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4-H Project Additions, Deletion and Member Enrollment

Members must designate the projects in which they intend to exhibit at the 2015 Howard County Fair by June 1st of 2015. Members may not drop a project after June 1st.

All club leaders will have a list of all projects you are enrolled in at both the April and May meetings. Please review your projects for the 2015 4-H year, make any additions or deletions, and initial to verify the changes. When reviewing your list, please be aware that the list being turned in as of June 1st will be the one the Extension Office will use to determine what project records are required to be in your record book. If you don't intend to carry a project on your list, now is the time to delete it. You can only make changes through your club at a meeting or through your organizational leader.

Do not directly call the 4-H office to make changes!

All enrollment forms and dues need to be in to Rick Hodiak by June 1st. Forms received after that date will not be eligible for 4-H Fair participation. If you know someone who is planning to join 4-H, they need to attend the April or May meeting of the club they are interested in. The 4-H office will not enroll someone without them attending a club meeting. Also, these new enrollments must come through the organizational leader.

4-H Camp Orientation

It's that time again to gear up for the Howard County 4-H Camp. Camp is scheduled for Sunday, June 21st- Saturday, June 27th. The Howard County 4-H Camp Orientation will be held on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds in the Dining Hall. Adult staff and teen leaders are to be at the Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. Orientation is required. ALL PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND even if your camper attended prior 4-H camps. Please bring your child!!!! For any questions, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu.

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**DIAMOND CLOVER**

If you are participating in the Diamond Clover Award Program, please be sure to check out the information on the state 4-H website at
http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/awards-recognition

Diamond Clover reports will be due to our Howard County UME office by **Friday, August 28th**.

**REMINDER....**

The Howard County UME Office will be closed **Monday, May 25th** in observance of Memorial Day.

**MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDSRAISER**

Maryland 4-H Foundation will be holding their annual Golf Fundraiser, **Monday, May 18, 2015**. The event will be held at the Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville, MD. For more information can be found on the Maryland 4-H website [http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/calendar/2015-md-4-h-golf-tournament](http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/calendar/2015-md-4-h-golf-tournament).

**4-H DAY AT THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIR**

Looking for a way to promote your project to the public, and get the public involved in 4-H? Come sample the pieces of 4-H at the 2015 Howard County Fair. On Monday, August 10, 2015 Howard County 4-H will be hosting a sample project day for the visitors of the Howard County Fair. We are looking for members who will be willing to donate their time, and participate in activities with the following projects: 4-H Presents/Demonstrations, Hands-On Crafts, Robotics Demonstrations, Hand-washing, Interactive Demonstrations, Button Sewing, and other project areas. These projects will be on display for visitors to create or watch demonstrations, but we need your help. Shifts will be from 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. If you are interested in helping, or have other ideas for this day please email Amy Brueckmann at amyb@umd.edu with the information.

**MARYLAND DAY AT CAMDEN YARDS**

Maryland 4-H Night will be held at Camden Yards, Sunday, June 28th at 1:35 pm. Orioles play the Cleveland Indians. Plan a club outing, bring your family and friends! Tickets are $14 for reserved upper seats (Section 316-356, Rows 13-25). $5 of every ticket purchased will support Maryland 4-H. To order tickets or for more information please refer to the link below:

[www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h](http://www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h)

**2015 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR COUNTDOWN**

Are you ready? There are only 99 days left until the 2015 Howard County Fair.

**RELAY FOR LIFE—HOWARD COUNTY 4-H DAIRY CLUB**

The Howard County 4-H Dairy Club will be participating in the Western Howard County Relay for Life on **Friday, June 12th**. 6pm-midnight at Western Regional Park

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE TEAM!**

If you are interested in joining or wish to make a donation, you may do so online at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

The club has cups, t-shirts, and sweatshirts for sale. Proceeds go to battle cancer and end the fight!

See images of the Cups, Sweat shirts, and T-shirts on their facebook page—“Cows for a Cure”

If you don’t want wish to join the team, they invite you to come and enjoy the fellowship of all who want to find a cure for this horrible disease! For more information, please contact Rhonda Winkler at dairy@howard4-h.org.
SCHOLARSHIPS BEING OFFERED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY 4-H ALL STARS

Howard County 4-H All Stars are offering 2 $500 scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded to current or former Howard County 4-H member enrolled at an accredited 2 year or 4 year college, university with the intent to obtain an associate, bachelor, graduate degree or a technical school.

