UPCOMING EVENTS

March
• 10—County Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m.
• 4—State Livestock Skillathon
• 13—Officer Training, 6:30 p.m.
• 25 to 30—National 4-H Conference

April
• 6—New UME Volunteer Training, 6:00 p.m.
• 14—Easter Egg Hunt, UME Closed
• 22—Spring livestock tagging, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
• 23—Achievement Dinner, 3:00 p.m.
• 29—Maryland Day, State Public Speaking

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Allegany County 4-H Public Speaking Contest is scheduled for Friday, March 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Allegany County Fairgrounds.

Speech Categories:
- 4-H Pledge (recited by Clovers and first-year members with no judging)
- 30-second Radio Spot
- Prepared Speech
- Extemporaneous
- Interpretation (Dramatic, Poetry, or Humorous)
- PowerPoint Presentation (New—County contest only)

Members can participate in more than one category.

Nervous when speaking in public? Try a radio spot...you are heard but not seen.

Rules are available at the Extension Office. To register call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu by March 8.

An emcee and timekeeper are also needed. Please call if interested.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Cumberland Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Friday, April 14 at Constitution Park. Each year Allegany County 4-H members assist with this community event.

If you plan to help that day, please call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu by April 12.
4-H ACHIEVEMENT DINNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
AT 3:00 P.M.
ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

All 4-H families and supporters are invited to attend a dinner to recognize 4-H members and volunteers. Main dish and beverages will be provided.

Each family should bring a covered dish and dessert.

Help is needed to finalize the tables at 2:00 p.m. and also after the dinner to clear the tables.

Please make reservations by calling 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu with the number attending and the dishes you can provide by April 21.

Teen 4-H members are needed to announce awards. Junior members are needed to assist with door prizes. If you can help, please contact the office as stated above.

SMALL FARM CONFERENCE

March 17 & 18, 2016
Allegany College of Maryland
Cumberland, Maryland

Who Should Attend? Anyone interested in farming, producing food or farm products, currently farming and want to expand or diversify, or just wanting to learn from experts!

The Appalachia Grows Youth Track on Friday, March 17 is free for youth in high school or college. Lunch is being sponsored by Farm Credit of the Virginias. Youth may also attend the afternoon sessions on marketing.

For the complete agenda and registration go to: www.AppGrows.com

FAIR BOOK DESIGN CONTEST

Youth in grades 3 through 12 can submit designs for the 2017 Allegany County Fair Book. All qualified entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Prizes will be as follows:

♦️ First Place - $50.00
♦️ Second Place - $25.00
♦️ Third Place - $10.00

The first place entry will be the cover of the fair book. All entries will be on display in the Exhibit Hall during fair week and may be picked up on Sunday, July 23 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The 4-H logo can be used. You must use the official logo which is available at the Extension Office. The logo cannot be altered.

For complete rules and an entry form, call the UME Office at 301-724-3320 or visit: https://extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms

Entries due March 20. Late entries will not be judged.

Note: The contest is open to all youth grades 3 through 12. They do not need to be a member of 4-H.
Below are awards for which you can nominate an Allegany County registered 4-H Volunteer.

★ The **4-H Service Award** is designed to reward a nominee who has performed numerous, unselfish acts of service to 4-H and others throughout their community and their state. This nominee will be one who performs acts of service from the most menial to the most important with a giving spirit both within the 4-H community and their world.

★ The **4-H Citizenship Award** should recognize an individual that exemplifies sterling citizenship characteristics. This individual should have a record of commitment to their club, community and country and should be a mentor to others providing inspiration and encouragement to others to do the same.

★ The **4-H Leadership Award** should recognize individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills on the local, county, state and possibly national level. These nominees’ leadership skills should show initiative, innovation, and a dedication to the 4-H program with the ability to make things happen.

★ **Honorary 4-H Club Members:** The nominees must have volunteered for 3 or more years and were not 4-H members as a youth. They have become involved in the 4-H organization as adults. They have given outstanding leadership to 4-H with exemplary results. They help make a difference in the lives of youth and families. This award is a great way to recognize those involved in the military or after-school programs or for special interest leader recognition.

★ The **4-H Alumni Award** is designed to honor 4-H members who have continued their love and support of 4-H into their adult lives. Hard work and determination has led to exemplary personal success and the nominee attributes this success to the life skills learned as a 4-H member. This nominee’s continuing dedication to and acknowledgement of the 4-H program should be the main criteria for this award.

For a nomination form, email jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320. Completed forms are due April 1, 2017.
SCHOLARSHIPS

County Scholarships

Scholarships are available year round for active 4-H members and 4-H volunteers to attend workshops, camps and other 4-H activities.

Note: Applications must be submitted before the registration deadline for the event.

Academic Scholarships

Applications for the 2017/2018 academic year will be accepted beginning February 1. 4-H members who are planning to continue their education after high school and returning students are encouraged to apply. Applications are available online or by emailing jparrish@umd.edu.

Deadline is June 1, 2017—No exceptions.

