



# The Cloverleaf

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## October-December 2018



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### 2019 VOLUNTEER AND 4-H ENROLLMENT

Howard County 4-H is transitioning to an online enrollment system for the 2019 enrollment year. More information will be forthcoming as we meet with Organizational Leaders and transition to this paperless process. The staff is currently preparing an informational handout that will be provided to everyone with details and instructions as to how to complete the enrollment process. A mailing will be sent to each family, in addition to posting on the front page of our website.

One major change with moving to online enrollment, is the availability of the system. All enrollment will be available after January 1st.

# BRAND NEW

### CLOVERLEAF HAS A NEW LOOK!

Cloverleaf publications will be combined in 2019. Be sure to check the front page of our website for more information and details of upcoming events.

January and February  
March and April  
May and June  
July August, and September  
October, November, and December

### TIME TO SHINE!

A Spotlight Corner as been added. Check out our 4-Her's in the Cloverleaf!

## HOWARD COUNTY UME OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Howard County Extension Office will be closed on the following dates:

### October:

Monday, November 8th in observation of Columbus Day

### November:

Monday, November 12th in observation of Veterans Day

Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Holiday

### December:

Monday, December 24th - Monday, December 31st

### January:

Tuesday, January 1st in observation of New Year's Day!

The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Monday, January 21st - Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

## 2019 CALENDAR

The 4-H staff has posted the confirmed 2019 dates on the 4-H Google calendar. The calendar is placed on the Google site which can be easily accessed from our Howard County website at [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org).

## COUNT DOWN TO RECORD BOOK DEADLINE

As of November 1, 2018 there are only **92 DAYS** until record books are due to the Howard County Extension Office. Please remember that they must first be reviewed by your leaders. All 2018 record books are due to the office by February 1, 2019.



## 2019 4-H CAMP TEEN LEADER APPLICANTS

Teen Leader Applications are posted on front page of our website. Applicants are to complete the application and mail to the Howard County Extension Office **NO LATER** than **November 5th. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** In preparation for interviews and as part of the application process, one training session is being offered, prior to interviews. All applicants are encouraged to participate on November 3rd from 9 a.m.—Noon at the Howard County Extension office. **Please note, the training is mandatory for applicants whom have not held a position before.**

Once the office has received your application, you will receive an e-mail, including the link to register for the training session. Proceeding the training session, interview letters and times will be mailed. Interview times will not be assigned to applicants who have not held a position before and do not attend training. **Interviews will be held on December 8, 2018** at the UME Howard County Extension Office.

## CALLING ALL NEW 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](mailto:Crein@umd.edu) for paperwork or any further questions regarding volunteer status.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

### SCHOOLS CLOSED

When schools are closed, **ALL** 4-H programs are canceled. This includes closing early due to inclement weather.

### SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN

If a Snow Emergency Plan for Howard County is in effect at 7:00 a.m. on either Saturday or Sunday, ALL programs and activities, 4-H, school and community will be canceled. Should the Plan go into effect after 7:00 a.m., programs in progress may be completed at the discretion of the activity leader.



## RECORD BOOK AND PROJECT RECORD INFORMATION

Attention all 4-Hers. It's Record Book Time!!!

**CLOVER BOOKS** - Clovers have a special Clover Report Form for their record book. All forms are on the web.

**JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE BOOKS** -Information on how to do a book, complete the Summary Form and Project Records are on the web.

**SENIOR BOOKS** - All seniors will have to complete a resume and essay as part of their record book. All information is on the web.

**SKILL LEVEL BOOKS** - For all projects will be due to your club leader for all age levels, along with your record book and will be reviewed and returned immediately, so you may continue working from them. *Self-completion for additional learning. May be purchased at 4-hmall.org*

**SUMMARY REPORT FORM** - This form goes into the record book and is the same for Juniors, intermediates, and Seniors. This form is used to record the whole year in 4-H.



**NEW!**

### GENERAL PROJECT RECORD CHANGE

**NEW!**

4-H members may combine general project records. Human and environmental science projects may be combined and recorded on one form annually.

**EXCEPTION- Food and Nutrition project.**

**Projects needing individual projects forms–**

**ALL ANIMAL PROJECTS**

**and**

**FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT**

**(Cooking, baking, and food preservation should be included)**

### SENIOR PORTFOLIOS

ATTENTION all senior 4-H'ers. It is time to begin thinking about applying for Out of State Trips. These are wonderful and rewarding opportunities for senior 4-H members. They are "once in a lifetime" experiences!

