension, employees, volunteers, High Ridge 4-H Club, show committee or other exhibitors responsible. It is my intent to hold the above-mentioned individuals and entities harmless and I do so knowingly and voluntarily.

Exhibitor Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Registration due by mail or email by May 19, 2026 to:

Candy Cole
candycole2966@aol.com
2966 Manchester Baptist Church Rd
Manchester, MD 21102

Please call Candy Cole with any questions: 443-375-0140



Livestock Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

- 1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter... 2. I understand that animals showing any signs of... SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections... HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose... RESPIRATORY: Infectious respiratory disease... INTESTITINAL: Diarrhea... FEET: Contagious hoof infections... OTHER: Recent exposure to, or clinical signs of, any contagious or infectious disease... 3. I have read and understand the above guidelines. 4. I have visually examined the animals I am presenting for exhibit. 5. I agree not to present for exhibition animals showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease, or having any known recent (21 day) exposure to any contagious or infectious disease.

Date of inspection: _____ Number inspected _____ Signature _____
Printed Name _____ Event _____
(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

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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 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



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 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



University of Maryland Extension (UME): Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines

Program Objectives

1. To help youth develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility, and life skills.
2. To expand the opportunities for youth who may not have access to facilities and/or performance animals to participate in an animal project.
3. To maintain/increase the number of youth carrying breeding animals as a 4-H project.
4. To maintain/increase the number of breeding animals carried as a 4-H Project.

Program Rules

1. The Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program is applicable to registered breeding animals of the 4-H project areas listed below:
 - a. Beef
 - b. Dairy
 - c. Sheep
 - d. Swine
 - e. Goats (Dairy and Meat)
2. The program is available to any 4-H member, hereafter also referred to as **4-H'ers**, in good standing in a County/City 4-H program.
3. **4-H Members** may not have both owned and leased animals within the same project area during the same 4-H year (which runs January 1 through December 31). However, due to the uniqueness of Dairy projects, a member in the project who owns a Dairy Steer may also lease a Dairy Heifer during the same 4-H year.
4. The **4-H Member** will be required to keep the appropriate 4-H project record(s) on each animal. The project record(s) must be submitted to his or her local County/City 4-H Extension Office as required by the County/City 4-H Extension Office.
5. In order to exhibit a leased animal(s), it must be a bona fide 4-H project and registered with the appropriate breed association. The leased animal(s) may be exhibited in the appropriate classes at 4-H shows in Maryland. 4-H'ers with leased animals will be required to follow the same requirements for exhibition as 4-H'ers with owned animals. Cows and does in the program may be exhibited as project animals in appropriate classes only if they were leased by the 4-H member before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first.
6. A 4-H member may have up to six (6) total breeding animals in the Breeding Animal Lease Program per 4-H year. However, 4-H shows or fairs may limit the number of animals 4-H members may exhibit or have other rules pertaining to classes for breeding animals.
7. The owner of the leased animal(s), hereafter referred to as the **Sponsor**, and the 4-H Member should jointly determine the specific responsibilities to be carried out by **each party**. The responsibilities should be attached to the Lease Program Form and should include such items as, but not limited to:
 - a. the **4-H Member's** duties and responsibilities while caring for and working with the animal,
 - b. the 4-H Member's access to the animal,



- c. housing and transportation of the animal,
- d. a working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
- e. any assistance the **Sponsor** will provide to the **4-H Member**,
- f. any insurance requirements, information or provisions,
- g. responsibility for expenses incurred with the lease animal such as, but not limited to, feed, veterinary care, transportation, entry fees, etc.

The above items are only suggestions. For the protection of all involved, the parties may want to consider entering into a written Lease Agreement setting forth their respective rights and responsibilities. UME cannot advise parties as to what should be included in such an agreement, and parties may want to consult with an attorney in this regard.

