Montgomery County 4-H News & Notes

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2018 FAIR ISSUE
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR
FRIDAY AUGUST 10 – SATURDAY AUGUST 18

FAIR THEME – A Tradition to Treasure
PARADE THEME – Explore the Treasures of 4-H
Montgomery County Ag Fair Website: www.mcagfair.com
Montgomery County 4-H Fair Webpage: https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-h-youth/county-fair

ALL FAIR ENTRY REGISTRATIONS DUE JULY 20 TO FAIR OFFICE!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

SHARE AT THE FAIR!
It’s time to start thinking about the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Exhibiting your projects is one requirement for completing 4-H projects, and the fair is a great place to do just that! If you are enrolled in Montgomery County 4-H, the Adventure in Science program, or a 4-H afterschool program you are eligible to enter your exhibits in the 4-H Building or in any of the 4-H outdoor activities. The 2018 Fair Catalogue is available online at the fair website. You may also get a print edition from your club leader or from the 4-H Office.

ENTERING YOUR WORK IN THE FAIR

4-H animal, indoor, & demonstration entry registrations are DUE BY JULY 20. No late entries will be accepted!

Exhibitors are encouraged to use the online entry system provided by the Montgomery County Agricultural Center. Visit this link (http://mcagfair.com/exhibitors) and click on Online Entry. Using this system
cuts down on paperwork and errors in the entry process. When entering online, please make sure you are entering in the desired department—4-H or Open. If you are not able to enter your exhibits using the online system, paper entry forms are available in the back of the fair catalog. Please mail all paper entry forms to the Fair Office (NOT the 4-H Office): Montgomery Co. Agricultural Fair, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg, MD 20877. DO NOT send them to the 4-H Office.

HOW TO BRING YOUR INDOOR ENTRIES TO THE 4-H BUILDING AT THE FAIR

- Monday, August 6 – only day to enter club booths, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 8 – 4-H non-perishable entry drop-off, 3:30 - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, August 11 - Perishable entry drop-off, 3 - 6 pm
- NO LATE DROP-OFFS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
- Parents are not allowed in the 4-H Building during drop-off unless they are escorting a child with different needs. There will be 4-H’ers available to help other 4-H’ers carry their entries.
- You can either drop off your entry and leave, or stay for an interview with the Judges—they will ask you questions about your entry. There is no interview judging for cake entries.
- Pick up day—Sunday, August 19 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. All exhibits unclaimed by Sunday, August 19 at 3 pm will become the property of the fair.
- The Fair or the 4-H Office will NOT be responsible for any damage to an exhibit while at the fair.

Once the fairgrounds receive all 4-H entry registrations, they generate the display tags for each entry. The display tags are then sent to the county 4-H office for distribution. Leaders will be notified when tags are ready to pick up.

Display tags must accompany each indoor entry at the fair. Tags will be available for you to pick up at the 4-H office. Some club leaders collect indoor tags for their clubs and hand them out at meetings. If you wish to volunteer to help sort tags, contact Jeannine Shriver at the 4-H office (301 590 3210)—it usually takes 3 – 4 hours.

FAIR TICKET PRICING

REMEMBER—As a 4-H’er, if you enter exhibits at the fair, you will get a free weekly pass!

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will be offering reduced price admission tickets to Montgomery County 4-H’ers and their families—these prices are only available to 4-H’ers and their parents and siblings. These special tickets are available to be purchased online when you enter your exhibits using the Fair’s online entry system (see bottom of previous page) and, they are available for purchase at the Fair on the Fair workdays—the Saturdays of July 14, 21, & 28 and August 4 starting at 9:00 am and ending at 12:00 pm. These tickets are available until 12:00 pm on August 4. After that, the season pass will be $75.00.

- Daily Pass – Perry Parkway Entrance only, free parking - $10.00
- Daily Pass – Perry Parkway Entrance only, no parking included - $5.00
• Season Pass – Perry Parkway Entrance only, free parking - $50.00
• Season Pass (12 – 18 yrs. Old) – Perry Parkway Entrance only, no parking included - $15.00
• All children 11 yrs. and younger – free every day, no pass required

**BOOTHs & BANNERS**

Please remember, the State Fair guidelines for entering booths and banners are different than for the Montgomery County Fair. Also, **ALL** clubs may enter their banners in the State Fair. However, you must enter them yourselves using the online State Fair entry system. **ONLY** County Fair champion booths may be entered. The county 4-H staff will do this for you. If you wish to enter your banner or booth, make sure it complies with the State Fair rules found here: [http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h](http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h)

You are responsible for getting your booth or banner to and from the State Fair.

- **The 2018 State Fair Booth/Banner Theme can be found under “Department T - 4-H/FAA Promotion:** [http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h](http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h)
- **Booth dimensions:** 36” wide X 30” deep X 16” high.
- **Banner dimensions:** 50” wide X 38” tall. The opening for the pole should be a minimum of 3”, and is included in the overall size of 38” long. Do not bring your own pole. **You MUST use these dimensions or you will be disqualified.**

Booth Example:

![Booth Example Diagram](image)

**4-H CAKE AUCTION—SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH**

You are cordially invited, along with all of your friends and family, to join in the annual 4-H Cake Auction, which will take place in the Cattle Pavilion on Sunday, August 12th at 8:00 pm Cakes that won blue ribbons at the fair will be auctioned off to the highest bidder—**this is our main fundraiser for the Montgomery County 4-H Program.** All money raised from the auction goes to Montgomery County 4-H to provide programs and opportunities for our 4-H youth and volunteers. Some of the things the funds are used for include resource materials, ribbons and awards, registration fees, and scholarships.

