



# 4-H PARTYLINE

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## Maryland 4-H Portfolio Program

Visit the [Portfolio Program](#) for an overview of the entire Portfolio Program which includes the out of state trips for National 4-H Congress, Camp Miniwanca, West Virginia 4-H Camp and Virginia 4-H Congress. [Out-of-State Trips Applications](#) are due **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Download/Fill out/Save & Attach in the [Out of State Portal](#). Please note, a 4-Her can attend each trip only once with a maximum of two trips from this list during their 4-H career, and only one trip in a calendar year.

## 4-H Leader's County Council Meeting

The next meeting is planned for Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland Extension office. You may bring record books, Secretary's Book, Club Recognition Program, President's Service Learning forms, Diamond Clover forms and/or re-enrollment information at that time. Topics for discussion will be Achievement Night details, spring events such as shooting sports events, engineering events schedule, livestock learning day and other items as requested. Call 301-334-6960 to register for the meeting.

## Improve Your Skills! Club Officer Training & Communication Practice

Here are two fun workshops to help you get ready for the 4-H year! The trainings will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 (Snow date of February 24, 2018) at Garrett College. 4-H members can attend both or choose one. Please call the 4-H office to register for these trainings. **Pizza and snacks will be available.**

**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm — Club Officer Training & Leadership**—Help your club be successful in 2018. Practice your role as an elected officer. Please bring your Officer's Handbook. This is also open to members interested in being officers in the future.

**1:30 pm to 3:00 pm — Communications Practice**—Learn and practice tips for being a better public speaker. This is a great way to get ready for giving demonstrations on your projects or participating in the contest in March.

## Volunteer Training

All 4-H parents are encouraged to complete the 4-H UME volunteer training class. By attending the class and completing the paperwork, volunteers gain liability coverage under the State of Maryland tort claims act. Adults are required to be documented 4-H volunteers before they work directly with youth at 4-H events. The trainings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th at the Extension Office meeting room from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm & Wednesday, February 28th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Garrett College in room 103 in the Garrett Information Enterprise Center. Please call the 4-H office to register for the training at 301-334-6960. If these dates are not convenient, contact Ann at [anns@umd.edu](mailto:anns@umd.edu) to arrange another date and time.



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## Calendar of Events

### December, 2017

- 7 National 4-H eForum Session 3
- 11 Due: Share A Bear—Garrett 4-H Office
- 19 Animal Science Project Webinar for Volunteers
- 25-26 Extension Office Closed

### January, 2018

- 1 Extension Office Closed
- 14 MD State 4-H Gala Location to be announced (State 4-H Office will mail invitations)
- 15 **Due:** President's Service Learning, Diamond Clover 1-4 & Out of State Trip Applications.
- 16 Extension Office Closed/Martin Luther King Day
- 17 4-H Day at the Wisp—See Insert
- 29 4-H Leader's County Council Meeting 6:30pm



## Maryland STEM Festival Presentations at Oakland & Grantville Ruth Enlow Library Locations

### Share A Bear

Join Maryland State 4-H in the annual "Share A Bear" campaign! We are one of many campus partners collecting new bears (and other new stuffed animals) for a special project that provides police, fire, social services and other professionals who interact with children in need and crisis to "Share A Bear" to children in homeless shelters, foster care and crisis situations. Drop-off bears at the University of Maryland Extension Garrett office by December 11, 2017. For more information, contact the 4-H office at 301-334-6960.



### Livestock Skillathon Practice

Are you interested in learning more about beef, pigs, goats, and sheep? Every year during the first weekend in March, 4-H members across the state participate in the Livestock Skillathon Contest. This year the contest will be held at the Frederick County Fairgrounds. Participants must be able to identify animal breeds, retail meats, livestock related equipment and feed samples. Participants will also judge a class of hay samples, wool quality class and meats. Each participant takes a test and the senior competitors work together as a team to complete a management problem. This contest is divided into Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14-18) age divisions. The top placing seniors can compete in the national contest which is part of the International Livestock Expo held in Louisville, KY. To prepare for the contest we will be having practices after school about one day a week in January and February. If you are interested in participating, register by calling the office at 301-334-6960 and we will contact you with information about the first practice.



