WE HAVE A NEW VISTA INTERN FOR 2014-2015

Hello Baltimore County 4-Hers,

I am Adrienne Vitullo, the new VISTA member at the UME 4-H program. Though I am originally from Storrs, Connecticut, I recently graduated from Bard College in the Hudson Valley of New York where I studied Anthropology. I am particularly interested in education policy and advocacy, and plan to work toward my master’s degree in public policy in order to continue the type of work I am starting here with AmeriCorps.

During my year of service I will be working to expand sustainable STEM programs and increase volunteer mobilization, so I hope to get to know many of you at events, trainings, and summer camps. My goal is to facilitate sustainable youth programming and entice more people to realize the exciting and important elements of 4-H. Please feel free to contact me at adrienne.vitullo@gmail.com if you have any questions, recommendations, or suggestions.

October 17, 2014, 4:30 – 7:00 pm
at The AG Center
1114 Shavian Road,
Cockeysville, MD 21030

You are invited to enjoy hands on activities with our educators, food, music, fun and learn about where Extension has been and where it is going. We would love to see you there!
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL TRAVELERS

We are very proud to announce that James came in third in tractor driving and Josh came in second in bicycle for the National Youth Engineering Challenge in Indiana! Nice job representing your county and your state in this national competition.

Our Senior Portfolio program is a way for youth to record their 4-H growth and leadership. To be eligible for National Senior (ages 14-18) 4-H Trips, youth must turn in pieces of their portfolio (resume and essay) along with an application. The top packages are chosen to come in for statewide interviews. This year, we have one Baltimore County 4-Her who earned her way to National 4-H Congress. She will be joining over 1,600 4-H Teen Leaders across the country in Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations Melissa!

If you are interested in have this opportunity, please contact the 4-H office about Senior Portfolios and National 4-H Senior trips.

RECORD BOOK TRAINING

All other Senior Portfolios, Record Books, Project Completions and Award Nominations are due to the 4-H office by February 2, 2015 (as Feb, 1st is a Sunday).

Bring your journals, pictures and records for an interactive session. Record keeping is one of the skills that youth learn in 4-H. Each year, youth are expected to record what they’ve learned in the form of a clover book, project completion, record book or senior portfolio. Learn about what these are and how to put one together! Youth with exceptional projects, record books and portfolios are recognized at our annual achievement event.

The record book training was held on November 13th at 6:30 pm. For more information call 410-771-1761 or e-mail Wendy Dilworth at wendydil@umd.edu.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL 4-H VOLUNTEER FORUM

The 4-H Program is a global youth organization that focuses on positive youth development through hands on learning of essential life skills. This would not be possible without the many 4-H volunteers that help to bring these programs to life.

Maryland has the honor of acting as host for the 2014 Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteers’ Forum to be held November 20-23, 2014 at the Marriott Inn & Conference Center in College Park, Maryland. As many as 350 4-H volunteers from across 13 states will come together to explore new places, experience innovative programs and exchange new ideas.

To see a schedule and to register, visit: www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/events/northeast-regional-volunteer-forum

4-H SENIOR PORTFOLIOS

Portfolio packets are due for Out of State Trips – National Conference application due October 15th. National 4-H Congress, Miniwanca, West Virginia and Virginia 4-H Congress on January 15th. Please encourage your outstanding teens to submit their packet.

Application forms and 2014 Out of State Trip QUESTION: Surely there are some times when you did not accomplish what you would like to. How have these experiences (in which you were not your best) made you a better person?

We’d like to have every county and Baltimore City represented in our National Trips, and this 4-H Portfolio packet is another step in the development of essential life skills. Certainly our teens will benefit from preparing their Resumes, being able to express themselves will be highlighted not only in the Essay, but also during the Interview Process. Help your teens develop these skills and be rewarded with an experience of a lifetime!!!

This link has the info for members to submit their packet:
www.extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/awards-recognition

This is a wonderful opportunity that former Seniors who have attended speak very highly of it!
OUR 4-H YOUTH DID A WONDERFUL JOB AT THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR

FAMILY FARM DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all of our 4-Hers and volunteers who were at the MARC Family Farm Day. It was a great turn out and you represented your clubs well. We have received numerous calls about our 4-H clubs and events. Thank you!

ANNOUNCING OUR FAIR BOARD DIRECTORS

2015 Baltimore County 4-H Fair Board of Directors
Janice Coroneos, President
Robb Soucy, Vice President
LeAnna Taylor, Secretary
Amy Weinreich, Treasurer
Cheryl Cashman, Dani Cooneos, Brenda Strohmer, Past President
Colleen Harlan, Emma Foster, Carrie Gardner, April Melato
John O’Brien, Jennifer Ryndak, Carolyn Sellman, Dale Sheats
Robin Troy
Billy Warns, James Thomas, Youth Director
Eddie Cashman, Youth Director
Nia Imani Fields & Dwayne Murphy, Extension Educators
Congratulations to the new Fair Board members - Janice, Billy, Jennifer, John and Robb.
Please mark your calendar for the October 23rd Fair Board meeting.

AFTERSCHOOL CORNER

Sweet Potato kids gears up for the new year.
The Baltimore County 4-H Program is committed to educating 4-Hers and the general public about the importance of Agriculture. We have created a series of Ag and Animal Science based workshops for 4-H and non (future) 4-Hers. We encourage you to participate in these opportunities and to spread the word. These will be ideal experiences for 4-Hers to add to their record books and animal person of the year nomination forms! The cost is $20 for all 4 sessions or $7 per class.