We need your support for the cake auction. Even if your child’s cake is not in the auction, please join with friends and family to form a group to bid on a cake. If you know a business that would be interested in participating in this charity...
event, please encourage them to attend the auction on Sunday. If you know someone, or a group of people, who want to bid on a cake and need fair passes, please contact Alganesh Piechocinski (301 590 2804) or Jeannine Shriver (301 590 3210) at the 4-H Office. We have a limited number of passes to use for this purpose.

GET IN LINE FOR THE PARADE!

Help to get the 2018 Fair off to a great start by participating in the 4-H Parade on Sunday, August 12th at 5 pm. Clubs may enter walking units or floats. If a club wishes to enter a float, the club must arrange for the wagon/trailer itself. The fair will provide a tractor and driver to pull the float.

The theme of this year’s 4-H Parade is “Explore the Treasures of 4-H,” was submitted by the Lucky Clovers Club. So get your club members together and start working on your parade unit. Paperwork to sign up for the parade will be mailed to club leaders. Please send a narrative script, not to exceed 35 - 40 words, and the float entry form to Jeannine Shriver by July 20.

PROMOTE YOUR CLUB AT THE 4-H CLUB SHOWCASE

Hey 4-H members, are you looking to promote your club? Want to share all the exciting activities your club members do at the fair and all year long? Do you just think your club is the very best and want to show it off? Then come out and join us for the 4-H Club Showcase! Clubs will be setting up their tables along Maple Avenue on Saturday, August 18 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm if your club is interested, club leaders should register no later than July 30. To register, Please contact Leslie Jenkins, leisliehilljenkins@verizon.net

Table space is limited and given on a first come, first served basis.

AG DISPLAY CONTEST

The Ag Display Contest (Department 86) is designed to educate or promote agriculture. Each club can create a display, which will be shown either in your barn or somewhere else around the fair (the 4-H Building is usually too full to accommodate them). If you enter this contest but later decide against it, please notify the Fairgrounds ASAP as they may want to rent out your space to a vendor (if you weren’t going to display in a barn).

ANIMAL EXHIBITOR ORIENTATIONS—THIS IS REQUIRED TO SHOW!!!

All 4-H animal exhibitors (this includes ALL animals, even the pet show) at this year’s Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will once again be required to attend an exhibitor orientation meeting. Topics will update you on new rule and procedural changes for animals, public health, 4-H rules, fair policies, and other helpful tips to make sure you have a positive fair experience. The 2018 4-H Animal Orientation meetings will include a presentation on “See Something – Say Something” to alert all of us to be observant and vigilant. The session will again be held at 8:30 AM sharp on all four workdays (July 14, 21, 28 and August 4), in the Heritage Building at the fairgrounds. Doors will be closed promptly at 8:30 and no late entry will be allowed once the program begins. If you cannot attend any of these trainings you need to contact David Gordon before the first workday to schedule a make-up. David Gordon, dgordon3@umd.edu, (301) 590-2813.
PET SHOW REQUIREMENTS

The Pet Show is a super fun casual dress contest. Pets entered should be friendly and have no history of aggression.

ALL PET SHOW EXHIBITORS: The 4-Her and a parent or guardian must attend one of the quality assurance meetings held in the Heritage building at 8:30 am sharp on one of the workdays.

Please check the fair catalog for all requirements of pets entered in the pet show. All required identification and testing requirements/certificates for all species will be enforced. Please read rules carefully for everything, including promotion. We want the kids to have the most positive, fun experience possible. Feel free to contact Lisa Righter, LocustSprings@aol.com, 301 538 0004 with any questions. Email is best.

RABBIT EXHIBITORS: As per Maryland Department of Agriculture all rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear for positive identification. This is a rule that must be enforced as animals in the pet show are subject to inspection and held to the same standards as all other livestock. The Montgomery County Rabbit Club has generously offered to tattoo any rabbit entered in the pet show for free on the last workday, August 4 in the morning. Please look for Dr. Fitzpatrick if your rabbit needs a tattoo.

The Pet Show is about having lots of FUN! Please join us!

INVENTORS CLUB SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION

The Inventors Club is looking forward to showing the Rube Goldberg Machine at the Montgomery County Fair. Stop by and see it Monday, August 13 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, and Wednesday August 15 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The club built several other projects that they will show at the Fair: Giant Robot Operation Game, HarmonoGraph and Captain Underpants Toilet.

PROJECT G STREET – CALLING ALL SEWERS!

Do you love the TV reality show Project Runway? Do you love to see what you can do with a piece of fabric and some imagination? SO DO WE! We want to see you in action.

