ANN ARUNDEL COUNTY 4-H UPDATES!

Club leaders please send out to your clubs!

4-H MEMBERSHIP CARDS

***4-H Cards have been sent to club leaders, if you have anyone that is missing their cards please contact Doris at dsabur@umd.edu and she will work on making the corrections. ***

RECORD BOOKS

Record books are ready for pick up, if you haven’t done so already please stop in the Extension office to pick up books.

ANN ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR:

Seeking 2014 Poultry Princess Contestants:
The fifth annual Anne Arundel County Fair Poultry Princess Contest will take place on Wednesday, September 10th at the county fairgrounds in Crownsville, Maryland. The mission of the Poultry Princess Contest is to raise awareness about poultry by educating the public about various types and breeds of poultry and basic care; however, it is not a requirement that contestants own poultry to compete. This contest offers young ladies from ages 10-15 an opportunity to participate by submitting a resume, written essay, and interacting with a panel of judges through a "fishbowl" question and an interview. Applicants must reside in Anne Arundel County. The newly crowned Poultry Princess will be awarded prize money, crown, and official sash, and will represent the county fair and the poultry industry throughout the fair and year.

If interested in applying, check out www.aacountyfair.org for an application or e-mail one of the chairpersons: Applications due August 31st!

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MARYLAND STATE FAIR TAGS:

State fair entry tags for indoor building exhibits are in the Anne Arundel County 4-H office. Tags are available between 8 and 4:30 each day through the 19th. After that they will be taken back to the state fair and can be picked up when items are entered. We strongly encourage you to pick up tags ahead of time to allow check in process to be much faster.

Other details for State Fair: http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h
Click on links to read more about competitions and view schedule.

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY FAIR:

Attached to this email is the information regarding the Prince George’s County Fair, September 4-7, 2014.

You will find our Fair-At-A-Glance Document attached, with fair schedule and overview. The 2014 Fair Premium Book is also attached.

We are no longer using the 3-ply entry sheets, so we have not mailed packets to your offices. Instead, attached here is the entry sheet and entry tags. They can be distributed to your 4-H families electronically. Should families need paper copies, they can contact our office and we will be happy to mail it to them.

Please note that all contest registration forms are due by Friday August 22, 2014. More information regarding our fair programs can also be found at the Prince George’s County Fair website: www.countyfair.org

If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H office at 301-868-9636.

NEWS FROM THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION, INC.

County Fair 4-H T-shirt Orders - final call
4-H volunteers and family members: If you would like to order a County Fair 4-H T-shirt, please complete the attached order form and submit it to the 4-H office along with payment by Wednesday, August 20th. The order form can also be found in the 4-H fair catalog. County Fair 4-H Exhibitors get one free T-shirt and additional shirts can be purchased at a cost of $10.00. Please make checks payable to the Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Maryland 4-H Car Magnets
The 4-H Foundation is selling “Maryland 4-H” car magnets at a cost of $5.00 each. For further information, please contact Gina Degreenia at onebusymotherofthree@comcast.net.
Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum (NERVF) Scholarships
The 4-H Foundation has scholarships available to those attending this year’s NERVF. Attendees must apply and the scholarship will be awarded upon successful completion of the event. The application form will be forthcoming. The scholarship fund will be divided equally among those applying and the amount awarded will not exceed the cost of the registration fee. If you have a special need that the 4-H Foundation should be aware of, please contact the 4-H Foundation at aacounty4hfoundation@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

4-H Basket Silent Auction
One again this year the A.A.CO 4-H Foundation is hosting a silent auction during fair week. We ask that each club help us by entering a theme basket to be auctioned. We have been successful in the past with the generous support from the clubs! It's easy to get started. Just pick a theme for your baskets. Some examples are movie night, game night, barnyard fun and beach party. Be creative and have fun. Once your basket is complete, list the items on the basket and attach the estimated total for your basket. This will help the bidders know what is in the basket and how much it is worth. The basket will be on displayed all week so make sure the basket is secure with wrap. Individuals or families may also make baskets.

Bring your baskets to 4-H judging night on Monday Sept. 9th. Basket winners will be announced at 4pm on Sunday September 14th.

Thanks in advance for your support,
Gina Degreenia

4-H Cake Auction (flyer attached)
Friday, September 12th
at the Anne Arundel County Fair under the dinner tent in the barn area
Judging at 4:30 p.m.
Silent Auction begins at 6:30 p.m. with Live Auction at 7:30 p.m.
Please consider baking a cake for the cake auction or come out and bid on one!
Cakes can be dropped off on Thursday, September 11th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Friday, September 12th from 9:00 am. - 4:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building.