### 4-H Horse Bowl

4-H clubs are preparing for the 2018 4-H Horse Bowl competition, scheduled for March 2018 in College Park. Horse Bowl is a double-elimination quiz competition that covers all aspects of horses and horsemanship. Any 4-H member in the county can participate and will be on the junior, intermediate or senior team, based on the member's age on January 1, 2018. Interested persons should contact our office at 301-334-6960.



## Maryland 4-H Foundation Awards Gala

Sunday, January 14, 2018 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location to be announced

4-H members receiving Diamond Clover Level 5 & Level 6 or those on National 4-H Teams will be invited to the Awards Gala.

# 2018 4-H Enrollment

## Dates for 4-H Enrollment

Families may enroll with **Maryland 4-H Online** beginning in **January 2018**. Watch for an email announcement for opening date of enrollment. Enrollment due by **February 1, 2018**.

## Internet Connection

To enroll in Maryland 4-H Online, you need internet access and a valid email address. The enrollment must be completed using Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers. 4-H Online enrollment is not supported by Internet Explorer.

Go to <https://maryland.4honline.com> or <https://md.4honline.com> (notice there is no "www" in the address). Refer to the 4-H ONLINE Enrollment & Project Guide for instructions.

The **Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations, MD 4-H Disciplinary Policy & Procedures** and **Photo/Media Release** are part of the online enrollment process and will be signed electronically.

## Participation Fee

The **\$10.00 Participation Fee per 4-H member** (No fee is collected for clovers, volunteers, and any children in a family beyond three) - clubs will collect the fee & deposit the money in their club account, then write a check to the Garrett County E.A.C. by **February 1, 2018**.

Families will have the opportunity to pay the participation fee online at the time they enroll by using a PayPal account. After we receive notification that payment has been received, we will notify the club leader.

The enrollment will not be approved until the fee is received. The office will not accept individual 4-Hers payments.

## Important

**Livestock Contracts** (Yellow form) need to be filled out by any 4-Hers who may consider taking a market animal project. This is a paper form (yellow) and is not part of the online enrollment. Be sure to complete this form if there is any chance you may bring a market animal to the fair. The contracts are available from the club leaders or contacting the 4-H office. They are due to the Garrett 4-H Office by **February 1, 2018**.

## Completing 2017 Enrollment Year



**Record Books** – members complete your books and turn them in to the club leader so they can be reviewed to make sure everything is complete, and the leaders can bring them in to our Office by **February 1, 2018**.

Forms and directions are available at <http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms>

If you need assistance or have questions regarding your record book, please feel free to contact the 4-H office.

**President's 4-H Volunteer Service Award Record** – Service hours should include efforts to help others and improve the



community. You can be participating on behalf of a community, religious and/ or youth organization. It can be an individual effort or with a group such as school-based service-learning projects. This could include club projects, community events, fair activities, and 4-H Camp services. Hours must be completed during the 2016 calendar year. You may list these service activities in your record book on the summary sheet. This form is available at <http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms> and should be submitted to our office by **January 15, 2018**.

**Diamond Clover Award** – Now is a good time to review the requirements of the Diamond Clover with your 4-H leader. The intent of the Diamond Clover Awards Program is for 4-Hers to progress through all six levels, one per year, acquiring valuable life skills as they grow. Older 4-Hers may begin the program at the level appropriate for them with the approval of their 4-H Educator. A distinctive pin is awarded as members achieve each level. The first four pins will be presented at a county awards program and the last two at the State 4-H Gala. A member is eligible for one level per year. Members complete the report for the past year's activities. The form is available at <http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms> and should be submitted to our office by **January 15, 2018**.



## 4-H ONLINE Enrollment & Project Guide

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! WE NEED TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE BAD WEATHER POLICY FOR 4-H ACTIVITIES: IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL OR EARLY DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL IN GARRETT COUNTY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, ALL COUNTY SPONSORED 4-H EVENTS THAT DAY/EVENING WILL BE CANCELLED. CONTACT YOUR CLUB LEADER TO DETERMINE IF CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED.

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## 4-H Calendar

The 4-H Calendar of events can be found at

<http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth/garrett-county-4-h-calendar>

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