



## Allegheny County Fair Book

The 2026 Allegheny County Fair Book is now available online!

You can find it here - <https://go.umd.edu/AlleghenyCoFairBook>

The entry form is available here - <https://go.umd.edu/ACfairentryform>  
Entry forms are due July 15 for pre-entry.

There will be a printed book. When it is available, an announcement will be on Facebook and email updates.

## Join the 4-H Quilt Square Celebration!



Return by June 8.

4-H members are invited to stop by the Extension Office to pick up pre-cut fabric to create your own quilt square. Simple sewing instructions will be included. Once complete, simply return your square! Sarah Llewellyn will stitch all the squares into a beautiful commemorative quilt celebrating America's 250th birthday.

This special quilt will be auctioned during the Baked Goods Auction at the fair. The proceeds support the 4-H program in Allegheny County.

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## Event Calendar

### June

- 1 - Scholarship Forms due
- 1 - Rabbit & Poultry forms due
- 27 - Barn & Exhibit Hall set up for Fair
- 30 - Career Summit for Teens

### July

- 1 - QA & Horse Standards Due
- 3 - UME Office closed
- 17 to 25 - Allegheny County Fair
- 18 - Indoor Exhibit Entry at the Fair

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# Central Maryland Spring Show

The Central Maryland Spring Show is open to ALL 4-H and FFA members in Maryland to learn and practice exhibiting their livestock projects. The two-day event will be held **June 13 and 14, 2026** at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

When signing up, provide an accurate address; this is where premium checks will be sent. Full schedule, classes, and rules can be found online at: [Shared Folder](#).



Registration for the event closes **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**. Questions - contact the Show Chairs: Santana Mays Sparks, [smays1@umd.edu](mailto:smays1@umd.edu); Donielle Axline, [deeaxline@gmail.com](mailto:deeaxline@gmail.com).

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## Careers Summit for Teens: Animal, Human, & Environmental Health

- Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2026, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Location: Maryland 4-H Center; 8020 Greenmead Drive, College Park, MD 20740
- Eligibility: Youth ages 13-18 as of January 1, 2026, are eligible to attend. Event open to non-enrolled youth (i.e. Non-4-Hers) as well.
- Registration Fee: \$5.00

Overview: The Healthy Animals | Healthy YOUth team is proud to announce the 2026 Careers Summit for Teens: Animal Health, Human Health, and Environmental Health. The Summit will bring together teens to increase awareness and knowledge of careers in human, animal, and environmental health, all under the One Health model. Through a mix of keynote presentations, expert panels, and engaging workshops, attendees will hear from experts in human, animal, and environmental health. Speakers will offer insights into their current jobs and career paths and provide advice on breaking into their respective fields. Also, information about programs and opportunities for teens to begin working toward their careers right now will be shared! Volunteer opportunities, camps and related programs will also be highlighted.

How to Register: Registration for this event is through 4-H Online: <https://go.umd.edu/2026CareersSummitForTeens> .

All event registrations must be submitted by  
**11:59 pm Wednesday, June 24, 2026.**  
Registration is limited to 25 youth.



## Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance

The system is now open. Go to <https://ahqa.umd.edu/>.

The 2026 program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers.

All 4-H/FFA members exhibiting animals are required to complete the AHQA online training program once for each age division, OR when Intermediate and Senior members choose to show a new species, since last completing the program within their age division.

AHQA must be completed by **July 1, 2026**, to show any animals at the 2026 Allegany County Fair.

- Returning members - Please contact our office if you cannot remember your passcode. Do not create a new account.
- New members - Click Register New User (top left) to begin.

Notifications will be sent to those changing age divisions and new members.

If you are unsure of your QA status or need assistance, email Jody at [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320.

## Equine Showmanship and Equitation Standards

The Maryland 4-H Equine Showmanship and Equitation Standards are designed to help 4-H members progressively develop horsemanship skills throughout their Maryland 4-H Horse Project participation.

All horse exhibitors must successfully complete the levels required for each class according to the Maryland 4-H Equine Showmanship and Equine Standards. The testing must be complete by **July 1**.