Criteria:
50% Scholarship Application and an up-to-date transcript of grades.

50% Essay: Submit an essay of no more than two pages, double spaced, in a 12 font, on how 4-H alumni can continue to provide service to the 4-H Program. Include your thoughts on how college students and those alumni who live out of state may provide service to the 4-H Program.

Interviews: If needed, interviews will be held. Applications are available at www.howard4-h.org

Applications, essays and transcripts are due by July 1, 2015. Mail to:
Martin Hamilton
Howard County 4-H All Stars
16400 Frederick Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

JENNIFER OLSON AND JENNIFER LYNNE TURNER SCHOLARSHIPS

Two $750.00 scholarships will be given in memory of Jenny Olson and Jennifer Turner. The endowments were established by family and friends to commemorate the lives of these young ladies and their accomplishments in the 4-H Program. The Scholarship Program is open to current 4-H’ers who have graduated from high school AND former 4-H’ers enrolled in college or graduate school. Applications are available on line at www.howard4-h.org Only one application is needed. Completed applications are due Wednesday, July 1st. to the Howard County Extension Office.

MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications may be submitted on-line or via paper copy. Completed applications are due to the Maryland State 4-H Office by June 1st. You need only one form to be considered for each of the above listed scholarships. Good luck to all who apply!

For more information or a application please go to the following link: www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/apply-for-scholarship

SUMMER 4-H SCIENCE DAYS

The Central Maryland 4-H Cluster (Montgomery, Frederick, and Howard Counties) will be holding three days of science fun and education at the Howard County Fairgrounds. This program is open to all youth, not just 4-H’ers, who are 10 - 13 as of January 1, 2015. Participants will experience:

- July 20 - tinkering with robots
- July 21 - agricultural science, including a field trip to Rock Hill Orchard
- July 22 - learning about food science and health, including making a nut butter and jelly sandwich from scratch

The program runs from 9 am to 3 pm each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

The cost to participate is $50 and you must also send a consent form (pdf) and a health form (pdf) to: Montgomery County 4-H, Summer Science Days, 18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855.

You need to register no later than July 1. We only have room for 30 people, so sign up today!

REGISTRATION
Go here (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-summer-science-days-tickets-16502255691) to register with Eventbrite, or call 301 590 2824.
**INDOOR BUILDING CO-CHAIRS & VOLUNTEERS PLANNING MEETING**

A planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fairground in the 4-H Activities Building. This meeting is for all co-chairs and anyone interested in volunteering in the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building. Several hands are needed! For more information, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or via email at crein@umd.edu.

**STATE COMMUNICATION CONTEST**

Congratulations to Anna Hamel, Sierra Rossman, Anna Schuster, Aaban Syed, and Immad Syed for participating in the State Communication Contest on Saturday, April 25th at Maryland Day!

**CALLING ALL 4-H’ERS!!!! “Go-fors” are needed for this year’s 2015 Fair in the Indoor Fair Building. The minimum age requirement to be a “go-for” is 12. More volunteers are needed to assist all chairpersons. A brief orientation will be held for all 4-H’ers interested. The orientation for new go-for’s will be held Sunday, August 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Building. Orientation will include instructions for each specific location within the building as well as expectations. Assignments and times will be distributed at this training. There will be heavy set-up of the tables, so the more the merrier! A complete floor plan of both buildings will be provided. Please register by calling Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by e-mail at crein@umd.edu. A great deal of help is needed and your support and assistance is always valued and appreciated!!

