CONGRATS TO AACO STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTANTS

Congratulations to the 114 youth who participated in the 2014 State 4-H Communications Contest as a part of the campus-wide Maryland Day Event. Each participant was a Champion in their county, so competition and presentations were outstanding.

Thanks to all the families for heading to College Park and we're happy to announce the Anne Arundel County Champion and Reserve Champion in each of the following speaking categories.

Senior Reserve Champion Radio Spot - Carley Gray, Anne Arundel County

Intermediate Reserve Champion In Extemp - Grace Hughes, Anne Arundel County.

Intermediate Prepare Speech Champion - Doris Jimenez, Anne Arundel County

Every judge commented on the outstanding presentations and the difficulty of selecting a Champion and a Reserve Champion in each age category for the junior, intermediate and senior speakers! Thank you speakers for sharing your Mastery of this essential Life Skill.

OUT OF STATE TRIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Samantha Barlage who will be representing Anne Arundel County this year at Congress! Excellent Job on your Senior portfolio!

RECORD BOOKS

Club Leaders-record books have been scored and will be ready for pick up beginning Wednesday May 28, 2014. If a volunteer is coming to pick up for the club please let office know.

Patuxent River 4-H Summer Camps!

We are offering a variety of camps this summer, including day, resident, clover and a mini-camp adventure!
• **Day Camp- June 23-27, 2014**
  Ages 6-12  $210.00
  Camp Storybook is filled with fast moving days (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) that are shaped by the adventures found in the best children’s books. We will have fun environmental activities, creative games, fantastic crafts, and S’more fun! Camp also means meeting new friends, learning new skills, and creating memories that last a lifetime. Lunch is included in our price.

• **MINI-CAMP Adventure**
  June 26th-27th  $40.00
  This is an optional one night sleep over adventure that is great for the first time and/or younger campers. There is plenty of TLC to help the youngest campers through their first experience at an overnight camp. **You must attend Day Camp to be eligible for Mini-Camp**

• **Clover Day Camp- June 30 – July 3, 2014**
  Ages 5-8  $100.00
  Join us for camp “Down on the Farm” where will learn about agriculture, animals, and farming. Join us for crafts, animals, games, science, campfires, and more. Camp will run from 8:30-4:30 and lunch is included in our price and transportation can be provided from Gambrills and Bowie. There is limited space so don’t wait to register.

• **Resident Camp- July 14 -18, 2014**
  Ages 8-12  $315.00
  Explore nature, outdoors and have fun at Camp Creepy Crawly! Campers will have a full day of activities, great meals, and evening fun. Enjoy archery, nature hikes, arts & crafts, team building, low ropes, campfires, s’mores, and more. Our cabin space is limited, don’t delay registration!

Please visit see the [flier](#) for more information complete a registration form!

**The Maryland 4-H Foundation would like to remind you of two opportunities and announce a third!**

1. Please join us for Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards – Sunday June 29, 2014 Orioles vs. Tampa Bay Rays! The [flier](#) is attached with the link to purchase your tickets! Let’s have a strong showing of Green and White pride! $5 of each ticket is donated to the Maryland 4-H Foundation!

2. Calling all Scholarship applicants! 31 scholarships are available through the Maryland 4-H Foundation. Applications are due June 1, 2014. Please visit [www.mymaryland4Hfoundation.com](http://www.mymaryland4Hfoundation.com) – click on scholarship application – applicants may either submit online or via the mail. The basic requirement is 2 years of active MD 4-H participation and pursuing a post-secondary education/certification of any type.
3. The Maryland 4-H In Action is BACK! Please see the attached flyer! We need your help in promoting this opportunity to our 4-H youth. Our first edition was quite a hit! Let’s grow it even more! Our first conference call is June 24th!

**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/](https://webtools.moo.umd.edu/AHQA/).

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

**2014 County Fair 4-H T-shirt Design Contest**

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring the 2014 County Fair 4-H T-shirt Design Contest. The contest is open to all county 4-H members. Please see the attached flyer and entry form/contest rules for additional information.

The winning design will be featured on the back of the 4-H T-shirt that is given to 4-H participants at the county fair. The winner will receive $25 cash and their name will be announced at the 4-H Foundation Cookout in August. Please be sure to read the contest rules carefully and follow the guidelines on the use of the 4-H name and emblem (guidance is attached).

The deadline for entries is June 30, 2014. Entries should be mailed or e-mailed to the address listed on the entry form.
For further information, contact the 4-H Foundation at aacounty4hfoundation@gmail.com and include "4-H T-shirt Design Contest" in the subject line.

The 4-H Foundation meets the third Wednesday of each month at the 4-H office at 7 p.m. If you are a volunteer and are interested in helping support our county 4-H program, please join us at our next meeting.

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**Upcoming Online Volunteer Trainings:**

Monday, Jun. 16, 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 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.

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

**REMINDER**-Extension office is closed Monday for Memorial Day.

Thank you all and have a wonderful Holiday weekend!