**2018 Essay Question: "Describe your most significant 4-H experiences and how they contributed to your personal growth as shown by attitude, insights, and life skills gained."**

**Criteria for the essay:**1.) Length – no more than two pages. 2.) Double spaced 3.) Margins no less than 1 inch 4.) Font Size no less than 12 pt. 5.) Font type - Times New Roman.

### MARYLAND 4-H STATE COUNCIL

The Maryland 4-H State Council is the premier 4-H leadership opportunity in Maryland. Are you 13-18 years old and passionate about growing the Maryland 4-H Program?? Join the State Council! Applications for 2019 are due to the State Office by December 1st.

For more information, visit:  
<https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/maryland-4-h-state-council>



### CMREC OPEN HOUSE

The Central Maryland Research and Education Center is holding their annual open house on **Saturday, October 6th**, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### 2018 MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEER FORUM

This year's Volunteer Forum will be held on November 16th—18th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, Maryland.

<https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/volunteers/maryland-4-h-teen-and-volunteer-forum>

## SUNSHINE CLOVER CLUB JUNIOR LEADERS

Leadership is a life skill that will be needed through-out one's entire life.

4-H exposes a member to multiple opportunities to participate in a leadership role.

Sunshine Clovers is looking for Livestock and General Junior Leaders for 2018.

**General Junior Leaders**—assist with club programming.

**Livestock Junior Leaders**—teach Clovers about livestock and participate in the Clover Livestock Showmanship.

### Areas of Interest:

- ◆ Assist with leading a business meeting
- ◆ Lead a program
- ◆ Give a demonstration
- ◆ Helping with crafts
- ◆ Reporter for the club
- ◆ Historian for the club
- ◆ Assist with club workshops

Like working with kids?  
Have knowledge to share?

Please contact Amy Brueckmann at [sunshineclovers@howard4-h.org](mailto:sunshineclovers@howard4-h.org) if interested.



## CLUB OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

**PRESIDENT:** Officer presides at all club meetings and is the head of all committees. Is responsible for making sure all officers are completing their jobs. Keep the President's Program Planning book up-to-date . Program plans will be submitted to the office yearly.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Officer performs the duties of President in the absence, leave, or resignation of the President. Is to communicate and coordinate with committee chairpersons within the club.

**TREASURER:** Officer will be entrusted with the money for the club and keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures. Will be expected to detailed and complete information concerning the finances of the club whenever it is needed. Needs to keep the Treasurer's Book up-to-date and will present the book to the county for judging at the end of the year as well as at the Howard County Fair following your term's year, for judging.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Officer is responsible for keeping a record of all meetings of the club during the year. Record of the attendance of all the members that have been present at club meetings. Records should be kept in a Secretary's Book up-to-date and will present the book at the Howard County Fair following your term's year, for judging. Monthly attendance and minutes, are to be e-mailed to Amy Brueckmann via e-mail @ amyb@umd.edu.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Officer handle and keep a file of all the correspondence concerning the club. Shall e-mail meeting reminders to all members and leaders. Shall write any correspondence for the club, for example thank you notes. Shall perform the duties of the Recording Secretary in his or her absence.

**REPORTER:** Officer prepares all publicity for the club. Shall keep a Reporter's Book with all newspaper clippings, etc. to be added to the Historian's book.

**HISTORIAN:** Officer creates a Historian's Book with all newspaper clipping, pictures, flyers, club memorabilia, etc. Shall take pictures at different club events.



## CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT !!!

All 2019 4-H Club Officers, are to be elected at a club meeting prior to December 1st , as well as, names and positions MUST be submitted to the Extension Office by this date. Please contact your club leader if you are interested in becoming an officer for your club. Give it a try for this can be a very worth while experience and a great way for you to build leadership skills!



## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! OFFICER TRAINING VIDEOS COMING SOON



Enjoy making videos? Want to see your self shine? Interested in making learning fun? The Howard County Extension 4-H Staff and volunteers need you! Youth to participate in creating educational tutorials and videos. 4-Her's are needed for behind the scenes and on camera! Get your frineds together and join the movement of digital technology! Contact Amy Brueckmann via e-mail at amyb@umd.edu if interested. More information to come!