“Go-fors” needed for:

- **Wednesday, August 5th** - (Entry Day #1) - 3 - 4 “Go-fors” - 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 6th** - (Entry Day #2) - 3 - 4 “Go-fors” - 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- **Friday, August 7th** - (Judging) - 2 - 3 “Go-fors” - 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 8th** - (Judging) - 20 + “Go-fors” - Times slots will range from 7:30 a.m. thru 8:00 p.m.
**MODELING AND ACCESSORIES WORKSHOP**

Modeling and Accessories Workshop Saturday, May 30th from 10 a.m. - Noon at the Howard County Fairgrounds. All Fashion Revue Participants this is a great opportunity to work on your Modeling skills before the Fashion Revue Show. We will also have some tips on Accessories and Make-up. Be sure to bring your shoes and any accessories you plan to use at the show.

We ask that all Narrators for the show plan to attend this workshop as well for practice reading of all the scripts for the show.

Please pre-register through Eventbrite by Wednesday, May 27th. Not familiar with Eventbrite? Contact your local UME Office for assistance.

Pre-registration at Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/central-cluster-4-h-modeling-and-accessories-workshop-tickets-16433753800

**COVER DESIGN CONTEST**

The Central Cluster Fashion Revue will be having its annual program cover contest and will recognize the top design at the Revue. Create a design depicting our theme for the program cover. The theme for this year’s Fashion Revue is “Timeless Fashions.”

The design can be in color or black and white. The design should be completed on a half sheet of 8 ½” by 11” white paper. The designs are due to the UME 4-H office NO LATER than Friday, May 15th.

**HORIZONS 4-H ROBOTICS TEAM GOES TO WORLDS**

We would like to wish the Horizons 4-H Robotic Teams the best of luck as they head to compete in the FTC World Championship being held in St. Louis, MO on April 22-25, 2015. Only 128 out of the approximately 4,500 FTC teams across the globe have the honor to compete at the FTC World Championship.

Howard County 4-H Members participating are:

**Green Machine - Reloaded! #4318** with 4-H’ers Caleb Driesman, Seamus Burke, Noah Bennett, Payton Stoneberger, Morin French, Octavia Lewis, Kelly Green and Ben Farber

**Mechanical Paradox #7182** with 4-H’ers Kieran Barvenik, John Barvenik, Olivia Merryman, Aaron Basom, Luke Basom, Hydee Wright and Jacob Wright

**HARE RAISERS 4-H RABBIT SHOW**

Hare Raisers is planning their annual rabbit show on Saturday, May 23, at the Howard County Fairgrounds. This is an ARBA sanctioned show. There will be 1 youth show, and then 2 open shows. Youth (which are 4-H’ers as well as non 4-H’ers) may enter the same rabbit in all 3 shows. Adults may show only in the 2 open shows. Rabbits need to be pure bred, but do not need to have pedigrees. Mail-in entries are to be postmarked by May 16. E-mail entries are taken until May 19. Please contact Dr. Wendy Feaga, at wendyf1980@verizon.net for a show catalog.

**SHEEP & WOOL SKILLATHON**

The 2015 Sheep, Wool and Goat Skillathon on Sunday, May 3rd at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Information about this contest can be found at http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html.
LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Are you interested in helping to create educational posters regarding livestock animals? We are looking for intermediate and senior age 4-Hers who would like to provide leadership in helping to create educational display items that can be used to educate the public at the Howard County Fair about our livestock animals. This summer, the 4-H staff will schedule several work sessions so 4-Hers can come to the Extension Office to work with other 4-Hers to create the display items. If you are interested, please let Amy Brueckmann know at 410-313-1906 or amyb@umd.edu by May 31st.

WILLS FAIR

The R. N. Wills Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, May 16th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. 4-Hers from Central Maryland will be showing dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, dogs, goats, poultry and rabbits.

SHEEP, SWINE AND GOAT IDENTIFICATION DAY

ALL SHEEP, SWINE, AND GOAT MARKET ANIMALS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE 4-H OFFICE BY TUESDAY, MAY 27th.

Monday, June 1st -6:00-8:00 p.m.
Market Lamb and Market Goat Tagging and Weighing

Saturday, June 6th-7:00-10:00 a.m. Market Swine Tagging and Weighing

Registration packages have been mailed to all 4-H'ers registered for a market lamb, swine, or goat project. There are several items to keep in mind.

