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**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS!!**

**QUARTER AUCTION—PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT MARKSMANSHIP CLUB...SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015,**
CONTACT JENNY SCHMIDT @ schmidtjenhans@yahoo.com or 410-739-7782. WILL BE HELD AT THE QAC 4-H PARK.

**4-H ALL STARS VENDOR, CRAFT & YARD SALE...SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015 8-1 P.M. 💡 **
$15 PER TABLE, CONTACT LORI O’CONNELL @ 410-490-7811.

**QUARTER AUCTION- PROCEEDS TO FARM TO MARKET CLUB...SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015, AT THE QAC 4-H PARK. CONTACT JODY STORY AT 410-739-4256 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**4-H PARK CLEAN UP DAY 🍀**
Spring is right around the corner, and that means spring cleaning for the 4-H Park. All clubs are expected to participate on Saturday, March 14th at the 4-H Park. Come prepared to work! That means bring gloves, rakes, rags, cleaning supplies, squeegees, etc. Lunch will be supplied by the QAC 4-H All Stars. We always pick-up sticks, rake leaves, wash tables & chairs, clean outside bathrooms, and whatever the Park Board comes up with for us to do.

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**FOUND.....** A child’s size large Columbia jacket was left at the Officers Training. It’s black with Blue accents. Call the office to claim it. 410-758-0166 or srosenbe@umd.edu
The new On-Line Enrollment process started January 1, 2015...so far it seems to be running smoothly and is user friendly. This is a learning process for everyone...next year hopefully we all will be able to do so much more with this program. As of date there are still many 4-H’ers who have not yet enrolled. It is important that you do so as soon as possible so that you can receive information and be eligible to show and participate in County and State activities.

If you are having a problem please call the 4-H Office for assistance.

RECORD BOOKS

Thank you to the 165... 4-Hers who turned in their record books! That’s one more than last year! Clovers turned in 19 books which is the same number as last year. Juniors sent in 44 books which is one more than last year. Intermediates turned in 52 books which is one more than last year. And seniors sent in 50 which is one less than last year.

Be sure to attend the Achievement Program on Sunday, March 22nd to get your awards and your record books back. Again, thanks to everyone for all of your hard work.

SHOUT OUT TO MEMBERS OF 4-H MARKSMANSHIP CLUB!!

Nash Richardson from the Marksmanship Club earned nominations to both the United States Naval Academy and the United States Military Academy (West Point). Nash has also received an appointment to the Naval Academy. Nash plans to accept his appointment to the Naval Academy where he will shoot for the Navy Rifle Team.

The 3 seniors of the Marksmanship Club have spent the fall and winter visiting colleges and talking to coaches about shooting for their respective teams. They have been to Akron University, Murray State University, Ohio State University, Memphis State University, the University of Mississippi, West Virginia University, Texas Christian University, Jacksonville State University, and two non-shooting colleges: Milligan College and Vanderbilt University.

In early January Marksmanship Team traveled to the Naval Academy to compete in the Maryland Junior Olympic qualifier. The results:

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THERE’S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP……REGIONAL TRACTOR CERTIFICATION SCHOOL

If you are 14, 15 or 16 and are interested in being employed in agriculture or are working on your family farm and would be operating machinery on the road – this is the class for you. It will be held Friday evening Feb 20 through Sunday Feb 22 at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park. Youth are required to attend all of the sessions and successfully complete a written and driving test to attain their certification. Contact Chris Johnston if you are interested or for more information. cjohnstn@umd.edu 410 758-0166.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMMUNICATION CONTEST

Our County Public Speaking Contest will be held on Friday, March 6th at the Higher Learning Education Center at Chesapeake College. This is the same location as in the last few previous years. Your club leader should be turning in your club results and the club winners will receive an invitation to the county contest. You should arrive at the contest giving yourself time to check in and get prepared to begin the contests at 7:00pm. County winners are expected to participate in the State Contest which will be held at the College Park campus on Saturday, April 25th. The state will send an invitation to those winners.

In addition to these two contests, there will be a Regional Contest held at the Easton High School in Easton, MD. on Friday March 27th. County winners may go there to get more practice, different judges’ feedback and CASH prizes! It has no bearing on who represents us at the state contest. County winners will advance to the state level. LEADERS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND BACK THE RESULT FORM YOU WERE PROVIDED BY MARCH 2, 2015.

