***** 4- H ENROLLMENT FOR 2015! *****

All enrollment will be done online this year. The link to complete registration is below. Attached you will find the 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

4-H Camping Opportunities

Anne Arundel County 4-H Camp
Camp will be held July 26-31st this year at the beautiful Western Maryland 4-H Center. Camp Flyer and registration form can be found at this link: http://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/4-h/4-h-camp

Patuxent River 4-H Center Camping Opportunities
The center will be offering a day camp program as well as a resident camp program. See Flyer and registration form.

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

The 4-H Foundation would like to thank everyone who has participated in our sponsored events so far this year. A list of our upcoming events is provided below, so mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!!!

4-H Variety Show
The 4-H Variety Show was held on February 8th at Baldwin Church Education Building. The show was held on a Sunday and we had a great afternoon of entertainment.

- Champion Group Act - Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club
- Reserve Champion Group Act - Anne Arundel County Dairy Leasing 4-H Club
- Champion Individual Act - Trail Blazers 4-H Club

We are looking at dates in late February or early March for next year’s show.

Terry Cooper Unsung Hero Award
We had a record number of nominations this year, so thanks to everyone who nominated an individual for this award. The winners were announced at 4-H Achievement Night on March 27th.

- Adult Winner - Lisa Wilson, Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club
- Youth Winner - Jenna Whittington, Linthicum 4-H Hi-Riders Club
4-H Garden Clean-up at the County Fairgrounds
Thanks to everyone who came out on April 11th and worked on the 4-H gardens at the county fairgrounds. We had a good turn out and the weather was great. A special thanks to Domino’s on Veterans Highway, who donated all the pizzas for lunch.

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2015 County Fair 4-H T-shirt Design Contest
The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring the 2015 County Fair 4-H T-shirt Design Contest. The contest is open to all county 4-H members. Please refer to the 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.

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 J

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! alishat@UMD.EDU

Best,
Alisha

The 2015 Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance (AH&QA) program

The 2015 Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance (AH&QA) program is now open and will remain open through July 31, 2015. The program has been fully revised for 2015 and is running on a brand new custom built platform. The program is also being used by 4-H and FFA members in West Virginia this year!

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 2015 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 2015 program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome or Safari web browsers. The program is not supported by Internet Explorer. The 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).
Members may access the AH&QA program at: [http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/) or via a link on the Animal Science Program Resources page of the Maryland 4-H website at [http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources).

There will be a reporting function made available soon for counties to log in to retrieve completion reports for their own county.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chris Anderson

### MD State Fair Youth Worker Application Now Available

The Maryland State Fair is looking for youth workers over the age of 14 to help out in Animal World, the Home Arts Building, and the Poultry and Rabbit Building during the 11 days of the fair.

If you are enthusiastic about 4-H and able to interact positively with youth, UME and MDSF staff, volunteers, and the public, we want you to apply! You must be currently enrolled in the Maryland 4-H Program and willing to work a minimum of eight 4-hour shifts during the fair. [Applications are due by July 15th and can be mailed in or filled out online.](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources)

Have questions about working at the State Fair? Contact Amanda Clougherty at 301-314-7835 or akbrown@umd.edu

### NEWS FROM THE MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEERS' ASSOCIATION

Greetings from the Maryland 4-H Volunteers’ Association!

Please click on the following links for more information about our upcoming events. If you have any questions, please email Arlene Lantz, Volunteers' Association President, at alantz.4h@gmail.com.

1. Plan to join us for the **4-H Volunteer and Teen Family Picnic on Sunday, May 17th** at the Frederick County 4-H Camp. [Please click here for more details and sign up to attend - 4-H Family Picnic](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources)

2. The Volunteers' Association has a proposed by-law change to include a Young Alumni Liaison on the executive committee and create a Young Alumni Standing Committee. Please see the [proposed by-law changes](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources) that will be voted on at our annual meeting on November 22, 2015 - [By Law Changes](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources)

3. Save the Date - Plan to attend our Maryland Volunteer Forum in Ocean City on November 20-22, 2015. Committees will report on plans at the Family Picnic. Jim Cain is coming! If you saw him at the NERVF, you will want to return for more! If you missed him, you won’t want to miss him this time! Exciting team building activities for your club meetings, camps, reunions! (A registration link will be available after State Fair)
If you are an active, enrolled UME 4-H adult volunteer and would like more information please refer to the Maryland 4-H Volunteers’ Association information sheet. If you would like to join our listserve, send your name, county and e-mail to md4hvolunteersassociation@gmail.com.

Thanks again for all you do!!!!

MD 4-H Volunteers' Association Executive Committee

4-H Tuesday e-News

Topics of the week:

1. Americorps Funding Opportunity To Support Mentoring Disconnected Youth
2. Scholarship NOPHNRCSE - Deadline May 29, 2015
3. 4-H Avian Bowl – ChickFlic Practice Contest
4. 2015 Rabbit & Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Winter Workshops – Final Session
5. Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Results
6. Congratulations to the 2015 4-H State Communication Contest participants!!!
7. WHEP Day at Eden Mill
8. Maryland State Fair Newsletters
9. MD State Youth Worker Application Now Available
10. State 4-H Aerospace Workshop and Challenge
11. Horizons 4-H Club's FIRST Tech Challenge Teams are Off to Worlds!
12. 2015 Maryland 4-H Robotics Challenge
13. 2015 Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Now Available!
14. 34th Annual Maryland 4-H Golf Tournament in Honor of Marlin K. Hoff
15. Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
16. Maryland 4-H Foundation Online Store is Open!
17. New – 4-H Calendar Grid View and Twitter Icon
18. Maryland 4-H Environmental Education and camping Center Website
19. AGNR Calendar – 4-H Online Volunteer Orientation

You can view today's postings and more at the 4-H Tuesday e-News website!

Please let me know if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

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