G Street Fabrics has been a wonderful sponsor with the Montgomery County Fair. They are looking for eight 3-person teams for the “Project G Street” sewing competition. Each team must include a model, who needs to be at least 18, but there is no age requirement for the people on your team. Teams will pick up contest materials on August 9 at 7:00 pm. The teams will sew at the Fair in the Heritage Hall on Saturday, August 11 from 9 am – 6 pm. If you are entering a perishable exhibit in the 4-H Building (entries accepted from 3 – 6 pm), you will need to arrange for someone to drop it off or take a break from sewing. This is an open class contest, so you will be participating with contestants of all ages.

1st place will be a $300.00 gift card to G Street Fabrics, 2nd place $200 and 3rd $100. Winning outfits will be on display at the G Street store after the fair is over for about 30 days.
Entry deadline is July 31st. Forms must be turned in to Fair office. For full contest details and to register, see page 187 of the County Fair Book. If you have questions, email Mary Hogan at momhogan39@yahoo.com or call 443-910-2450.

**COUNTY FAIR DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST**

Clubs can decorate a Christmas tree, have it judged, and display it in their barn or the Heritage Building. Trees will be judged in two categories: building/barn theme – 4-H Theme: Explore the Treasures of 4-H, and Fair theme – A Tradition to Treasure. If you are interested in participating, contact Kunni Biener at the Home Arts Building (homeartskunnie@aol.com).

**FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

This is a great opportunity to earn student service learning hours towards graduation. The Fair uses an SSL volunteer hour recording form that you will need to complete and turn in to them no later than the close of business on the Monday after the Fair.

You also have the opportunity to become a lifetime member of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fairgrounds and get a free lifetime pass to the fair (visit the fairgrounds website for information on this program: http://www.mcagfair.com/about-us/volunteer-info/ and click on the Volunteer Information tab.

- Only people who are 12 and up can receive hours towards a lifetime membership.
- You cannot receive SSL hours and hours towards a lifetime membership at the same time.

**DON’T FORGET TO SIGN IN AND OUT WHEN YOU GET TO THE FAIR!!!**

If you intend to work towards a Fair lifetime membership, you must sign in and sign out on the work days either at the Fair Office Gazebo, or the Heritage Building.

If you are volunteering during the fair, you need to sign in at that location.

If you leave the fairgrounds, don’t forget to get your hand stamped for re-entry. Otherwise you will have to pay to get back on the grounds.

If you want to volunteer, please call Ms. Jeannine Shriver, at 301 590 3210, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. If you need to change your times after you have already signed up, please contact Ms. Jeannine Shriver.

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

To volunteer for 4-H positions, please use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter. For volunteer positions other than 4-H, please contact the appropriate person in the article.

More information regarding volunteer opportunities can be found at: https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/volunteer-county-fair
**FAIR WORK DAYS**

Saturdays, July 14, 21 & 28, and August 4 – WE NEED A LOT OF HELP ON THESE DAYS!

*You don’t need to register for this in advance—just show up.* Sign in on the computer at the Fair Office gazebo off of Chestnut Street, or at the Heritage Building. Work days begin at 8:00 am, department superintendents will determine when the work day ends, usually between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm. If you arrive and sign in by 9:00 am you will receive one free lunch ticket. There are many things we need to do: clean the 4-H Building and animal pavilions, set up tables and chairs, paint fences, and more. Remember, *you must be 12 years or older* to earn hours for your lifetime fair membership, or Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

**WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE 4-H HONOR GUARD?**

Be the leader of the 4-H Parade! The 4-H Honor Guard is seeking eight youth to carry flags to lead the parade route. You need to be at least 13 years old and strong enough to carry a flag in a harness for the entire length of the parade route (and remember, it could be hot!). The parade is Sunday August 12th at 5:00 pm. We will have a short mandatory 30 minute training session on Monday August 6th at 6:00 pm at the fair office at 16 Chestnut Street. You will receive a free 4-H T-shirt and fair hours for your service on the honor guard.

If you have any questions, you can contact David Gordon (dgordon3@umd.edu, 301-590-2813).

**VIP DAY AT THE FAIR**

All 4-Hers ages 12 and up can perform a very worth-while community service and earn fair hours or SSL hours. Volunteer hosts on VIP Day escort children with disabilities or who are chronically ill around the fairgrounds on Monday, August 13, from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Remember the 4-H Pledge '...My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service...' Give some of your time to helping these children enjoy their day at the fair.

There will be a training session for all interested volunteers on Monday, July 30, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Heritage Building at the fairgrounds. PIZZA dinner will be provided! For more info, or to register, call Dennis and Besilica Castaneda at 301-379-1169 or e-mail dennisandbesilica@gmail.com.

**THE BIG CHEESE—VOLUNTEER AT THE CHEESE BOOTH**

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is just around the corner! This year the Fair will be Aug. 10-18, 2018. Volunteers are needed during the Fair preparation and the Fair days for the Cheese Booth. This is a fun and easy way to earn Student Service Learning hours or Agricultural Center Membership hours. Training sessions are scheduled so everyone becomes familiar with the responsibilities. The Cheese Booth also needs help before and after each training session to help
prepare the booth for the Fair. To register for preferred work shifts, you MUST attend ONE of the below sessions. This requirement is for everyone, new volunteers and prior year volunteers.

