ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR

County Fair 101 Training
Training will include information on entering fair, showmanship, changes to rules, and contest information.

July 24, 2014 or August 7, 2014
7:00pm
Anne Arundel County 4-H Office
97 Dairy Lane, Gambrills
(Late entry forms will be accepted on the 7th only from those attending meeting)

**This is a mandatory meeting for all 4-H livestock exhibitors in order to show at the fair**

Contact Ruby with any livestock questions and Amanda with indoor exhibit questions

Catalog is now online-link is located below. All 4-H entries for livestock and indoor building are due August 1st. Open entries are due to fair grounds no later than August 15th by 5:00pm.

https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/2014%20AA%20COUNTY%20FAIR%20CATALOG
2.pdf

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.

DEADLINE IS APPROACHING FAST 2014 Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance-must be completed by livestock owners

The 2014 Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance (AH&QA) program is open will remain open through July 31, 2014. The attached AH&QA Information Sheet contains the link for the program site, specific requirements, and other relevant information for the program. Similar information has also been attached in a second “newsletter article” style format for you.
All 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, llamas, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to have completed the on-line training prior to July 31 to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in 2014 Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows. Units may set earlier deadlines to accommodate their local program and are requested to contact me to discuss this option if this would apply to your program.

The 2014 program contains two levels, a Junior-aged Level and an Intermediate/Senior-aged Level. The program automatically directs members to the correct level based on their birthdate. 4-Hers are required to complete the on-line training program when they reach each 4-H age division (juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year) OR when an Intermediate or Senior 4-H member chooses to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division they must return to program and complete the program for the new species area. (The Junior program does not have species specific sections like the Intermediate/Senior program does).

Here is the link to the AH&QA program: https://webtools.moo.umd.edu/AHQA/.

Please contact our office with any questions. Additional information is attached.

MARYLAND STATE FAIR UPDATES:

Greetings from the Maryland State Fair 4-H Team!

Attached you will find two important documents promoting the opportunities at the Maryland State Fair. Please promote to 4-H families, friends and alumni the opportunity to participate and have fun at the Maryland State Fair.

1. Attached is the Final Schedule for MD 4-H Events at the State Fair.
2. Attached is our June Newsletter- PLEASE PLEASE share with your 4-H families and membership. This gives an overview about entering, working, and schedule!
3. State Fair Workers!!!!!!!- We are recruiting youth workers for the 4-H Indoor Building, U-learn Farm, 4-H Animal World, and 4-H Poultry & Rabbit Building. Members go to www.extension.umd.edu/4-h the link for the application is on the upper right hand side. Once the applications are received we will contact county offices for recommendations for hiring. Applications are Due AUGUST 1, 2014. A youth worker orientation is Scheduled for Monday August 11, 2014.

As always please contact me with any questions!

Looking forward to the best 11 days of Summer! August 22-Sept 1.

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

County Fair 4-H T-shirt Order Form - due August 1st
To get your County Fair 4-H T-shirt, please be sure to fill out a T-shirt order form and turn it in to the 4-H office by August 1st. The form can be found in the 4-H fair catalog. County Fair 4-H Exhibitors get one
free T-shirt. Additional shirts for 4-H family members and volunteers 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.

**Upcoming Events (further information forthcoming)**

**County-wide 4-H Cookout**
LEADERS & FRIENDS:
The annual 4-H Cookout that the Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation hosts, will be held August 8, 2014 at Kinder Farm Park, flyer attached. The rain date is August 15th. Please send this out to your members and encourage them to attend.

**4-H Basket Silent Auction**
September 10th-14th
during the Anne Arundel County Fair
Clubs are asked to design and fill a themed basket. Please inform Gina Degreenia of your basket theme at onebusymotherofthree@comcast.net. Then bring your basket to the County Fair on Monday, September 8th during the 4-H Indoor Exhibits Entry Day. Baskets will be on display during fair week.

**4-H Cake Auction**
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 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building.

**4-H Ice Cream Social**
Friday, September 12th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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

Submitted by: Mary Thomas, Vice President, Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation, 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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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.

July 21
July 30
August 5
August 7
August 12
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:**

Monday, August 11, 2014 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

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**-Amanda will be at camp July 26-August 1 with limited access to email. Ruby and/or Doris will be happy to help with questions that week.