## FALL CRAFT DAYS



Calling all Clovers and 4-Hers that are carrying the Craft Project! We are planning to hold a Fall Craft day this year on **November 6<sup>th</sup>**, at the Howard County Fairgrounds. There will be new and creative craft projects for all 4-H'ers to do. This is a great way to complete some craft projects for the 2019 Fair or just to let your artistic side shine with fellow 4-Hers! The registration fee will cover all class materials, drinks, lunch and/or snacks.

Lunch will be provided– November 6<sup>th</sup>– Pizza and snacks. Registration fee- \$10.00

Registration is on-line through Eventbrite. **Deadline to register is October 30<sup>th</sup> or until the workshop is full!** Space is limited!

**November 6<sup>th</sup>- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/craft-day-november-6th-tickets-49599809365>**

If you are interested in being a Junior Leader, please contact Chris Rein directly, rather than registering on-line. For more information, please contact Chris Rein at Crein@umd.edu or 410-313-1915 or Amy Brueckmann at amyb@umd.edu or 410-313-1906.

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## 2019 4-H CENTRAL CLUSTER COMMUNICATIONS AND VISUAL PRESENTATIONS WORKSHOP AND CONTEST

Public Speaking is a life skills EVERYONE needs!

The Central Cluster will be hosting One workshops in January with a focus on both communications and visual presentations. The workshop will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds on **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. More information, time, and the link to register will be posted to our website, in addition to the next Cloverleaf. Mark your calendars now!

**The Central Cluster Communication Contest will be held in March at Bushy Park Elementary School in Glenwood.** The categories for the Communications Contest are: Extemporaneous, Interpretations, Prepared, and Radio Spot.

- **Extemporaneous-** Participants will draw 3 topics at the contest. You select your favorite. Then given an allotted amount of time to write your speech using note cards, practice, and then present to the judges.
- **Interpretations-** is a memorized oral presentation of selected narrative from published works. Permitted works include dramatic or humorous plays or books or poetry, but not the script of a television show or any unpublished source.
- **Prepared-** Write a speech prior to contest and bring with you day of. Topic is your choice Present before the judges during allotted time slot. Juniors may use a complete script. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted.
- **Radio Spot-** Create a 30 second radio commercial prior to contest. Present to the judges as if being broadcasted over the radio. Musical or sound effect
- introduction and/or background may be used.

This is an excellent opportunity, whether a 4-H'er carries a public speaking project or not, to receive valuable tips, and advice to enhance public speaking abilities and presentation. Champions will have the opportunity to move on to the

## SEWING FOR A CAUSE!

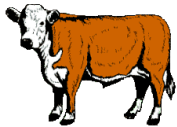
We will be hosting a community service opportunity for all members carrying and anyone thinking about carrying the sewing project. Please come and join us for the morning.

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Howard County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to Noon. We will be sewing pillowcases for youth cancer patients and all donations will be given to Cases for Smiles Foundation. Last year the 4-H group of sewing youth were able to complete 40 pillowcases, and this year we are hoping to double that amount. For pillowcases directions and fabric size please go to: <http://caseforsmiles.org/sewingpreparing-pillowcases/> (Select Pillowcase Directions). If you have your own sewing machine please bring with you that day, however we will have machines available to use as well.



## BEEF ID DAY

On **Saturday, January 5, 2019**, we will tag and weigh all beef and dairy steer projects. In December, a letter with detailed information will be mailed to all members enrolled in the beef or dairy steer project. If you know of a 4-H'er who will be carrying this project for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2019, please advise them to call the office for a packet.



## LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON PRACTICES

Whether you carry a livestock project or not, *Livestock Skillathon* is a great way to work with other 4-H'ers and learn information about livestock. The first practice will be on **Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** and will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The practice schedule is below:

Wednesday, January 2nd  
 Wednesday, January 9th  
 Saturday, January 12th  
 Wednesday, January 16th  
 Wednesday, January 23rd  
 Wednesday, January 30th  
 Wednesday, February 6th  
 Wednesday, February 13th  
 Wednesday, February 20th  
 Wednesday, February 27th

## 4-H HORSE BOWL PRACTICES

Nahhhh! It's that time of the year again! Are you interested in learning about horses? If so, then please join us at horse bowl! You do not have to be carrying the horse project nor own a horse to participate. Horse Bowl is similar to the game show jeopardy or "It's Academic" except all of the questions relate to a specific project area. Points are given or lost by quickness and accuracy of responses. Quiz Bowl is not meant to be a memorization process, in that youth only study questions and know the answers to those questions, but they are to take the knowledge they have to determine answers to the questions asked.

