The 4-H’s Got Talent competition is intended to showcase the various talents of our 4-H’ers and is open only to Central Cluster 4-H members who are 4-H age 8 – 18.

1. You must register by Wednesday, 10/14/15 at this website https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-hs-got-talent.
2. The talent show will feature the top twelve acts and will take place on Saturday, 11/7/15 from 7 – 9 pm.
3. There will be two audition nights. You cannot perform in the talent show unless you audition.
   a. Each participant must bring a signed consent form to their audition.
   b. The first audition will take place at the Howard County Extension/4-H Office on Monday, 11/2/15 from 4 – 9 pm.
   c. The second will take place at the Montgomery County Extension/4-H Office on Wed, 11/4/15 from 4 – 9 pm.
   d. Contestants may attend either audition, regardless of the county they are members in.
   e. Registration for the competition will be online and each audition site will be limited to 18 acts—participation will be based on a first come, first served basis.
   f. Each act will be assigned a time slot. Arrive on time or you may not be allowed to participate.
   g. Judges reserve the right to cancel a performance based on their good judgement.
4. Participants will be notified if they qualify to perform in the talent show. The act performed at the talent show must be the same that was performed during the audition. There will be a mandatory rehearsal before the show in the early afternoon.
5. Each 4-H’er may only perform in one act. An act may include from one to five people.
6. Acts must be memorized—no notes are allowed.
7. There are four categories participants may enter:
   a. Vocal Music—taped accompaniment is allowed but there can be no lead vocals and the music must assume the character of pure accompaniment. Lip syncing is not allowed.
   b. Instrumental Music—taped accompaniment is allowed but there can be no lead vocals and the music must assume the character of pure accompaniment.
   c. Dance—taped musical accompaniment is allowed.
   d. Miscellaneous—poetry, comedy, magic, drama, etc.
8. Any musical accompaniment should be provided on a CD or USB flash drive with your name on it and you must use one of the following file formats—mp3 or WAV.
9. A sound technician and microphones will be provided. All props must be provided by participants.
10. Participants are responsible for setting up their own equipment.
11. Acts must be safe and family friendly. The following are not allowed—dangerous objects, baton twirling, fire, smoke effects, profanity, vulgar lyrics or language. Clothing/costumes must be appropriate.
12. Judging criteria:
   a. Talent Mastery—how accomplished is the talent? How well prepared, organized?
   b. Originality/creativity—innovative, distinctive from other performers, any props/costumes used well.
   c. Delivery—showmanship, attitude/personality, entertainment value, good timing and flow, confidence, stage appearance (properly attired for act), professionalism.
   d. Time limit—acts must run for five minutes or less. If an act runs over five minutes, two points will be deducted from the total score for each minute.
13. Talent Show Prizes:
   a. Each participant in the talent show will receive a participation prize.
   b. 1st Runner Up
   c. 2nd Runner Up
d. Champion
e. People’s Choice Award—audience members choose this award recipient by placing money in a jar for their chosen act. The person with the largest amount of money wins. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards organizing the next year’s talent show.

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