- July 14, 9:30 am-10:30 am
- July 21, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- July 28, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- Aug. 4, 9:30 am -10:30 am

Sessions will meet at the Cheese Booth. The above Saturdays are Fair workdays and the Cheese Booth will need help preparing the building for the Fair. Fair work day sign-in begins at 8:00 am each Saturday. Volunteers who sign in before 9:00 am will get a free lunch ticket. Your help is always welcome. Volunteering is more enjoyable with friends and family, so bring them along too!

Questions regarding the Cheese Booth may be directed to Mr. Ed Hogan (co-chair) at 301-922-2681 or edwardmhogan@gmail.com; or Shannon Sullivan (co-chair) at: irish1der@hotmail.com.

VOLUNTEER AT THE INFORMATION BOOTHS

The Information booth is a great way for 4-H’ers 12 years old and up to volunteer and start working toward their fair memberships or SSL hours. **ALSO, we need parents and other adults to help supervise.** We have four booths throughout the fair grounds. Teams of two to three people work each booth for a minimum of four hour shifts. Shifts are 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm, and 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Friends and families can work together, and entire clubs can sign up together if they want. We would like 4-H’ers to be in the booths while adults help by monitoring each booth and by visiting the booths at intervals and dropping off any needed information materials. Good public speaking is great, but an enthusiasm for the fair is all that is needed. In order to volunteer, you must attend one of the orientation meetings. Clubs that want to sign up together may request to receive a training at one of their meetings.

**The info booth orientations take place on the fair work days (Saturdays) at the following times:**

- July 14, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- July 21, 9:30 am-10:30 am
- July 28, 9:30 am-10:30 am
- Aug 4, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

**For more information and to register,** contact Sue Sullivan, suesownline@aol.com

TRAM SPOTTERS NEEDED

If you will be 18 years old or older at the time of the fair (calendar age, not 4-H age), we need you as a spotter on the tram that ferries visitors around the fair. You will assist those who need it on and off the tram and hand out fair brochures to riders. If you are interested in volunteering for this, contact Steve Hagberg at haggyberg@hotmail.com or 240 357 4236.
The bake sale will take place outside the 4-H Building on Saturday August 11, and Sunday August 12. The sale is from 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm on Saturday, and from 10:30 am – 9:00 pm on Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Alganesh Piechocinski at 301 590 2804. This year, shifts will be 4 hours long.

To volunteer for 4-H positions, please use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

This program is a great way for 4-H’ers 12 years old and up to earn SSL hours or hours counting towards their County Fair Lifetime Membership. Volunteers must be 12 years of age or older and volunteer at least 10 hours in total this year to earn fair hours towards a Fair Lifetime Membership. To register use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

**Kids & Teens in Action Volunteer Opportunities:**

- **4-H Building Set-up (must be 12 – 18 years old)**—you may help in the following ways:
  - Monday, August 6, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm—help organize the 4-H Building.
  - Wednesday, August 8, 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm—help accept non-perishable entries in the 4-H Building. Sign up for 2-hour – 4 hour time slots.
  - Thursday, August 9, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm—finish arrange non-perishable items, and help arrange and set up for the perishable entries. Sign up for 2-hour time slots.
  - Saturday, 8/11, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm—help arrange baked good items on shelves.

To register use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

Remember, the 4-H Building belongs to all 4-H youth and we must all take care of it. Even a few hours makes a big difference.

- **Junior 4-H Building Chairman of the Day** – Available to 4-H’ers 12 and up. The Junior Chairman of the Day assists the 4-H Building Superintendent with whatever needs to be done. They also coordinate the building activities with the other Kids & Teens in Action volunteers. We need one 4-H’er for each time slot. Available times are:
  - Monday, August 13 through Saturday, August 18, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. You may sign up for full days or half days. Time slots are 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

To register use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

Adults, see the Adult Volunteer Opportunities Form at the end of this newsletter. Available times are:

  - Monday, August 13 through Thursday, August 16, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. You may sign up for as many two hour blocks as you like.

To register use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter.
**Vision Screening** – Work with optometrists as they perform simple vision screening tests for fair visitors. To register use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

- **Project Show and Tell** – This is a great opportunity for a club to show their stuff! Individuals or groups working together can show and tell the projects they've worked on throughout the year—demonstrations are encouraged! Some ideas include computer science, making airplanes, woodworking, food science, crocheting, and electric projects. Bring whatever supplies you need for your exhibit with you. Available times are:
  - Monday, August 13, and Tuesday August 14, between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
  - Friday, August 17, and Saturday August 18 between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Contact Alganesh Piechocinski (301 590 2804) if you need any special help or accommodations for your exhibit.

To register use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter. **If you are registering a group of 4-H’ers, please choose a group leader and use only that person’s information on the sign up form.**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

To register use the “Adult Volunteer Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

More information regarding volunteer opportunities can be found at: [https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/volunteer-county-fair](https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/volunteer-county-fair)

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**4-H BUILDING INFORMATION DESK VOLUNTEERS**

At least two adults are needed to work at the Information Desk in the 4-H Building during every hour that the fair is open to the public. Responsibilities include interacting with visitors, directing them to informational literature, showing them where the different exhibit areas are, and answering general questions about 4-H and the fair. You might also have to answer the phone at the desk. We ask that you please work two consecutive hours at a time.