1. Please complete all paperwork. Specific instructions will be included in the packet and we ask that you follow those instructions.
2. Do not wait until the last minute to complete and submit the paperwork. You may forget to finish the paperwork if you sit it to the side.
3. The animal registration form has a place for you to list animals that are not going to be kept at your home or property. If this is the case, please complete this information. In addition, you need to contact Sheryl in writing at sherylb@umd.edu to request for animals to be kept at a location other than your home. Remember, the county 4-H staff has the right to approve or not approve where your animal is housed based on individual circumstances.

There are major changes for this year so please read all of the information you receive in the mail!

2015 MARKET LIVESTOCK RATE-OF-GAIN PROGRAM

Beef Steers, Market Goats, Market Lambs, and Market Pigs will have minimum "rate-of-gain" required to show in 2015. This means that market animals will have to gain a certain amount per day from Tag-In Day to the County Fair:

- Beef - 2.0 pounds of gain per day
- Sheep - .40 pounds of gain per day
- Swine - 1.5 pounds of gain per day
- Goat - .20 pounds of gain per day
QUALITY ASSURANCE

The 2015 Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance (AH&QA) program is now open. 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. The deadline for completion for Howard County 4-Hers is July 1st.

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. Those intermediate/seniors are then 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/ 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.

MARKET LIVESTOCK TAG REPLACEMENT

Each year we have market animals that lose their ear tags. This creates a challenge re-tagging the right animals. Animals need to be housed and handled so they do not lose their tags. Animals will be re-tagged at a cost of $10.00 per replacement tag. Please notify Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or by email at sherylb@umd.edu within 48 hours if you have an animal that loses a tag.

POULTRY/RABBIT REGISTRATION FORMS

In 2015, all 4-Hers with poultry and/or rabbits will be required to complete a project registration form and submit the form to the county extension office by June 1st.

CALLING ALL NEW UME VOLUNTEERS!

UME Volunteer Training is available. This class will provide participants basic information on the University of Maryland Extension 4-H Youth Development program. It will cover UME policies and procedures and detail the process to becoming an appointed UME 4-H Volunteer. The course will be taught via Webinar. Participants will need access to a computer with internet connection as well as telephone. The sessions will not be recorded. Before you can participate in the on-line class, you must complete the UME volunteer paperwork. Once paperwork is returned to the office and completed you will get a list of training dates offered. Please contact Chris Rein at the Howard County office at 410-313-1915 or email Crein@umd.edu for paperwork or any further questions regarding volunteer status.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH FORMS

Reminder: CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) forms DO NOT NEED to be sent or taken to the MDA to be stamped or signed.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING ORIENTATION

If you would like to learn what a judge looks for when they judge livestock, then this is for YOU!!! The 2015 Livestock Judging season is just around the corner. The first practice has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th in the Fair Office at the Howard County Fairgrounds starting at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please register for this workshop with Amy Brueckmann at 410-313-1906 or amyb@umd.edu no later than Monday, May 18th. Please make sure you provide the following information: Your name, contact phone number, e-mail, your age, and your 4-H club.

COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK ORIENTATION
Save the Date!!

The 2015 Howard County Fair Livestock Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Please put this date on your calendar.

This is a mandatory meeting!!

BREEDING ANIMAL REGISTRATION

All 4-H animals kept for breeding projects (beef heifers, dairy heifers, breeding sheep, breeding goats, breeding swine) must have the breed association’s registration papers listed in the name of the exhibitor only. Joint ownership is not allowed. Animals owned by different 4-H’ers may not be combined for pair or group classes. The registration papers must be processed through the breed association prior to the State 4-H deadline for ownership. Commercial breeding animals will need to get a green 4-H tag and that tag number should be tattooed in the left ear. The ownership/registration deadline is July 1st for Beef Heifer, Dairy Heifer, Dairy Goats, Breeding Swine, Breeding Sheep. Wool breeding sheep not eligible to be registered through an association must be tagged with a Maryland ID Tag!

All breeding sheep not registered with a breed association will need to be tagged. If you have one or two, they can be brought on ID Day. If you have more, then there will be a separate tagging day scheduled. The date will be announced shortly.

