Nutrient Applicator Voucher Training and Renewal

Part of Maryland’s Nutrient Management regulations requires farmers to have a Nutrient Applicators Voucher if they apply nutrients (such as fertilizer, manure or compost) to 10 acres or more. The University of Maryland Extension office is offering both training for people who need a new voucher and training for people who need to renew their voucher. Both sessions will be at the Baltimore Co. University of Maryland Extension office; 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville (the new Ag Center). There is no cost for the training session. The Voucher is good for a 3 year period.

The training for a NEW voucher
When: March 31, 2014 at 12:30 to 3:15

The training for Voucher RENEWAL
When: March 31, 2014 at 1:15 to 3:15

So that we can make the final arrangements we ask that you register for the training program. To register, get more program information, or to let us know of special needs please contact the Extension office at 410-771-1761.

Farm & Tractor Safety Training for Youth/Adults

The University of Maryland Extension 4-H staff is planning a 3 day farm and tractor safety training.

When: April 15-17, 9 am – 3 pm

Where: The Baltimore County Ag Center at 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030

Who: Youth 14 yrs. and older (Youth must be 14 years by April 15, 2014.)

Cost: The 3 day training will cost:

- $30 for 4-H members registered by April 4th.
- $35 for Non 4-H members received before April 4th.
- $40 for all registrations received after April 4th.

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch

Receive: Youth 14-15 will get the USDA certification for youth/adults wanting to work on a farm.

Register: The registration fee and application will be due to the Baltimore County Extension office by April 4th.

Call for more information or reservations 410-771-1761 or go online to http://ter.ps/tractorsafe
New publication “Green Book 2014” updates Maryland woodland harvest permit process

The University of Maryland Extension Woodland Steward Education program announces the publication of Extension Bulletin EB-417, entitled “Green Book 2014: How to Apply for Woodland Harvest Permits in Maryland.” The bulletin updates and expands a 1993 publication from the Maryland DNR. Forest Service commonly called the “Green Book”.

The new bulletin presents the most up-to-date information on a county-by-county basis.

The bulletin is available on line, free of charge as a PDF document. Find it on the Woodland Stewardship Education’s website at www.extension.umd.edu/woodland/your-woodland/publications-library-managing-your-property.

Agricultural Science

The Baltimore County 4-H Program is committed to educating 4-Hers and the general public about the importance of Agriculture. We have created a series of Ag and Animal Science based workshops for 4-H and non (future) 4-Hers. We encourage you to participate in these opportunities and to spread the word. These will be ideal experiences for 4-Hers to add to their record books and animal person of the year nomination forms! The cost is $7.

We hope to see you there! To register for these sessions, please call the 4-H office at 410-771-1761. Sessions will be held at the Ag Center/4-H Office at 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

April 12, 2014  1 – 4 pm
Soil Science

Participants will discover soil as a natural resource, what are its properties and how it used in agriculture. This will include:

- layers of soil
- types of soil
- erosion
- contour farming
- soil maps
- soil judging

Baltimore County Extension Master … Program Announcement

The Master Gardeners will have a demonstration and discussion titled “Waking up your Garden” on Saturday April 26 from 10 to 11 am The site for this will be at the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden (the fenced garden to the west of the Parking lot) at the Extension office location at 1114 Shawan Rd., Cockeysville.

Commercial Vegetable Growers….

The updated 2014 edition of the Extension bulletin -236 Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations is available at the Extension office ... the cost is $12. This book is a wealth of information concerning fertility, irrigation, pesticide safety and pest control recommendation for over 30 different vegetables.
**Improve your Planter Pass (Hands-on Workshop)**

*When:* Thursday, March 27, 2014, 9 am till noon  
*Where:* Baltimore County Agriculture Center  
1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030  
*Sponsored by:* MARC. Maryland Agriculture Resource Council  
*Instructor:* Curtis Martin

A planter clinic to help you as a farmer to be prepared to hit the fields this spring. We will look at basic planter maintenance such as double disk openers, seed tubes, bushings, and bearings. We will demonstrate the difference between good and poor performing meters. We will look at managing residue, and down pressure; monitoring your planter’s performance; and providing you with useful data so you can make educated decisions all season long.

Every kernel of corn that you plant has huge potential, it is up to us to protect it. Come join us at this very educational meeting.

**Reservations:** Call Bronwyn Mitchell at MARC 410-229-0530  
**Website Reservation:**  
www.eventbrite.com/e/planter-clinic-registration-10687850649

**Coffee and nibbles provided**  
**Cost:** Free

Space is limited to 15 people to have a real up close workshop

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**Farm Camp**  
**A SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR YOUTH 8-12 YEARS OLD**

**A wonderful adventure** – Farm Camp sows the seeds of responsibility, respect, community and stewardship.

You can expect your child to have a hands-on farm experience learning about planting and harvesting vegetables, bees and honey, eggs and chickens, bunnies and goats, feeding and caring for animals, farm equipment, and more. While there is a focus on farming, campers will also have a well-rounded camp experience participating in activities like arts and crafts, games, and nature exploration.

*Please plan to have your child dressed appropriately and prepared to get a little dirty.*

**Daily Themes:**

- Introduction to the farm and gardening  
- Bees  
- Goats and Rabbits  
- Chickens  
- Fruits and Vegetables

**When:** August 11 – 15  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**Who:** Limited to 20 kids  
ages 8-12 yrs.

**Where:** 1114 Shawan Road,  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

**Cost:** $250 per child  
(includes t-shirt, snacks and materials)

**Registration:** Go online to  
http://ter.ps/farmcamp
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