Information and applications for the above scholarships are available at:

http://extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms

OPPORTUNITY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Now Accepting Applications for the Project Youth Extension Service (YES) Internship Program

Project Y.E.S! is a national internship program engaging college students in service to meet the needs of military families. Specifically, Project Y.E.S! expands the resources of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) and other youth & teen-oriented programs. Our staff interns are provided an opportunity to give back to their communities and country through a year of service. Through our partnership with the General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center, our staff interns are provided first-class youth development educational and facilitation skills.

NEW—RFID TAGS FOR BEEF & SWINE

RFID tags for beef and swine- 2017 fairs and shows:

MD department of agriculture has released its new 2017 animal health regulations. One new change is that all beef and swine must have an RFID US official identification tag (formerly the US official metal clip tags) along with necessary 4-H tags in order to exhibit at MD fairs and shows. To get these tags for your beef or swine there are a few options:

1. Get them from the producer you purchased from. However, given this is a new requirement, many producers are not aware of it yet and may not have the tags. Please encourage your producers to consider purchasing some, as this policy is likely to continue into the future. This option most closely follows the policy’s purpose of disease traceability.

2. Get them from your veterinarian. However, given many families use vets outside of Maryland, they may also not be familiar yet with this new requirement. Please check with your vet if they have or can purchase tags prior to your veterinary inspection. Do not assume they will have the tags when they come to do your health papers.

3. Purchase tags yourself from a tag company of your choice. In order to do so, you must have a Premise ID number from MDA, this number will be on the tags. Also, be sure that they are US official ID tags (has the US shield on it), and are RFID (radio frequency/electronic).

SPRING TAGGING

4-H livestock tagging is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at the fairgrounds.

Tagging will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12 p.m. If no one is in line at 12 p.m., tagging will close.

LIVESTOCK REGISTRATIONS

- May 1—Due to our office: ALL Livestock Registrations
  - Beef—Breeding
  - Beef—Feeder
  - Goat
  - Sheep
  - Swine
  - Horse
  - Poultry
  - Rabbit
- County Bred Entry Cards
- Bred & Owned Entry Cards
- Breeding/Performance Leases—for all leased animals exhibiting at fair.

Forms available at: http://extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms

2017 MARYLAND SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL

May 6 & 7, 2017
8:30AM – 6PM Saturday
8:30AM – 5PM Sunday
Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

The admission fee is $5.00 per day and applies to adults only; everyone under 18 will be admitted free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at: https://sheepandwool.eventbrite.com. A processing fee of $1.24 per ticket will be added.

You can register online at: https://sheepandwool.eventbrite.com

For more information, visit: http://sheepandwool.org/2017-festival/whats-new/
Maryland 4-H has many competitive events. Check them out and let Lacie know if you would be interested.

**Animal Science Events**
- Dairy Bowl
- Dairy Judging
- Dog Bowl
- Dairy Goat Judging
- Hippology
- Horse Judging
- Horse Communication
- Horse Bowl
- Egg Preparation
- Poultry & Egg Judging
- Avian Bowl
- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Skillathon
- Rabbit Judging

**Engineering Events**
- Bicycle Safety
- Lawn Tractor
- Tractor Operator Safety
- Small Engine
- Electric
- Computer
- Robotics

**Other Events**
- Horticulture Judging
- Fashion Revue
- 4-H Presents!
- Public Speaking

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**Maryland 4-H Engineering Camp**

**Rocks 4-H Camp**

**Friday, Apr. 21, 2017 - 6:30pm to Sunday, Apr. 23, 2017 - 12:00pm**

The purpose of this camp is to introduce you to the many mechanical engineering projects available through 4-H and to give you hands-on practice to prepare for county, regional, and state contests. Each participant will have the opportunity to explore engineering projects in-depth. The projects that will be featured at the 2017 Maryland Engineering camp are: large tractor operation, lawn tractor, environmental engineering, GPS/GIS mapping, and welding. Finish the weekend off with a team engineering skills contest.

The cost for the Maryland 4-H Engineering camp is:
- $135.00 for 4-H members if received before April 1, 2017
- $155.00 for Non 4-H members if received before April 1, 2017
- $170.00 for all registrations received after April 1, 2017
- $60.00 for all adult volunteers (must be UME approved volunteers)

Registration packets are available online at [http://ter.ps/4hencamp17](http://ter.ps/4hencamp17).

For more information please contact Dwayne Murphy at dmurphy2@umd.edu or 410-887-8090.

Visit our Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/Md4HEngineeringCamp/?ref=bookmarks](https://www.facebook.com/Md4HEngineeringCamp/?ref=bookmarks)

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**Maryland State Fair Opportunities**

With the 4-H Program year just under way, there are a wealth of opportunities that await all 4-H members at the state level. One of the greatest state level opportunities open to all 4-H members is the Maryland State Fair. Often called the 11 best days of summer, the Maryland State Fair is a great way meet 4-H members from around the state and participate in a variety of contests and programs.

