We hope this newsletter finds you safe and warm!

This issue of our newsletter will provide you with some insight into the new year; we are looking forward to all of the upcoming 4-H activities in 2014! Don't forget to check our website for announcements and news in between newsletters!

If you think someone should be receiving our newsletter who isn't, please let Mrs. Mack in our 4-H office know.

Wishing you and your families Happy Holidays and a great New Year!

~The Prince George's County 4-H Staff

Prince George's County 4-H Youth Science Day
By Laura Manzi

On Saturday November 16th, Prince George's County 4-H Youth Development program hosted the national science day project in our county office. Two sessions were held, totaling eighteen youth participants and six teen instructors. Teen instructors had attended the Samsung National Geospatial Youth Summit in September where they learned how to teach the national science day activity- a community based GIS mapping project. County 4-H volunteer, Mr. Burch, employee of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, shared his expertise with both youth participants and instructors. Youth participants and teen instructors had a great time mapping their own community park and sharing their finished products. Volunteers also enjoyed the activity and worked alongside youth to discuss and create the parks.
2013 Volunteers Forum
By Laura Manzi

Prince Georges 4-Hers, volunteers and staff had a great time at this year's Volunteer Forum in Ocean City, MD! Health Ambassador, Gabby Parker (image to right), presented on her experiences as an ambassador in our community. Christian and Lisa Edwards joined Mr. Tate to present on our county's activities with the Voices of History Project to commemorate the 100th Birthday of Extension this upcoming year. Michelle and Faith Keyser (seen below) had a blast attending classes throughout the day on Saturday, learning new activities and skills that they can share with other in our county.

New Opportunity!

Help us improve touchscreen technology!
The Inclusive Design Lab at the University of Maryland, College Park is looking for children aged 8-11 to participate in studies on designing technology for children. There are two studies that are an hour long each. One takes place at home while the other takes place in our lab on campus. Monetary incentive for participation. Please check our website for more information and how to sign up.
Upcoming Events and Activities
Mark your calendars!

**Chill out at 4-H Winter Camp!**
WHERE: Patuxent River 4-H Center
WHEN: January 17-20, 2014
WHO: Youth ages 8-11
**Early Bird Registration by December 27, 2013- $125**
For more information please see the [flier](#) on our website

**Babysitting Course!**
WHERE: County 4-H Office
WHEN: Six week course every Wednesday, January 8- February 13, 2014
TIME: 6:30-8:30 pm
WHO: Youth ages 11-17
COST: $15.00 (includes 4-H membership and CPR training)
**Spaces are limited, register by January 6, 2013!**
To register, call 301-868-9636 or email Pam Mack or Nikki Guy-Dixon

**Silent Auction Items Needed!**

Maryland has the honor of hosting the [2014 Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum](#) to be held November 20-23, 2014 at the Marriott Inn & Conference Center in College Park, Maryland. We expect 350 4-H volunteers from across 13 states to come together to extend their knowledge, experience innovative programs and exchange new youth development ideas.

We are asking for donations to be used in an online auction through BiddingforGood.com. We will be promoting the auction to Maryland 4-H families, volunteers and all 13 states in the Northeast Region. All items should be delivered by February 10, 2014 to your county extension office or the Maryland 4-H Center. The North East Regional Volunteer Forum Online Auction will be open between February 24, 2014 and March 14, 2014. Please let Laura know about your intent to donate.
Announcements and Reminders

Don’t forget!

- Senior Portfolios are due to the County Office by 4pm on January 9, 2014. Portfolios will be reviewed by the county and sent to the state office by January 15, 2014.

- Next Leaders and Volunteers Association Meeting is scheduled for Monday January 27, 2014 at 6:30pm. Stay tuned for location.

- Record Books are due January 31, 2014 to the County Office.

- Inclement Weather Policy: We follow the Prince Georges County School System with regards to events. If schools are closed or close early (including cancellation of afternoon sports/activities) then 4-H events, club meetings, etc. must be cancelled or rescheduled. If school opens late then activities can still continue as planned.

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