**Information Desk dates and times (available in 2-hour shifts):**

- Sunday August 12, 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Monday August 13 through Saturday August 18, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

To register use the “Adult Volunteer Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

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**4-H BAKE SALE COORDINATOR NEEDED**

We need an adult to coordinate the bake sale this year who is willing to be there for the entire time, and we need volunteers to help them. You can sign up to help at the bake table outside the 4-H Building on Saturday 8/12 and Sunday 8/13. The sale is from 12 pm - 10 pm, and you can sign up for as many 2-hour time slots as you like. We need both youth and adults.

To register use the “Adult Volunteer Form” at the end of this Newsletter.
FAIR WORK DAYS & 4-H BUILDING SET-UP

While many of our volunteers for the Work Days and the 4-H Building set-up are youth, we need adult volunteers. Adults don’t need to register for either of these—they can just show up.

MAKE & TAKE CRAFTS (ADULT VOLUNTEERS)

4-H youth will teach a simple craft to fair visitors, but we need an adult volunteer to supervise. Supplies will be provided. We need people to sign up for at least two consecutive hours at a time. Make and Take Crafts will take place in the 4-H Building at the following times:

- Monday, August 13 through Thursday, August 16, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

To register use the “Adult Volunteer Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE FAIR!
EVERY SINGLE 4-H VOLUNTEER IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Fair Theme is "A Tradition to Treasure"

The 4-H 2018 Fair Theme is "Explore the Treasures of 4-H"

MARYLAND STATE FAIR

The Maryland State Fair is looking for youth workers over the age of 14 to help at the 2018 Maryland State Fair. Positions to help at the 4-H/FFA Home Arts Building, U-Learn Farm, and U-Learn Food & Fiber are available. Applications are now being accepted from enthusiastic youth interested in promoting 4-H/FFA at these active fair venues! Applicants must be 14 years of age as on January 1, 2018, currently enrolled in Maryland 4-H or FFA, and willing to work 4 hour shifts during the State Fair. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2018.

The Job Description, Reference Form, and link to the online Application can be found on the Maryland 4-H website at: https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/maryland-state-fair.
In 2012 Maryland 4-H made its inaugural trip abroad to connect with the 4-H Program in Tanzania, Africa. The connection between Maryland 4-H and Tanzania 4-H continues to grow and impact the lives of individuals from both programs. This summer a Maryland 4-H delegation of 4-H youth and faculty/staff will be travelling to Tanzania between July 23-August 2 and the delegation is seeking your help to launch a new Tanzania 4-H Entrepreneurship Project to provide goats and sewing machines for Tanzania 4-H youth.

In Tanzania, 4-H Clubs are often organized at schools where members participate in “club” projects. Members are also encouraged to pursue “individual” projects at home. Because the Tanzanian 4-H program emphasizes entrepreneurship, 4-H projects often serve as the groundwork for starting personal business ventures such as selling handcrafted clothing and merchandise, fruit and vegetable produce, or livestock. The Tanzania 4-H Entrepreneurship Project will help clubs and members grow through enhanced support of 4-H livestock and clothing projects.

The Tanzania 4-H Entrepreneurship Project appreciate your help promoting the opportunity for local groups and individuals to sponsor the purchase of a breeding goat or sewing machine for Tanzania 4-H clubs and youth through this new project. **Funds received by July 20th will be used to make initial purchases for the program during the Maryland 4-H delegation’s visit this summer, but donations will be accepted beyond this date.**

Please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu with questions.

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**MARYLAND 4-H CENTRAL CLUSTER NATURE UNLEASHED!**

**June 26 and 27 from 9:00 am. – 4:00 pm. Registration and payment due no later than June 15, 2018**

The program is hosted by the Howard County 4-H Program and is open to both 4-H’ers and non-4-H’ers, ages 11 - 14 (as of January 1st.) The program will take place at the Montgomery County 4-H Office on June 26th and 27th, 2018 from 9:00 am. – 4:00 pm.

The first day will be spent doing several hands on activities learning about nature, and exploring wildlife. On the second day, the participants will go on a field trip to the Patuxent Research Refuge. At the Refuge, the participants will do a pond ecology hike, learn about the crane crisis, and explore exhibits.
Don’t’ miss these two days packet with lots of fun activities!

The cost for this event is $45 per person. You can register and pay online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maryland-4-h-central-cluster-nature-unleashed-tickets-44604161247

REGISTRATION LIMITED: THE HEALTHY EATING DISCOVERY SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION LIMITED. “First Come, First Serve.” Location UMD Campus, July 30 – August 3

The Dietetics program at the University of Maryland, invites you to share an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in an educational and interactive summer camp. For their fourth year, they are offering The Healthy Eating Discovery Summer Camp. This summer camp is a science-based curriculum coordinated by Dietetics students under the guidance of Dietetic Program Director, Dr. Margaret Udahogora, RD.