8. The **4-H Member** will keep any 4-H premiums or awards received while exhibiting the leased animal(s) during the duration of the agreement – NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. During the 4-H year, the **4-H Member** will be the only person eligible to exhibit the leased animal(s) in Maryland 4-H shows. The **Sponsor** may enter and exhibit the leased animal(s) in non-4-H shows.
10. The **Sponsor** and the **4-H Member** must adhere to the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines, the Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct, the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics, and other applicable County/City and/or State 4-H/UME requirements.
11. The leased animal(s) must be housed and maintained at either the farm facilities of the **Sponsor, 4-H Member, or mutually agreed upon location as approved by the County/City 4-H faculty/staff.**
12. Ownership of the leased animal(s) remains with the sponsor. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the Sponsor.
13. **The Breeding Animal Lease Program Form must be signed and filed in the County/City 4-H office by June 1st of the 4-H year and will be in effect through the end of the 4-H year (December 31).** The Sponsor is expected to and will make the animal available to the 4-H Member during the period of the 4-H year.
14. Participation in the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program may be terminated by either party or by 4-H/UME prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as, but not limited to:
 - a. failure of the **4-H Member** or **Sponsor** to fulfill responsibilities as agreed by the parties,
 - b. changes in the farming operation for the **Sponsor**,
 - c. changes in the circumstances of the **4-H Member**,
 - d. mutual agreement of both parties,
 - e. on thirty (30) days written notice, or
 - f. failure to abide by and follow the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines and all other 4-H and/or UME policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and other requirements or expectations, as applicable. Such failure may also result in the **Sponsor** and/or **4-H Member** being declared ineligible to participate in Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s) by UME/4-H and/or other disciplinary action or sanctions as appropriate.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the 4-H year must be given in writing and be placed on file in the County/City 4-H office.

15. The 4-H Member, Parent/Guardian and Sponsor must sign the Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program Statement of Understanding and Release Form.

Adopted from 4-H 430 – JWL 2002. Reviewed by DA 10/02., CWA 2009. Reviewed by DA 4/2009. Updated for name and logo change CWA 4/2011 Reviewed by DA 4/2011, CWA 2013. Updated for logo change CWA 2021.

MARYLAND 4-H BREEDING ANIMAL LEASE PROGRAM

This LEASE ARRANGEMENT is entered into on _____ Date
 between owner (**Sponsor**) _____ Name
 _____ Address _____ Telephone

and 4-H youth (**4-H Member**) _____ Name
 _____ Address _____ Telephone

The sponsor agrees to allow the 4-H member listed above use of the following animal(s) during the 4-H year:

Animal Name	Registration Number	Description	Breed	Animal Birth Date

If the Sponsor is a 4-H member, the Sponsor will show in the following classes: _____

The 4-H member leasing the animal may show in any other classes in which they are eligible.

This Lease Arrangement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

 Owner (**Sponsor**) _____ Date

 Parent or Legal Guardian, if Owner is a minor _____ Date

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

 4-H Youth (**4-H Member**) _____ Date

 Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date

The **4-H Member** is a member in good standing of the 4-H program and is eligible to participate in the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program. A copy of this Form will be placed on file in the county/city 4-H office.

 4-H County/City Extension Educator _____ Date



University of Maryland Extension (UME): Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines

Program Objectives

1. To help youth develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility, and life skills.
2. To expand the opportunities for youth who may not have access to facilities and/or performance animals to participate in an animal project.
3. To maintain/increase the number of youth carrying performance animals as a 4-H project.
4. To maintain/increase the number of performance animals carried as a 4-H Project.

Program Rules

1. The Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program is applicable to performance animals of the 4-H project areas listed below:
 - a. Horses
 - b. Dogs
 - c. Alpacas
 - d. Llamas
 - e. Pack Goats
2. The program is available to any 4-H member, hereafter also referred to as **4-H'ers**, in good standing in a County/City 4-H program.
3. The **4-H Member** will be required to keep the appropriate 4-H project record(s) on each animal. The record(s) must be submitted to his or her local County/City 4-H Extension Office as required by the County/City 4-H Extension Office.
4. The leased animal(s) must be a bona fide 4-H project. 4-H'ers with leased animals will be required to follow the same requirements for exhibition as 4-H'ers with owned animals.
5. A 4-H member may have up to four (4) total animals in the Performance Animal Lease Program per 4-H year. However, 4-H shows or fairs may limit the number of animals 4-H members may exhibit or may have other applicable rules pertaining to classes for performance animals.
6. During the 4-H year, the **4-H Member(s)** leasing the animal(s) will be eligible to exhibit the leased animal(s) in Maryland 4-H shows. A performance animal may be leased by up to two (2) different 4-H members or it may be owned by one 4-H member and leased by another; however, in either case, the animal may not be exhibited in the same class at a 4-H show by more than one 4-H member. The owner may enter and exhibit the leased animal(s) in non-4-H shows.
7. The owner of the leased animal(s), hereafter referred to as the **Sponsor**, and the 4-H Member should jointly determine the specific responsibilities to be carried out by **each party**. The responsibilities should be attached to the Lease Program Form and should list items such as, but not limited to:
 - a. the **4-H Member's** duties and responsibilities while caring for and working with the animal,
 - b. the 4-H Member's access to the animal,



- c. housing and transportation of the animal,
- d. a working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
- e. any assistance the **Sponsor** will provide to the **4-H Member**,
- f. any insurance requirements, information or provisions
- g. responsibility for expenses incurred with the lease animal such as, but not limited to, feed, veterinary care, transportation, entry fees, etc.