POULTRY AND RABBIT WORKSHOP

On February 28th at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park a Poultry and Rabbit & Judging Contest Workshops will be held. This will be a full day of rotating workshops to make youth and volunteers more knowledgeable of the opportunities available thru 4-H in these two project areas. The day will include lots of hands on experience with both chickens and rabbits. See attached registration! Also the February 28th date in Queen Anne’s County will have an additional workshop in the afternoon from 1pm until 4pm where we will go in-depth with the 4H Poultry Project. A recognized judge will present a hands on workshop to teach the different breeds and types of poultry projects that are available. Participants will increase their knowledge in poultry project selection, care, show preparation, management and judging criteria. We will provide lunch for members that plan on attending the morning and afternoon sessions. Please indicate both sessions on your registration form.

LIVESTOCK LEARNING WEEKEND

Join in the Fun…..the Livestock Learning weekend will start Friday, March 20 with activities continuing through mid-afternoon on Saturday, March 21st. See attached registration form.

2015 MARYLAND POULTRY TESTING AGENT CLASSES

Anyone can become a poultry tester in Maryland as long as they are 18 years of age or older. You need to attend a workshop to become certified. Once certified, it is good for 3 years, at which time, you need to become re-certified. We would like to have some volunteers become certified.
There will be 2 classes this year. The first is at Frederick, Md. on Sat., Feb. 7th from 9:00-2:00pm. The second is at Salisbury, Md. on Sat. Feb. 21st from 11:00-4:00pm. You will have hands on training and receive paper handouts. Contact MDA Animal Health, 410-841-5810 or animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov with questions. If you are interested, please let Sally or Chris know too.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Our Achievement Program will be held on Sunday, March 22nd beginning at 1:00pm. This is the program where you and your family will come to get your 4-H Record Books back and to receive your awards. Besides the record book awards, there are 4-H Spirit Awards and “I Dare You” Awards presented. Diamond Clover awards are given out here as well. You will hear from our 4-Hers about the trips they have taken across the nation and in foreign lands. Please plan to join us on the 22nd, even if you didn’t turn in a record book. There will be refreshments available for all to enjoy.

“VOICES OF OUT OF SCHOOL TIME IN ANNAPOLIS…” 4-H LEGISLATIVE DAY

All 4-Hers are encouraged to participate in 4-H Legislative Day in Annapolis. It will be held Monday, Feb. 16th beginning at 1:00pm. (There’s no school that day.) There are changes to the program this year. It will be held from 1:00-4:00pm and we are partnering with the MOST Agency (Maryland Out of School Time) and the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Part of the focus will build on the State Comptroller’s initiative to Start Schools After Labor Day, “Let Summer Be Summer”. (This was introduced to those who attended 4-H Day last year, by the Deputy Comptroller.) In addition, there are many new Legislators representing our districts this year and also a new Governor. We want to show them that 4-H, as well as our partners, emphasize STEM components in our programs. Group displays or a brief hands-on activity for the Legislators would be appreciated. The proposed agenda is: 1:00pm-registration, 1:20-Presentations, Speakers & Advocacy Training, 3:00-STEM Expo, 4:00-Optional Appointments with Elected Officials (set up your own county appointments),6:30-Optional State House Tours. Participants are welcome to attend the General Assembly Session starting at 8:00pm. For more information and/or help, contact Cynthia Warner at cwaner1@umd.edu Cynthia can help set up appointments as well. See attached flyer and registration form.

4-H DAIRY BOWL TEAMS

We are starting practices for Dairy Bowl. Dairy Bowl is similar to “It’s Academic”, except all of the questions relate to dairy cattle or dairy goats. Points are given or lost by quickness and accuracy of responses. Teams are made up of 4 individuals and 1 alternate. There are teams for all age groups, except for Clovers. High scoring senior individuals in the state contest may be selected to compete in the national competition. Practices will be held on Wednesdays at the Extension Office at 7:00pm beginning in February. If you are interested, come out and see what it’s all about.

MARYLAND STATE 4-H LEADER INVITES LOCAL ALUMNI TO CHECK IN

Help Youth Win $10,000 Science Sponsorship!