The camp is for 3rd-8th grade students. This is a 1-week session beginning July 30 through August 3. The day camp will be held on campus. Campers will spend the week learning about healthy eating, the science behind how your body utilizes food, and how to create a healthy meal with this knowledge. The campers will have access to a working kitchen laboratory, the materials to be creative with cooking and explore creating nutritious and delicious meals. The campers will enjoy mini-cooking competitions, plating and preparing healthy food, scavenger hunts, growing their own herbs, and a trip to the UMD Farmer's Market.

Please visit the UMD website at: https://healthyterpscamp.wixsite.com/2018

Registration is limited. To register, please complete the google form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1UfhtVwyDq-2eUNlocmBkHcfLXMGgTehWyeJtb3GZIggyCQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

DAIRY CATTLE VERIFICATION CARD

Program Verification Card due by August 1, 2018

The 4-H Dairy Program Verification Card must be completed by all members of the Holstein and Jersey clubs and anyone who wants to participate in the Dairy Cattle Department at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The Verification Card requires that 4-H’ers attend at least 50 percent of club meetings at least two 4-H events or activities during the previous year. The card includes a list of approved activities—any activity listed in News & Notes also counts. Please complete it and have your club leader sign it, then send it to the county 4-H office by August 1, 2018.

Find this form on the Montgomery County 4-H Animal Science page: https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/animal-science-info-forms
AH & QA training due by August 6, 2018

All Maryland 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to complete the 4-H and FFA On-Line Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) Program to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in 2018 Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows. The AH&QA program is offered in partnership with West Virginia University 4-H and FFA.

For 2018, members will have access to the AH&QA program from now through August 6th. **Members must complete the AH&QA training no later than August 6th.**

4-H’ers are required to complete the on-line training program when they reach each 4-H age division (Juniors (ages 8-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13), Seniors (ages 14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year OR when as Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, they choose to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division. **You need to create a new registration and log-in for 2018.**

There are two Levels to the program: one level is for Junior members and the second level is for Intermediate and Senior members. Members will be automatically taken to the appropriate Level according to the birthdate entered on the registration screen. The program takes about 45-75 minutes to complete, depending on which level is being completed.

Members may go directly to the AH&QA program at [http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/) or a link to access the AH&QA program and the 2018 Maryland 4-H AH&QA Information Sheet will be posted 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](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources).

The 2018 Maryland 4-H AH&QA Information Sheet provides important information and instructions for completing the online program. **The program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome or Safari web browsers. The program is not supported by Internet Explorer.** Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

**BAKED GOODS: IMPROVE THE SUCCESS OF YOUR FOOD ENTRY!**

Improve the success of your food entry! Judging food entries requires basic rules and standards. Applying uniform standards is the only way to defend a judge’s placing decisions, giving reasons for placements, and avoiding the pitfalls of personal bias.

The 2017 Baked Goods Judges want to remind the 4-H members that:

1. The rules need to be followed or your baked good(s) will be disqualified.
2. Breads should be completely cooled before entering.
3. Do not use rusty rings on your Food Preservation entries.
4. Don’t forget to bring the recipes for JUDGES USE ONLY for cakes, cookies, pies, yeast breads, quick breads, and candy. Ensure that the recipes are securely attached to your entries. ANY RECIPE LEFT AT THE END OF THE DAY WILL BE DISCARDED.

MARYLAND STATE FAIR REGISTRATION

The Maryland State Fair takes place in Timonium, north of Baltimore, from August 24 to September 4. The 4-H section of the State Fair Catalogue can be found here: http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h.

All exhibits must be entered here: http://fairs.centergy.com/msf4H. Registration closes on July 31 at 11:59 pm. You will start the process by clicking on “Registration Form”. You will be able to log back in to change your entries, so don’t lose your user name and password.

Food Science Display, Menu Judging, and Healthy Lifestyle Posters—everyone may now enter these sections through the online entry system, not just the champions from the Healthy Lifestyles Contests.

ADVENTURE IN SCIENCE

Adventure in Science (AIS) is a hands-on science education program for children ages 8-15 running on Saturday mornings from late October to March. The goal of AIS is to present science as an exciting activity and a way of thinking about the world, rather than as a collection of facts. The topics presented reflect the interests of the children and of the volunteers, rather than any prescribed curriculum. Information on the registration process will be provided in July here: http://www.adventureinscience.org/ais-registration.

If you have questions, please contact Alganesh Piechocinski, algapie@umd.edu, 301 590 2804.

LEVEL 5 & 6 DIAMOND CLOVER PLANS & REPORTS

This is a reminder to all 4-H’ers working on earning Level 5 or 6 Diamond Clover Awards. Level 6 service project proposals must be submitted to the county 4-H office by August 20 for review. All completed level 5 and 6 reports are due to the county by October 15. Please mail your materials to the Montgomery County 4-H Office, ATTN: Alganesh Piechocinski, 18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855. Level 1 – 4 reports aren’t due to the county 4-H office until January.

For more instructions on earning your award, visit our website: https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/maryland-4-h-diamond-clover-award-program.
**HORTICULTURE COMMUNICATION CONTEST**

Sunday, September 2, 2018 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Maryland State Fair

Any junior, intermediate, or senior 4-H member can register to participate in the Horticulture Communication Contest at the Maryland State Fair. Juniors, intermediates, and seniors may either enter in the Horticulture Prepared Speech, Horticulture Extemporaneous Speech, or the Horticulture Demonstration. One Senior member will be selected to participate in the MD 4-H Team that will attend the National Convention.