4-H Ice Cream Social (flyer attached)
Friday, September 12th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (or until the ice cream is gone)
at the Anne Arundel County Fair under the dinner tent in the barn area
FREE to all 4-H members, volunteers and their families and cake auction bidders and buyers

New York City Christmas Spectacular Starring the Rockettes
Friday, December 12th
The cost is $125.00 and includes bus transportation and a ticket to the Rockettes show. The bus will leave from Kinder Farm Park at 5:30 a.m. and return at 9:30 p.m. For tickets or further information, contact Gina Degreenia at onebusymotherofthree@comcast.net.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 13th, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Applebee’s Neighborhood Bar and Grill, Waugh Chapel Shopping Center, Gambrills

The 4-H Foundation meets the third Wednesday of each month at the 4-H office at 7 p.m. If you are interested in helping support our county 4-H program, please join us at our next meeting. For further information, contact the Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation at aacounty4hfoundation@gmail.com.

Submitted by: Mary Thomas, Vice President, hackyt@aol.com

NORTHEAST REGIONAL VOLUNTEER FORUM
Thanks to the collaboration between UME 4-H Volunteer Association, UME 4-H, and the Maryland 4-H Foundation, the official promotion and registration site for the 2014 North East Regional Volunteer Forum is open. Many thanks to the various committees and workgroups that have partnered to make the forum a reality.

The link for the forum information and registration can be found at: NORTH EAST REGIONAL VOLUNTEER FORUM INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Please promote broadly to your volunteer constituency including youth and adult volunteers. I am distributing across the North East States through our 4-H Director network.

This is a unique opportunity to have this caliber of keynote speakers, workshops, and tours for our volunteers and faculty.

We are looking forward to showcasing the outstanding 4-H program that Maryland has for the entire North East.

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NEWS FROM THE MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEERS’ ASSOCIATION
The Maryland 4-H Volunteers’ Association helps develop and support 4-H volunteers and members throughout the state. We assist the State 4-H office in providing training opportunities for Maryland 4-H volunteers such as the 4-H Volunteer Forum.

This year, Maryland is hosting the Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum (NERVF) in College Park from November 20-23. Many of our members, including volunteers from Anne Arundel County, are actively serving on the various committees, but we still need your help. Please see the below information from President, Arlene Lantz from Garrett County.

Any active, enrolled UME 4-H adult volunteer is a member of the Volunteers’ Association. If you would like to join our Volunteers’ list serve, please send your name, county and e-mail address to md4hvoluteersassociation@gmail.com.

NERVF Hospitality Committee - Centerpieces/Table Favors & Items for the Hospitality Table
I’m working with Ellen Larrimore from Cecil County on coordinating the centerpieces and table favors for each of the meals. We already have several 4-H clubs, counties and All Stars working on them, including Anne Arundel County. Some of you have already helped with making table favors and give aways for our Hospitality table. Our county will also be providing 10 centerpieces. If you can donate any items or know of any businesses or organizations we can contact, please let me know at hackyt@aol.com. Further information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event and have a firm count on the number attending.

Ellen is in need of solar lights for Mason jar luminaries. If you can help out, please contact her at elarrimore@zoominternet.net.

I’m also selling tickets for a 4-H T-shirt quilt to benefit the 2014 NERVF. Anne Arundel County has a square in the center of the quilt. Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 22nd. To obtain tickets, please contact me at hackyt@aol.com.

**COUNTY FAIR GARDENERS:**

Just wanted to let you know when the Fairgrounds would be available for entry to do work on the gardens. The gardens were cleaned out and mulched in April and a couple have been worked on since and are in pretty good shape. The others, however, do need to be weeded and get some basic maintenance. Below is the schedule of days that the Fairgrounds will be open for you to come in and tend to the gardens.

August 27

These are all weekdays and would be from 6 p.m. until dark. Please bring your own tools and mulch is available at the back of the Exhibit Bldg. Also, remember to sign in and out at the
office. We don't want anyone locked in the Fairgrounds overnight! I will probably have more
dates available and will let you know as soon as I confirm them.

Last year one club said that they had willing workers but those workers did not have much
gardening experience or knowledge. If you have such a situation I am willing to help whomever
you send by showing them what are weeds and what are plants. You do have to let me know
before the date so I can, either be there myself, or find someone else to help.

Fairgrounds are very busy during the summer so it is a juggling act to allow you all access
without conflicting with the Fairgrounds rental schedule. Please email me or call if you have
questions or problems.
Joan jm0037@prattlibrary.org or 410-255-4213.

Upcoming Online Volunteer Trainings:

Tuesday, Sep. 16, 2014 - 6:45pm to 8:45pm
Online

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 on-
line 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.

Please contact the 4-H office if you are interested in taking this training.

REMINDER- 4-H staff will be in and out of the office for the next few weeks at the Maryland
state fair. Hope to see you all there!

Thank you all and have a wonderful week!