Calling all Maryland 4-H Alumni! Help Maryland 4-H win a $10,000 Science Sponsorship from HughesNet! 4-H and HughesNet have partnered to launch the 4-H GROWN Alumni Campaign. Register at www.4-h.org/4hgrown/ as a 4-H GROWN Alumni and Maryland 4-H will receive a vote towards winning a $10,000
Innovation Incubator sponsorship! Every check-in counts so encourage your 4-H friends and family to check-in too! Tag and share on your social media channels! Contest ends on Monday, March 16, 2015

**2015 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE UPDATES WEBINARS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

4-H Animal Science Volunteers are invited to register for an Animal Science Project Leaders/Volunteers Webinar which will be held on February 24. The session will be held 7:00-8:30 pm via the UME Connect system and will be recorded for viewing at alternate times. Volunteers are requested to visit the Maryland 4-H website to register for the session.

The date and topics are as follows:


Recordings from previous 4-H Animal Science Volunteer webinars conducted are available for viewing on the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program Resources page at: [https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources](https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources). The available topics include:

- Clowers in 4-H Animal Projects - RECORDING from 2/25/2014
- Managing Liabilities Associated with 4-H Animal Projects and Events - RECORDING from 3/25/2014
- 4-H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects - RECORDING from 4/29/2014
- 4-H Club Volunteer Roles to Support Animal Science Projects - Program to be held 5/27/2015
- Preparing for Competitive Events - RECORDING from 2/26/2013
- Introducing the New 4-H Animal Science Project Records - RECORDING from 3/25/2013
- Managing Risks in 4-H Animal Science Projects and Activities - RECORDING from 4/28/2013
- Sportsmanship in Animal Science Projects - RECORDING from 5/28/2013

Please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu or 301-314-7187 for more information or if you have questions.

**MARYLAND SMALL RUMINANT EXPO**

On Saturday, February 28 at the Frederick County 4-H Camp and Activities Center in Frederick there will be an all-day event which will feature separate youth and adult educational programs. Adult topics include: Forage/Pasture; Marketing; Production and Health and Alternative enterprises. The Youth hands on program includes: Fiber; Dairy; Meat; and Science (wet lab) activities. Speakers will be Extension experts and producers. Featured speaker is Dr. Lindsay Lane. Pre-registration is required by February 14th. Fee is $35.00 for adults and $25.00 per youth. For registration go to: [http://mdsheepgoat.blogspot.com](http://mdsheepgoat.blogspot.com) or [https://www.facebook.com/MDSmallRuminant](https://www.facebook.com/MDSmallRuminant)
Voices of Out of School Time in Annapolis
4-H Legislative Day
Monday February 16, 2015 – Miller Senate Building: East I & 2

Calling all Maryland 4-Hers, Boys and Girls Club Members and afterschool and summer programs across the state! Come to Annapolis to make your voices heard. Help demonstrate the learning and excitement of out of school time (OST) programs for our elected representatives. Learn more about the legislative process and how your participation makes a difference!

Give young people more OST opportunities and they will Speak Up! Speak Out! Be Heard!

For every 1$ invested in afterschool the state receives $3.36!

AGENDA

1:00 p.m. Registration
1:20 p.m. Presentations, Speakers & Advocacy Training
3:00 p.m. STEM Expo
4:00 p.m. Optional Appointments with Elected Officials
6:30 p.m. Optional State House Tours

Participants are welcome to attend General Assembly Session starting at 8:00 pm.

Show what you know at the STEM Expo!

Does your program feature STEM Activities? Do you have youth and program staff who can offer interactive, hands-on STEM activities and demonstrations for youth participants, program leaders and invited legislators. Apply to be part of the Expo when you register!

Complete the attached registration form and return by Monday, February 9th to Cynthia Warner, 4-H Educator, Harford County cwarner1@umd.edu FAX 410-638-3053
2015 4-H Legislative Day / Voices of Out of School Time Registration

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**To determine State Legislative District by a street address (visit: [http://mdelect.net/](http://mdelect.net/))

Check All That Apply:

- [ ] We will attend the 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. program
- [ ] We will stay for appointments with legislators. (Appointments are the responsibility of the group registering. For assistance with appointments please contact cwarner1@umd.edu)
- [ ] We will attend the State House Tours 6:30 pm.
- [ ] We will attend Session at 8:00 pm.
- [ ] We would like to have a table and present a STEM activity at the EXPO (spaces in the Expo are limited, selected programs will be notified by February 10, 2015).

Please Describe the STEM Activity you would present at the EXPO:

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If you require special assistance to participate, call the Extension Office two weeks prior to the event.
Livestock Learning Weekend
March 20-21, 2015

The Livestock Learning Weekend will start Friday, March 20, with activities continuing through mid-afternoon Saturday, March 21. A notional schedule is included below. Please complete all of the shaded boxes below.