For a list of events held at the Maryland State Fair go to the Maryland State Fair website at [http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h](http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h).
Submit your photos and articles to jparrish@umd.edu by the following dates:
February 18; April 18; June 18; August 18; October 18; December 18.

**LIVESTOCK DEMONSTRATION**

During the 4-H Livestock Club February meeting, Darrell Stonestreet gave a demonstration on how to give a shot to livestock.

Pictured from left to right is Brienne Willison, Lillie Humbertson, Cassidy Stickel, Remington Ross, Zane Cessna, Holden Cessna, Kylee Cessna, Michael Knight, Darrell Stonestreet (volunteer) and Matt Straw. Not pictured, but present: Garrett and Johnna Slider.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

In response to the overwhelming number of cats rescued by the Allegany County Animal Shelter, the Just Hoofin’ It 4H Horse and Pony Club recently collected items to assist in the care of the cats.

Pictured from left to right are: Ava Strawderman, Sadie Strawderman, Tessa Gomer, Emily Book, Bekah Book, Abigail Grove, Grace Miller, Emmaline Speis, and Malia Strawderman.

**4-H EMBLEM**

The official 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with a white H on each leaf standing for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. The stem of the clover is always to the right. There is little doubt that the 4-H emblem is one of the most highly recognized logos in the world.

The 4-H name and emblem have United States federal protection under federal code 18 U.S.C. 707, passed in 1939, slightly revised in 1948. This federal protection makes it a mark unto and of itself with protection that supersedes the limited authorities of both a trademark and a copyright. The Secretary of Agriculture is given responsibility and stewardship for the 4-H name and emblem, at the direct request of the U.S. Congress. These protections place the 4-H emblem in a unique category of protected emblems, along with the U.S. Presidential Seal, and Smokey Bear.
**Recycled Garment**

Recycle an old men’s dress shirt into an apron!

1 large button shirt  
Scissors  
Ruler or rotary cutter  
Sewing machine and sewing supplies

**Steps:**

1. **Cut off the sleeves and the back.**

2. **Cut around the collar but leave it intact.** I cut very close to the seam so that I wouldn't have to hem anything or have any raw edges.

3. **Use your rotary cutter and ruler to make a diagonal cut from the armpit to the top of the shoulder.**

4. **On the raw edge that you just cut, turn a hem under, concealing all raw edges, and sew it down.** Do this on both sides.

5. **The final step is to make the apron ties.** You could use ribbon or cut strips of leftover fabric from the shirt. Close all raw edges in and sew your straps on to the bottom of your diagonal cut. Be sure to backstitch several times for reinforcement.

For more details go to:  
# 2017 4-H Calendar

## January
- 2—UME Office Closed
- 10—Resumes for national trips due to Lacie.
- 15—Resumes for national trips to State 4-H Office.
- 15—MD 4-H Gala
- 16—UME Office Closed
- 20 to 22—World Horse Expo

## February
- 1—Due to 4-H Office: Record Books, Enrollment Forms, Secretary Books
- 6, 13, 20 & 27—Livestock Skillathon Practice, 6:30 p.m.

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## May
- 1—ALL Livestock Registrations, County Bred Entry Cards, Bred & Owned Entry Cards, Horse, Chicken, Rabbit Registrations, Breeding/Performance Leases—for all animals exhibiting at fair—both breeding and market!
- 6 to 7—MD Sheep & Wool Festival
- 13—4-H/FFA District Livestock Show, Garrett County
- 29—Memorial Day, UME Closed

## June
- 1—County scholarship applications due to 4-H Office.
- 1—MD 4-H Foundation scholarship applications due.
- 25 to 29—Camp Algawa
- 25 to 29—MD 4-H Teen Congress

## July
- 1—QA and Horse Standards must be completed.
- 4—UME Closed
- 7 to 9—Horse Jamboree
- 11—Fair set up & picnic
- 15 to 22—Allegany County Fair
- 21—4-H Presents at Fair
- 22—4-H Livestock Sale at Fair
- 31—State Fair entries due

## August
- 24 to Sept. 4—Maryland State Fair
- 26—State engineering contests
- 27—Robotics challenge at State Fair
- 31—Diamond Clover Level 6 proposal due to UME Office.

## September
- Enrollment for new 4-H year begins.
- 2—State Livestock Judging
- 3—State Fashion Revue
- 4—Labor Day, UME Office Closed
- TBA—State Rifle Match

## October
- 1 to 7—National 4-H Week
- 10—National Trip applications to Lacie.
- 12—New UME Volunteer Training
- 15—National Trip applications to State Office
- TSC paper clover sales TBA

## November
- 10—Veterans’ Day, UME Office closed
- 17 to 19—MD 4-H Volunteer Forum
- 18—County steer tagging, 8-10 a.m.
- 23 to 24—UME Office closed for Thanksgiving

## December
- 1—Market Steer registrations, County Bred Entry Cards, Bred & Owned Entry Cards due to 4-H Office.
- 25 to 31—UME Office Closed for winter break

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**Dates and Times Subject to Change**
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