Look for more information as it will be posted on our website in October.

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## MARYLAND HORSEMANSHIP'S PARTY

The annual Maryland 4-H Horsemen's Party is being moved to a new time of the year! The Horsemen's Party will be held on FEBRUARY 24, 2019 at Laurel Race Track. This new February date will serve as a Kick-off Event for the new 4-H year packed full of horse events!

An invitation is being extended to individuals who are interested in serving on the Horsemen's Party Planning Committee. Please e-mail Becca Gunderson at [regunder@umd.edu](mailto:regunder@umd.edu) if you are willing join the Planning Committee to share your creative ideas.

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## 2018 MARYLAND 4-H DRESSAGE SHOW

The 2018 Maryland 4-H Dressage Show will be held on Sunday, November 11th at the Carroll County Ag Center. The form is attached!

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## MARYLAND 4-H HORSE AWARDS

Nominations are open. The nomination information can be found here: [https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/\\_docs/2018\\_Horsemens\\_Party\\_Award\\_Nomination\\_Form.pdf](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/_docs/2018_Horsemens_Party_Award_Nomination_Form.pdf)

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## LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

The Howard County 4-H Livestock Sale Committee's role is to provide management of all aspects of the 4-H Livestock Sale held in conjunction with the Howard County Fair. The committee meets annually on the third Thursday of January, April, June, September and November. During these meetings policies, procedures and decisions regarding the livestock sale are determined and implemented. In addition, committee members undertake tasks throughout the year to ensure a successful sale.

The Howard County 4-H Livestock Sale Committee is currently seeking senior age 4-H members to serve as youth representatives on the committee for 2019. This is an exciting opportunity that offers 4-H members an opportunity to gain and extend leadership skills. While a youth member appointed to a position will not have voting rights, the youth member will represent and provide a voice for the 4-H youth selling animals in the 4-H Livestock Sale.

If you are interested in this leadership role, please contact Sheryl at [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu) by January 5, 2019.

# Howard County 4-Her's

## In the Spotlight

We want to know! Tell us what you are doing in your 4-H career! Club reporters, leaders, officers, volunteers, parents and members are encouraged to send their kudos to be published. Articles should be submitted to Amy Brueckmann via e-mail at amyb@umd.edu.

### STATE RABBIT JUDGING RESULTS

Congratulations to all the rabbit team members. You all worked hard and did a fine job representing our county's 4-H rabbit program.

#### Juniors

Juniors placed second for team totals. Congratulation to Helen and Kaylee taking 2nd and 4th for both reasons and over all. Helen for getting 1st and Kaylee 5th on live judging. Super job to them both for their written scores of 2nd for Helen and 3rd for Kaylee.

#### Intermediates

Intermediates placed second for team totals as well. Missing Congratulations to Audrey, Hayley, Elise, Amelia and Eoin for placing 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 8th and 9th on written out of 15 participants. Then they placed 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 9th over all. Amelia got 5th on live judging with Eoin, Hayley, Audrey and Elise getting 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th.

#### Seniors

Seniors placed first for team totals. Congratulations to Maoliosa, Ana, Kendra, Sam and Daniel on their written scores of 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 10th. In live judging it was Maoliosa, Ana, Kendra, Daniel and Sam with 1st, 5th, 6th, 9th and 10th. In reasons kudos to Ana for placing 1st with Kendra, Maoliosa, Daniel and Sam getting 5th, 6th, 9th and 10th. The seniors over all was Maoliosa, Ana, Kendra, Sam and Daniel with 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th and 11th.

Great job to Maoliosa for winning the scholarship!

Super fantastic job everyone. You all did great !



What are you doing?  
We want to hear!



How are you giving back?  
We want to hear!



How are you?  
We want to hear!

### GOOD LUCK

Good Luck to Howard County 4-H Members participating on Maryland 4-H Horse Teams!

**Liana Grosko**—  
Competing on State Hippology Team

**Liesl Young**—  
Competing on the state Horse Bowl Team.

Darryll Ann Buschling—  
UME 4-H Volunteer coaching the State Hippology team.