ATTENTION POULTRY, RABBIT AND HORSE EXHIBITORS

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is requiring all poultry, rabbit and horse exhibitors to complete a “Self-Certification” form each time they exhibit their animals. This form is very basic and extremely easy to complete. Each time you are loading your animals to go to shows, fairs, etc., you need to look them over to make sure they are not showing any signs of illness. If an animal is showing signs of illness, do not take the animal to the show. If they are healthy, then you sign and date the form. (If you are under 18, then a parent/guardian signs the form). It is as easy as that! The show staff, state veterinarians, and others may ask to see your form to verify that it was completed. Forms are available on our website at www.howard4-h.org (under the animal science link). If you have any questions, contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.

ANIMAL LEASE AGREEMENTS

Maryland 4-H offers an Animal Leasing Program. This program provides the opportunity for youth who may not be able to have animals lease animals and exhibit them at 4-H shows. The program does not find animals for the 4-H’er to lease so those interested must make arrangements with the owners. Below are a few things to keep in mind:

- If you own an animal in a project area, then you cannot lease in the same project area. (For example, if you own a steer you cannot lease a beef heifer.)
- If you lease, you must be enrolled in the project area by June 1st.
- Leases are due to the county office on June 1st.

Lease agreements are available on our website at www.howard4-h.org. If you have any questions, contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.
2015 MARYLAND 4-H HORSE JAMBOREE

The 2015 Maryland 4-H Horse Jamboree is being held Friday, June 26th – Sunday, June 28th at the Claggett Center in Frederick County, 3035 Buckeystonw Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710.

This overnight program is designed to give youth opportunities to demonstrate their existing horse knowledge as well as to learn new ideas and skills while having fun. The program is open to all Maryland 4-H Members, ages 8 - 18 as of January 1, 2015. Participants will be sleeping in dorms at the Claggett Center, a retreat overlooking Sugarloaf Mountain. There is a pool and water games are planned so bring a towel and a swim suit.

Information can be found on the Maryland 4-H website at https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-h-youth/state-horse-jamboree-2015.

STATE HORSE COMMUNICATION CONTEST

The State Horse Communications Contest will take place at Jamboree on Saturday, June 27, but you don’t have to attend Jamboree to participate. The contest allows 4-H’ers to demonstrate their knowledge of horses in a friendly competition and the winner can go on to compete at the National 4-H Communications Contest, paid for by 4-H! There is a $5 fee to compete.

Information can be found on the Maryland 4-H website at https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-h-youth/state-horse-jamboree-2015.

HAPPY HOUNDS 4-H AGILITY CLASSES

Classes will be held at Cindy Knowlton’s home in Glenwood, Maryland.

Cost is $25 for non-Happy Hound members.

All 4-H’ers must have completed or be participating in a Happy Hounds Obedience Class.

Classes will be held on Thursday mornings in June and July once school is completed for the year.

Please Mail Registrations to:
3225 Starting Gate Court
Woodbine, MD 21797
Attn: Agility Class Registration

Registrations are due May 30, 2015.

Complete one registration for each 4-H member. Once registrations are received, participants will be contacted with more information, including the address of the training.

Contact Kim FitzGibbon for more information or questions. fitzgibbon-home@yahoo.com

Registration forms may be found at the end of the Cloverleaf.
4-H Agility Classes
Happy Hounds 4-H Club

Member Name: ___________________________  4-H Age: _______
Address: _______________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________  E-mail: _________________________
Dog’s Name: _________________________  Age: _______  Breed: _______

Classes will be held at Cindy Knowlton’s home in Glenwood, Maryland

Cost is $25 for non-Happy Hound members.

Must attend at least 4 of the 7 sessions to complete the class

All 4-Her’s must have completed or be participating in a Happy Hounds Obedience Class.

Are you carrying the Dog Project:  Yes / No
Did you show last year at the Howard County Fair?  Yes / No
How many years have you and your dog been doing Agility together? ______

_____ Beginner Class: The beginner class will be offered to first year 4-H’ers and experienced 4-H’ers that are starting training with a new dog.

_____ Novice Class: The novice class will be provided for 4-H’ers that have some agility experience with their dog either on or off lead. The novice training will include jumps, tunnels, A-frame and dog walk.

Classes will be held on Thursday mornings in June and July once school is completed for the year.

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