The judging contestants do not qualify at the county level. However, they have to register with the Senior 4-H Extension Educator. For more information please contact Alga Piechocinski at 301-590-2804, or algapie@umd.edu.

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**CLUB CORNER**

Articles by and about our 4-H’ers

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**4H Inventors Club**

The Inventors Club qualified for the Final round of Judging for the Rube Goldberg Machine

Leaders: Kathy Worth and Joe Hamblin

**CORRECTION FROM MAY ARTICLE:** The Inventors have been working hard this year. One project this year was to build and submit a Rube Goldberg machine to a Rube Goldberg yearly competition. A Rube Goldberg machine is a silly, overly complicated machine that does a simple task. This year the challenge was to pour a bowl of cereal and the milk. The group did not have much time since they wanted to show the Rube Goldberg at Rockville Science day and the last day to submit entries to the competition was on the same day, April 22. The group spent most Saturdays from January to April working on the project for several hours at a time in an unheated garage, which at times was very cold. It was a team effort with everyone coming up with ideas; one idea would lead to another. We would test out ideas and have to modify them as we went. This is the core of what the Inventor group is about: engineering by doing, hands on. This was the second Rube Goldberg machine that the Inventors have built. Most teams that build a Rube Goldberg do not move it to a different location. This was one of our key design criteria, the machine must be moveable (fit into a car). This took quite a bit of planning; it also meant that a lot of time was spent at each meeting re-assembling the machine. The club received a grant last year to purchase and build a 3D printer. We put this to good use designing and printing out several 3D parts to fix different parts of the machine.

We asked club members to donate old toys to build the machine, things like, Hot Wheel car tracks, Kinex, a
marble track system, record player (we got this from a thrift store), dominos cascading in size from small to large cereal boxes, a large yellow duck (you have to see the machine to understand). Then we broke the machine down into three parts: Beginning (first third), Middle (middle third) and End (last third). We then spent different meetings working the entire time on one of these sections in order to get a clean run of that section. The competition required that we have at least 10 unique parts (steps). We had to submit videos of two complete runs, a walk-through of the machine, build process, detailed close-up video of two parts of the machine, a description of the machine and pictures of the team.

The project group did a lot of planning about how to reset the machine; one of our members wrote a detailed list of steps required to reset the machine. The reset part is critical. Everything has to be set exactly a certain way or the machine will not work. It’s also very easy to forget something then you do not have a complete run. We also planned out how often we would run the machine at Rockville Science Day since the event was 5 hours long. The plan was to run the machine every 15 minutes. We created a poster board to let people know when the machine would run next. This gave the kids time to reset the machine and draw a larger audience when we ran the machine. We are including URLs to videos of the complete runs of the Rube Goldberg and the walkthrough of the machine.

The club is looking forward to showing the machine at the Montgomery County Fair, stop by and see it. Monday noon - 4 pm and Wednesday noon - 4 pm (Aug 13 and Aug 15). The club built several other project that we will show at the Fair: Giant Robot Operation Game, HarmonoGraph and Captain Underpants Toilet.

Two complete runs of the new Rube Goldberg machine.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fd_yGrNk4dY
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S6_12dhUtA

Walkthrough of the Rube Goldberg

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfnU6ZWiavk&t=14s

Rockville Science Day

The Inventors showed the items they built at the Rockville Science Day, April 22nd. In addition to showing the new Rube Goldberg Machine, they also showed Giant Robot Operations Game, Harmonograph and Captain Underpants Toilet. The Inventors built each of these items as club projects in the past.

The Harmonograph, similar to a giant spirograph, is a 4 x 4 table with three pendulums. Two of the pendulums are attached to a Pen and the third pendulum has a place to attach a piece of paper. The kids painted the Harmonograph in very bright colors. To get it working you attach a piece of paper and then start the pendulum arms moving and it will draw a unique drawing. This was a huge hit at Rockville Science Day.

Then we have the Giant Robot Operation game, which is just like the small Operation game just much larger. There are two metal salad tongs that are used to try and pull out different parts from the “patient,” a Robot. If you touch the sides, the LED lights will start flashing and a buzzer goes off. There is a large red button on top of the Robot's head that resets. Lastly, the club showed the Captain Underpants Toilet. The club also showed this as part of the Montgomery County Fair Toilet decorating contest last year; we had some bugs during the fair and things didn't work all the time. All the bugs have been worked out now. There is a new foot pedal that kids can step on, which triggers the toilet to go through its 90 second routine. The toilet is wearing the Captain Underpants Red Cape then the top lid opens and green LED eyes look
out, then the toilet bowl lid slowly opens, revealing rows of teeth lit up with a red light. Then the Captain Underpants Theme song starts playing.

The club had a great turn out for the Rockville Science day. All of the items the club showed require two or more members to work each station. For most of the event, we had four rows of people or more at our booth. The club leaders want to send out warm thanks and appreciation to the club members and especially their parents for all their help and support at the event.