Registration forms and checks must be submitted by no later than March 6 in order to guarantee your child’s spot. If you are registering more than one child, please make sure to include a separate registration form for each child. Please mail all forms and checks to Sarah Shaffer, 6236 Rose Hill Drive #2A, Alexandria VA 22310.

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________
Child’s DOB: ____________________________________________
4-H Club: ______________________________________________
Allergies: ______________________________________________
Emergency POC: _________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Information:
Name: ___________________________________________________
Signature: _______________________________________________
Date: ___________ Phone #: ___________________________

T-shirt size:  Child □ S □ M □ L □ XL
Adult □ XS □ S □ M □ L □ XL
Other (specify): _________________________________________

Confirm the following are on file at the Extension Office:
□ 4-H Code of Conduct
□ 4-H Health Form

If not, please include them with the registration form.

Schedule:  FRI 6:30 pm  Check in (overnights)
           7:00 pm  Evening activities
           SAT 8:00 am  Breakfast
           8:30 am  Check in (Saturday only)
           9:00 am  Start activities
           3:45 pm  Check out

We will have an educational presentation and crafting Friday evening, and seven educational sessions on Saturday. Participating children will need to choose two animals for some of the activities on Saturday. Registration includes the educational sessions, lunch, and a t-shirt. Children staying overnight will also receive breakfast and Friday activities.

Families registering more than one child must pay full price for the first child, but each additional child’s fee will be reduced by $10. Please be sure to check the appropriate option below. Please contact Sarah Shaffer at 240-620-5365 (outside office hours) if you want to register more children; limited scholarships may be available.

Activities (pick two):  Registration:
□ Beef □ Sheep □ Friday + Saturday (1st child) – $40
□ Pig □ Goat □ Friday + Saturday (additional child) – $30
Parent/Guardian willing to chaperone:
□ Yes  gender: _____  □ No □ Saturday only (1st child) – $35
□ Saturday only (additional child) – $25

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Interest in 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Projects Growing

The enrollment in the 4-H rabbit and poultry project has been steadily increasing in Maryland during the past few years. In response to this growing interest in these project areas, the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program is pleased to offer a series of Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshops for new and experienced 4-H members, parents, and coaches during January thru March 2015! You need not be a project member to attend.

Get Involved in Rabbit Judging, Poultry Judging or Avian Bowl!

Winter Workshops: 5 Dates – 5 Locations across Maryland!

- January 31  Howard County Fairgrounds *(rescheduled from January 24)*
- February 7  Wicomico County Extension Office
- February 21 Allegany County Fairgrounds
- February 28  Queen Anne’s 4-H Park *(extended workshop w/afternoon session)*
- March 21   Charles County

General Agenda

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Workshop Topics

What to Expect at Judging and Bowl Events, What to Look at When Judging a Class, Resources to Help You Learn More

Registration

A $5.00 registration fee covers workshop handouts and refreshments. Please register using the attached registration form no later than one week before your selected session.
Rabbit & Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Winter Workshops Series

Registration Form

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING: Noon on the Monday prior to each workshop

REGISTRATION: Please complete this registration form and then send it via one of the following methods:

• Email to: cporterf@umd.edu
• FAX: 301-314-7146

Payment: Payment made by check, please make payable to: MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION and bring to workshop.

Questions regarding registration, topics or logistics may be directed to Chris Anderson by telephone at 301-314-7187 or email at canders2@umd.edu. Please notify Chris Anderson if you must cancel your registration--substitutions allowed.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: __________________________ 4-H COUNTY/CITY: __________________

Phone # __________________________ Email Address: __________________________

Address: __________________________

Check your area(s) of interest below:

☐ Rabbits
☐ Poultry
☐ Both Rabbits and Poultry

Check the workshop date and location you plan to attend below:

☐ January 31 Howard County Fairgrounds (rescheduled from January 24)
☐ February 7 Wicomico County Extension Office
☐ February 21 Allegany County Fairgrounds
☐ February 28 Queen Anne’s 4-H Park (extended workshop w/afternoon session)
☐ March 21 Charles County

REGISTRATION FEE: $5.00 Fee includes Refreshments and Materials
Make checks payable to: MD 4-H FOUNDATION

☐ I will bring my check to the Workshop I am attending.

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