The above items are only suggestions. For the protection of all involved, the parties may want to consider entering into a written Lease Agreement setting forth their respective rights and responsibilities. UME cannot advise parties as to what should be included in such an agreement, and parties may want to consult with an attorney in this regard.

8. The **4-H Member** will keep any 4-H premiums or awards received while exhibiting the leased animal(s) during the duration of the agreement – NO EXCEPTIONS.
9. The **Sponsor** and the **4-H Member** must adhere to the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines, the Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct, the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics, and any other County/City and/or State 4-H or UME guidelines as applicable.
10. The leased animal(s) must be housed and maintained at the facility of the **Sponsor, 4-H member, or mutually agreed upon location as approved by the County/City 4-H faculty/staff.**
11. Ownership of the leased animal(s) remains with the Sponsor. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal(s) (if purebred) will remain **in the possession of the Sponsor.**
12. **The Performance Animal Lease Program Form must be signed and filed in the County/City 4-H office by June 1st of the 4-H year and will be in effect through the end of the 4-H year (December 31). The Sponsor is expected to and will make the animal available for the proposed purpose to the 4-H Member during the period of the 4-H year.**
13. Participation in the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program may be terminated by either party or by 4-H/UME prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as, but not limited to:
 - a. failure of the **4-H Member** or **Sponsor** to carry out responsibilities as agreed by the parties,
 - b. changes in the farming operation for the **Sponsor**,
 - c. changes in the circumstances of the **4-H Member**,
 - d. mutual agreement of both parties,
 - e. on thirty (30) days written notice, or
 - f. failure to abide by and follow the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines and all other 4-H and/or UME policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and other requirements or expectations, as applicable. Such failure may also result in the **Sponsor** and/or **4-H Member** being declared ineligible to participate in Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program(s) by UME/4-H and/or other disciplinary action or sanctions as appropriate.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the 4-H year must be given in writing and be placed on file in the County/City 4-H office.
14. The 4-H Member, Parent/Guardian and Sponsor must sign the Maryland 4-H Animal Lease Program Statement of Understanding and Release Form.

Adopted from the Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Lease Program JWL 2002. Reviewed by DA 10/2002. CWA 2009. Reviewed by DA 4/2009. Updated for name and logo change CWA 2010. Reviewed by DA 10/2010. Updated for logo change CWA 2021.

MARYLAND 4-H PERFORMANCE ANIMAL LEASE PROGRAM

This LEASE ARRANGEMENT is entered into on _____
Date
 between owner (**Sponsor**) _____
Name

Address Telephone

and 4-H youth (**4-H Member**) _____
Name

Address Telephone

The Sponsor agrees to allow the 4-H member listed above use of the following animal(s) during the 4-H year:

Animal Name	Registration Number	Description	Breed	Animal Birth Date

If the Sponsor is a 4-H member, the Sponsor will show in the following classes: _____

The 4-H member leasing the animal may show in any other classes in which they are eligible.

This Lease Arrangement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

Owner (**Sponsor**) Date

Parent or Legal Guardian, if Owner is a minor Date

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

4-H Youth (**4-H Member**) Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Date

The **4-H Member** is a member in good standing of the 4-H program and is eligible to participate in the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Lease Program. A copy of this Form will be placed on file in the county/city 4-H office.

4-H County/City Extension Educator Date

Maryland 4-H Horse & Pony Identification Card

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MARYLAND
EXTENSION



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 _____
20 _____
20 _____
20 _____

(Check one) ___ Owned ___ Leased (signed agreement on file)

4-H Member _____
Signature

4-H Club Leader _____
Signature

Parent _____
Signature

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

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.

4-H Member Signature

Date

Printed Name of 4-H Member

Parent/Guardian of 4-H Member Signature

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian