Youth Workers Needed for the 2015 Maryland State Fair!

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.

More information to come on applying—the application will be posted on the Maryland 4-H website in the coming weeks!

Have questions about working at the State Fair? Contact Amanda Clougherty at 301-314-7835 or akbrown@umd.edu.
**Birthing Center Swine Breeding Class**

Looking to breed your sows or gilts this spring? Consider breeding them between May 6 and May 16 and entering them in the 4-H/FFA Birthing Center Swine Breeding Class!

You will be paid $140 for each female that farrows at the fair, and you will also receive a free Birthing Center t-shirt. Birthing Center staff will do the daily care and feeding of sows so you do not have to be there everyday, but it is encouraged to come help out and become part of the Birthing Center staff!

Want to sign up? Register your sows up for Section V, Class 50 under the Swine Division at the same time you sign up for your other State Fair entries.

If you have further questions or if you are planning to enter your bred gilts or sows in the Birthing Center Class, please contact Tom Hartsock by July 1st, so there is an idea of how many are coming and when they are due.

*Don’t forget, breeding MUST take place between May 6 and May 16 to be eligible!*

**Tom Hartsock**  
Maryland State Fair Birthing Center Coordinator  
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Don’t forget Labor Day falls late this year!  
The fair runs from August 28th—September 7th.

Photo Credit: Edwin Remsberg  
Check out Edwin’s other State Fair photos at agnr.zenfolio.com  
or check out his webpage www.remsberg.com.
Animal Ownership Deadlines

Make note of the following ownership deadlines to be eligible to show at the state fair:

**January 1st**
- Beef Steers
- Dairy Steers (Market)

**June 1st**
- Alpacas
- Cavies
- Dairy Steers (Feeder)
- Dogs
- Market and Pygmy Goats
- Horses
- Breeding Birds
- Breeding Rabbits
- Market Lambs
- Market Hogs

**July 1st**
- Dairy and Beef Breeding Animals
- Dairy Goats
- Breeding Sheep
- Breeding Swine

***Market Bird and Market Rabbit ownership dates are determined by county.

Market Goat Rule Changes

Please be aware of some changes that have been made to the Meat Goat Division! These changes include:

- During the show, goats must have all four feet firmly place on the ground when being braced. The front legs may not be lifted off the ground to set the animal.
- Exhibitors must identify their goats in their pen with a completed 4-H Livestock Sign which will be provided by the superintendent on Thursday at the fair.

Questions? Contact Willie Lantz at 301-334-6960 or wlantz@umd.edu.

Fashion Revue: Younger 4-Hers Given the Opportunity to Showcase Outfits

This year, Junior and Intermediate 4-Hers will have the chance to show off their fashion on the Fashion Revue stage before the main show from 12:30-1:30pm. Participants will receive a ribbon for their participation. Sign up to participate at your county extension office! Questions? Contact Lacie Ashby at 301-724-3320/lashby@umd.edu.

Mini Fashion Revue and Mannequin Modeling can still be entered through the 4-H Presents Program. If you would like to participate in Mini Fashion Revue or Mannequin Modeling, contact Sandy Corridon (corridon@umd.edu) or Cathy Porterfield (cporterf@umd.edu) for more information.
Upcoming Important Dates...

Fire Safety Requirements and Tips for the 2015 State Fair

The following fire safety requirements pertain to the Cow Palace, Swine Barns, and Horse Stables for 2015:

♦ Fire Exit Doors shall not be blocked/obstructed by the show exhibitors at any time.
♦ Show exhibitors shall use an approved UL or FM certified power strip in place of extension cords—extension cords will not be allowed.
♦ Take note of the closest exits in the event of an emergency and be prepared to evacuate the building promptly—be familiar with two ways out of every area!
♦ No smoking is allowed at any time in any building or outside those immediate areas.
♦ SA-10BC fire extinguishers will be placed/posted throughout all buildings and available within every 75 feet of foot travel—become familiar/comfortable with their proper use.
♦ The use and/or storage of any cooking devices is prohibited at any time including grills, hot plates, crock pots, warming plates, etc.—NO COOKING is allowed at any time.
♦ No pop up tents shall be used for sleeping or any other use.
♦ No generators shall be used in or near buildings.
♦ A log of all those staying in these buildings with contact information will be made available to Fire Department in case of emergency.
♦ Designated and assigned areas should be adhered to during an emergency for accountability purposes.

Programs supported by the 4-H Program are available to all persons regardless of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.