**Record Book Workshop Rescheduled:**
Due to lack of RSVP’s the Record book workshop originally scheduled of this evening (March 13th) will be rescheduled to Thursday, April 17, 2014. This workshop is designed to introduce the new livestock project record sheets, and provide the “how to” information in order to complete a record book. Please RSVP to awahle@umd.edu no later than April 14th if you plan on attending.

**Public Speaking:**
Reminder that Public Speaking will be held on March 22nd at Annapolis High School beginning at 10:00am. Rules and score forms can be found on the AACO 4-H Website.

**Host Families needed for Japanese Students:**
Some basics of this inbound program:

- Delegates are aged 12-16 and are part of an English language program in Japan, however their English skills are typically pretty low, but what better way to learn English than with hands-on experience! We will provide families with resources and tools to help break down communication.
- We are looking for 10 families to host youth for 4 weeks and 1 family to host a chaperone for 2-4 weeks. We match delegates based on the host sibling: age, gender, and interests. For the chaperone families do not need to have children in their home- This would be great with an adult that stays in the home, like grandparents, who could be like a ‘host sibling’ for the chaperone!
- Camps are a GREAT experience for Japanese delegates, and we would reimburse the family after the children attend the camp.
- The delegates will be arriving the last week in July and staying until the last week in August. If a school starts early, we will work with the school district- it’s very successful in other states!
- The purpose of this program is to build cultural awareness, give our families and youth the opportunities to experience and appreciate cultural diversity, have personal growth, and for our youth especially- to develop skills and attitudes for them to function at a higher level in our global economy. For more research on the impacts of this program, please visit this website: [http://www.joe.org/joe/2005june/rb3.php](http://www.joe.org/joe/2005june/rb3.php)

See attached flyer for additional information
Upcoming Online Volunteer Trainings:

April 16th from 6:30-8:30
This training provides an overview on: The History of Extension, Eight Essential Elements of Youth Development, Ages and Stages of Youth Development, and Maryland 4-H policies and procedures. Only 4-H Faculty and/or Staff can register an individual to participate in these online opportunities. All paperwork, interviews, background checks, and interviews should have been completed as a prerequisite to class participation.

Target Audience: New UME 4-H Volunteers

Length: 2 hours

Learning Objective: 1) Improve volunteer's understanding and knowledge of the University of Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program. 2) Increase the quality of program delivery for 4-H members in Maryland. 3) Build a base of committed volunteers to increase program capacity

Description: This class will provide participants basic information on the University of Maryland Extension 4-H Youth Development program. It will cover UME policies and procedures and detail the process to becoming an appointed UME 4-H Volunteer.

Methodology: The course will be taught via Webinar. Participants will need access to a computer with internet connection as well as telephone. The sessions will not be recorded.
Prerequisites: A volunteer must have completed all UME Volunteer paperwork before attending the training.

Demonstration/Healthy Lifesyles Day:
Demonstration day is fast approaching-Contest will be held April 11th at the 4-H Office in Gambrills. As registration forms are received we contact you to setup your scheduled time. Contest rules and registration form can be found on website (see link below)
https://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/4-h/demonstrationhealthy-lifestyles-day

Camping Opportunities:
Attached you will find information for Anne Arundel County 4-H Camp as well as Patuxent River 4-H Center. Please contact our office with any questions! Camps are first come first serve so return applications as soon as possible. Please contact awahle@umd.edu with any questions or scholarship requests.
Upcoming Meetings/Events:
- March 15th: Horse Bowl Contest at College Park
- March 22nd: Public Speaking Contest at Annapolis High School
- April 5th: Easter Egg Hunt at Kinder Farm Park at 1:00pm (fundraiser for 4-H Exchange Club)
- April 5th: Bike Rodeo Contest at Patuxent River 4-H Center beginning at 10:00am
- April 11th: Demonstration Day at Anne Arundel County Extension office, 3:00pm
- April 12th: State Camp Training 9-4 Location TBD
- April 17th: Record Book Workshop 7pm at 4-H Office
- April 26th: Maryland Day 10-4 at UMD College Park

Important Dates to Remember:
- March 26-27: Anne Arundel County Extension office CLOSED for UME conference
- April 4th: Demonstration Day Registration Due

If you would like to include an item in the updates please send to awahle@umd.edu by Thursday Morning.

Thanks and have a great weekend!