The next issue of News & Notes will be published on the first Friday in September. Please submit your articles by August 24.

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KIDS N TEENS IN ACTION/ADULT VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP FORM

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18410 Muncaster Rd., Derwood, MD 20855

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4-H’er’s Name__________________________ 4-H Age___________

Phone #_________________ Address___________________________________

For details (days and times needed) for each activity please refer back to the article on Kids N Teens in Action at the beginning of this newsletter.

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ADULT VOLUNTEERS
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Volunteer’s Name______________________________________________________________

Phone #________________________________ Address____________________________________

For details (days and times needed) for each activity please refer back to the article on Adult Volunteers at the beginning of this newsletter.

Adult Volunteers are needed for the Information Desk. Must volunteer 4 hours minimum to receive a fair pass.

*** Sunday, 8/12: 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm
*** Monday, 8/13 through Saturday, 8/18: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

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Become a sponsor! 
Tanzania 4-H Goat Entrepreneurship Program

Tanzania 4-H Motto: 
“Learning by Doing – Earning While Learning”

Tanzania 4-H Mission: 
To advance the 4-H youth development movement, and to build a world in which youth can learn, grow and work together to become economically independent and responsible adults.

A $75 Sponsorship will purchase a goat doe for 4-H club or member.

Donations in other amounts are greatly appreciated to help cover feed, health care, housing and breeding costs.

4-H in Tanzania: 4-H Clubs are often organized at schools where the members participate in “club” projects. Many members also carry “individual” projects at home. The Tanzania 4-H program emphasizes project entrepreneurship. Youth 4-H projects often serve as the groundwork to start personal business ventures. In animal agriculture, many 4-H members start with small animal projects like turtles and pigeons and then with the money earned from these projects they purchase larger animals including dairy and meat goats or pigs, and then dual-purpose cattle for milking and meat. Milk from goats and cattle can be sold to local citizens and with good business plans can lead to sales to area dairy cooperatives.

Maryland 4-H is raising funds to launch a new Tanzania 4-H Goat Entrepreneurship Program. The program will purchase goat does to donate to qualifying 4-H clubs and members. In exchange for the doe, the club/member agrees to donate one future doe offspring back to the program so the opportunity can be extended to additional 4-H’ers. This summer when our Maryland Exchange Group travels to Tanzania they will purchase the goats there and present them to the Tanzania 4-H Program.

Sheep and Goats in Tanzania: Small ruminants (sheep and goats) contribute about 22% to the national meat supplies. Sheep and goat production is practiced by about 30% of the agricultural households in Tanzania. As is for cattle, the national sheep and goat flock is mainly composed of indigenous strains which are widely distributed and adapted to local agro-ecological zones. Their ability to multiply and grow faster than cattle, at a relatively low cost makes sheep and goats more attractive to small-scale farmers...and a great 4-H project.

To become a sponsor send donations to: 
Maryland 4-H Foundation 
8020 Greenmead Drive 
College Park, MD 20740

Questions? 
Contact Chris Anderson via email canders2@umd.edu
Become a sponsor!
Tanzania 4-H Sewing Entrepreneurship Program

**Tanzania 4-H Motto:** “Learning by Doing – Earning While Learning”

**Tanzania 4-H Mission:** To advance the 4-H youth development movement, and to build a world in which youth can learn, grow and work together to become economically independent and responsible adults.

Contribute to make a difference for a lifetime!

$200 will purchase a Treadle Sewing Machine for 4-H club or member.

Donations in other amounts are greatly appreciated.

To become a sponsor send donations to:
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Questions? Contact Lacie Ashby via email lashby@umd.edu

4-H in Tanzania: In Tanzania, 4-H Clubs are often organized at schools where members participate in “club” projects although they are also allowed and encouraged to pursue “individual” projects at home. Because the Tanzanian 4-H program emphasizes entrepreneurship, 4-H projects often serve as the groundwork for starting personal business ventures such as selling handcrafted merchandise, produce or livestock. These business ventures help provide food and clothing for the club members and their families, and help increase income and expand educational opportunities while learning real life entrepreneurial skills.

Maryland 4-H will be launching a new Tanzania 4-H Sewing Entrepreneurship Program to raise funds to purchase sewing machines for these 4-H members. Maryland 4-H Fashion Revue participants across the state understand and appreciate the art of clothing construction. With just $200.00 we can purchase a treadle sewing machine to give to a Tanzanian 4-H program and support this important initiative. The Tanzanian 4-H Sewing Entrepreneurship Program provides 4-H members with transformational skills and knowledge that can change their lives and the lives of others in their communities.

Perhaps your 4-H Fashion Revue would like to support this initiative by collecting money from others in your community who appreciate the ability to express themselves with fabric and donate that money to our friends in Tanzania.

Please forward your fundraising efforts to the Maryland 4-H Foundation and identify the funds “Tanzania Sewing Machines”. This summer, when our Maryland Exchange Group travels to Tanzania, they will purchase the machines there and present them to the Tanzania 4-H program. Help us help others!
Maryland 4-H Foundation Donation Card

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Please accept my donation of $__________

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Make checks payable to Maryland 4-H Foundation

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Or donate online at www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com

Thank you for your continued support!

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