To register for these sessions, please call the 4-H office at 410-771-1761. Sessions will be held at the Ag Center/4-H Office at 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030. All classes will be from 1pm – 4pm. The next sessions are:

**November 15, 2014**
Livestock Judging and Selection

In this workshop you will learn about judging livestock quality and selecting quality project animals. Along with livestock judging we will learn how genetics affect animal traits. 

**We will also learn about livestock related 4-H contests that you can participate in without owning an animal.** These contests include the Livestock Skill-a-thon and Livestock Judging contests.

**December 13, 2014**
All about Meats

In this workshop you will learn about how to judge meat cuts to choose the highest quality cuts for your meal. Topics covered will include meat judging, cooking techniques, identifying cuts of meat, and livestock management factors affecting meat quality.

**February 21, 2015**
Veterinary Science

This workshop will cover an introduction to veterinary care of livestock. Topics will include how to identify a sick animal, administering medication, basic animal first aid, and steps to keep animals healthy.

**March 21, 2015**
Spring Gardens

It’s time to prepare for your spring garden. This workshop will focus on getting you started on planting your spring garden. Topics include soil science, composting, preparing a seed bed, and planning your garden layout. We will also build and plant salad boxes.

The 2015 Skillathon teams will be coached by Lisa Wheeler. Practice dates and location will be determined after we know who is interested in attending.

Anyone interested in participating in the 2015 Skillathon should contact Dwayne Murphy at dwayne2@umd.edu or Lisa Wheeler at littlemiraclebaa@aol.com.

**2015 LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON TEAMS ARE NOW FORMING**

The Maryland 4-H Skillathon will be held on Saturday, March 7th at the Maryland Cattleman’s Association Convention. The Skillathon is a contest that tests the knowledge of our 4-H members in the areas of livestock breed identification, meat quality and identification, equipment identification and feed judging and identification.

**OUR ANNUAL CLUB LEADER TRAINING**

This year’s annual club leader training introduced 14 new “kits” that club leaders can use in their meetings. There were other useful ideas and techniques taught to give our 4-Hers the best opportunities in their club. Thank you to all those that attended!

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**CAMP COUNSELOR OPPORTUNITIES**

Is it summer yet? Well no... but we are thinking warm thoughts... our planning has begun...

Are you interested in being a Baltimore County 4-H camp counselor? Are you 14 years old or older? Here are some important dates for you to know:

1. Baltimore County 4-H day camp is June 22-26th @ Oregon Ridge, Robotics camp is July 6-10th @ the Ag Center and Farm Camp is August 17-21st @ the Ag Center.

2. Counselor trainings begin January 8th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Center. Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursdays of the month.

3. Other state counselor training opportunities will be held in: April, May or June

More info will be forthcoming from Dwayne Murphy. In the meantime, please contact the 4-H office to register for the next training @ 410-771-1761.
Food Preservation: Apple Butter

Grow It Eat It Preserve It Workshops

When: Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
or Nov. 5, 2014 - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
or Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Baltimore County Center for MD Agriculture

Address: University of MD Extension
1114 Shawan Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Presenter: Shauna Henley, Ph.D.

In this session, we will be discussing the types of jellied products that can be made at home, the ingredients needed, the necessary equipment and supplies, and the basic steps of water bath canning. You will spend time in the kitchen preparing and canning your own apple butter.

To register you can bring a check or cash on the day of the class and call the office at 410-771-1761. Registration Deadline October 30, 2014 (by 4:30 pm)

Cost: $35 for the first workshop, $20 for each additional workshop.

To register contact:
The Baltimore County 4-H Office at:
1114 Shawan Road, Suite 2,
Cockeysville, MD 21030
Phone: 410-771-1761 • Fax: 410-785-5950
www.extension.umd.edu/baltimore-county

The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources programs are open to all and will not discriminate against anyone because 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. If you need assistance to participate in a 4-H activity, please contact the University of Maryland Extension at 410-771-1761 at least two weeks prior to the activity date.
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- December Holiday
- Livestock Registration Due
- Member/Volunteer enrollments, mandatory charter renewal forms, club by-laws, club annual calendar, AA form & club information sheet due.

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- January Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm in the Mosner Miller building 7:30 at the Fairgrounds
- Officer’s Training 6:30 pm in the 4-H Office

## Events

- **December 13**: Ag Science Series 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Ag Center
- **January 10**: Tagging Beef & Dairy Steers 8:00 am at the MD Fairgrounds Snow date of 1/17/15
CLUB CORNER

**Fair Board and Association:**
All meetings are held at the Mosner Miller building at the MD Fairgrounds at 7:30 pm
Oct. 23, 2014 - Board
Nov. 20, 2014 - Board & Association

**4-H Volunteer Association Meeting**
May 14, 2015 @ 700 pm

University of Maryland Extension

**4-H Volunteer Training:**
Two hour webinar for New UME 4-H Volunteers.
A volunteer must have completed all UME Volunteer paperwork before attending the training. Please call 410-771-1761 to register.

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Winter Workshop 2015

Join us on this fun filled day of hands-on classes. Registration forms included in this newsletter.

**Winter Workshop 2015**
Date: January 24, 2015
1114 Shawan Road
COCKEYSVILLE, MD
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

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