If you have questions, call 301-724-3320.

## Guide to Showing Animals at the County Fair

Are you showing animals at the Allegany County Fair? Please review our 4-H Family Guide to Animal Exhibits at the Fair. Go to <https://go.umd.edu/AClivestockguide>



# 4-H News

## 4-H Brings Robotics to ACPS Spring Fling

The University of Maryland Extension's 4-H program was thrilled to participate in the recent ACPS Spring Fling, held at Cash Valley Elementary for students with IEPs. Jessica Mellon, 4-H Senior Agent Associate, brought the world of engineering to life by sharing LEGO robots with the students and their families.

Jessica was joined by two dedicated youth leaders: Cayden Riddle and Camden Riddle, the President and Vice President of the A\*STAR Robotics Club. Together, they provided hands-on guidance, helping students build and interact with robots. While the youth were busy creating, Jessica connected with families to highlight the diverse array of opportunities available through 4-H—from competitive robotics teams to leadership development and beyond. It was a wonderful day of inclusive learning and community connection!



## Cupcake Wars ~ The Winners are...



**Clover**  
Spencer Leasure



**Junior**  
Berkley Leasure

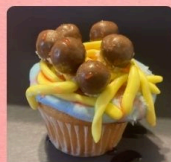


**Intermediate**  
Bobby Shrout



**Senior**  
Lawson Ritchie

Thanks to  
everyone who  
submitted an  
entry!



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## Barn Setup & Tear Down

**Set up**—The barn set up at the fairgrounds will be held on **Saturday, June 27 at 8:00 a.m.** Per Ag Expo, at least one member of each livestock family must attend. It is the responsibility of the families to ensure that they sign in to get credit for being there.

**Tear down**—The barn will be torn down following the livestock sale on Saturday, July 25. This also requires a representative of each family to be present.

## Campers at Fair

Camper space is available for families with livestock exhibits. To reserve a camper space during fair, call Jennifer Ternent at 240-580-7268. The fee will be \$150.00 and must be paid before arriving at the fair.



## Fair Registrations

To save time during exhibit entry, please pre-register. Pre-entry forms are due by **July 15**. 4-H families may drop them off at our office or email them to [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu). If after hours, you may put them in our locked mail box.

## Booths and Banners

Each club may enter one booth and one banner. You may enter in either open-theme or annual-theme, which is “4-H Ready for Work and Life” Please be sure to submit an indoor entry form in the club’s name and call the 4-H office to reserve space. If you need instructions, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu). Complete rules are found in the fair book.

## Fair Badges and Parking Passes

Fair badges will only be given to registered 4-H/FFA members exhibiting livestock, siblings of the exhibitors (under age 18), 4-H volunteers, and parents/guardians of the exhibitors. Club leaders will be contacted to collect the list of names for their club. If you are not affiliated with a livestock club, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) for passes.



Parking passes - Each 4-H family with livestock exhibitors will receive 2 parking passes. When badges and passes are available, an announcement will be made.

Fair badges and parking passes are also available to anyone wishing to help with indoor exhibits. Email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320 for more information.

# Happy Birthday!

Declan Andrews  
Isabella Bond  
James Burkett  
Jordan D'Atri  
Brenan DeShong  
Jameson Harvey  
Silas Jordi  
Izabelle Kendall

Jonah Knight  
Emily Kwok  
Gloria Lashbaugh  
Berkley Leasure  
Julius Little  
Elyse Markel  
Conrad Parker  
Everleigh Peters

Haylee Raines  
Lawson Ritchie  
Brady roque  
Waylynn Shingler  
Harper Stangel  
Ellena Williamson  
Shane Yonker



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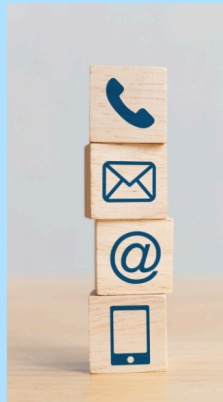
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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact the University of Maryland Extension Office.