All enrollment will be done online this year. The link to complete registration is below. Refer to the MD New Family Enrollment Help guide to help walk you through the process. If you have any issues enrolling please contact Doris Sabur at dsabur@umd.edu and she will help walk you through the process!

https://md.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4067697663762B4C61322B4D3D

Achievement Night—THANK YOU!
Thank you to everyone who attended and help to organize and setup achievement night. I heard wonderful things about the event and am sorry to have missed it. Congrats to all of our award nominees and winners

Anne Arundel County Youth Workshop Series—Friday Parent’s Night Out 2015
Provided by the Anne Arundel County 4-H Program
Drop off your kids from 6:30-9:00PM at the University of Maryland Extension Office on the beautiful Sunrise Farm in Gambrills, Maryland and get a taste of the programs that 4-H offers. These 6 workshops will explore Arts and Crafts, Photography, Fine Arts, Agriculture, and more! All completed projects will be ready to show at the Anne Arundel County Fair. Sign up for the series for a discounted rate, or choose the workshops a la carte. See flyer for more information and registration details. Please RSVP by April 6th if you plan to attend on the 10th.

4-H Camping Opportunities
2015 Engineering Camp
Registration forms are now available for the 2015 MD 4-H Engineering camp. Registration form can be found at http://extension.umd.edu/news/events/fri-2015-04-17-1830-maryland-4-h-engineering-camp-2015.

The engineering camp will be held April 17 – 19 at the Rocks 4-H camp in Harford County. For those who are not familiar with the Engineering camp this is the 6th year for this camp. The engineering camp provides youth ages 12 – 18 with the opportunity to explore various facets of the engineering field from mechanical engineering (engine repair) and materials engineering (welding) to Robotics and Aerospace. The campers also develop teamwork and critical thinking skills while completing design and build challenges throughout the weekend as part of a small engineering team.

Anne Arundel County 4-H Camp
Camp will be held July 26-31st this year at the beautiful Western Maryland 4-H Center. See Camp Flyer and registration form. Camp is filling fast so don’t delay.
Patuxent River 4-H Center Camping Opportunities
The center will be offering a day camp program as well as a resident camp program. Flyer and registration form

4-H International Hosting Program for Summer 2015

It’s that time again!!

Please forward to all your 4-H Club Leaders the attached information on our 4-H International Hosting Program for Summer 2015! I am VERY willing to attend/Call in to any County 4-H Leaders meetings to share this information- just send me the time and place and I will be there! We are looking to place all the students by May 15- and WE CAN DO IT!

AT A GLANCE:

- **Costa Rica** (7 teens- sharing with Virginia)
  - Dates: June 24-July 19
  - Ages: 15-17
  - English language skills vary

- **Japan** (10 middle school age and 1 adult)
  - Dates: July 25-August 22 (Dates may change)
  - Ages: 12-15
  - English Language Skills vary- this is an English immersion program for them, English is a college and work-ready skill 😊

Hosting Requirements:
- The Host Sibling should be within two years of the Delegates age, and be the same gender
- Everyone 18+ in the household must pass a background check
- You do NOT have to be in 4-H to host!
- Must have own permanent bed for them to sleep on, and preferred to share a room with same gender.
- Go to this website to fill out an online application: [http://www.states4hexchange.org/](http://www.states4hexchange.org/)
- If you host for one month you receive $100 off a States’ 4-H International Exchange trip (Up to $300), If you host for the school year you receive $1000 off the cost of a trip. School year hosting opportunities are available.

Top Five Truths to Know About Hosting:

1.) That hiking trail a couple miles from home that you’re always meaning to take? That park or local museum you haven’t visited in a while? That tennis racket that never seems to make it onto the court? Bringing a guest to your home doesn’t mean making huge or expensive trips, but it’s really about exploring and having you rediscover your local community as a family!

2.) Communication will be a challenge that both you and your delegate will meet. Practicing as a family before your delegate arrives was the number one piece of advice from past host families, and we have resources for you. 😊

3.) You can spend a lot of money. But you can also not spend a lot of money. See point number one and be advised that one of the favorite things our delegates did was play a pick-up game of basketball, or go to the County fair, or go to the dump (I can’t make this up!). The things you and your family do every day is perfect. Which leads me to…
4.) You will stress yourself out if you try to be the entertainer. Treat them exactly as you would your own children. Down time, quiet time, recharge time- all very ok and necessary!

5.) They are eager to learn English, to make you happy, and to visit America, but saying goodbye is tough, and that’s a pretty special thing. 😊

If you have any questions please send them my way! Alisha, alishat@umd.edu

4-H FOUNDATION MEETINGS

The Anne Arundel County 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.

Upcoming Trainings:

April 21st@6:30- Record Book workshop-get a jump on your 2015 record book and join us as we walk you through managing, organizing, and completing a 4-H record book. You must RSVP for this event no later than 4:30 on Monday April 20th.

Need service hours? The 4-H Office could use your help! Contact Amanda with your availability if interested!

MARYLAND 4-H UPDATE

Topics of the week:

1. Extension Agent 4-H - The Montgomery County Robotic club wins Regional!
2. 34th Annual Maryland 4-H Golf Tournament in Honor of Martin K. Hoff
3. Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
4. 2015 Maryland 4-H Robotics Challenge
5. NEW - Maryland 4-H State Council Webpage!
6. National 4-H E-academy: Developing Skills Through 4-H Leadership and Citizenship Opportunities
7. 4-H Teen Leaders vie for State Awards
8. Maryland 4-H Foundation Online Store is Open!
9. AGNR Calendar – 4-H Online Volunteer Orientation