Electronic 4-H Talk Newsletter

We have transitioned from a paper copy of the newsletter to an e-mail version of our 4-H Talk Newsletter where you will be e-mailed a copy of the newsletter and notified that a new version is online, if you would still like to receive a paper copy, please contact April Barczewski at 410-996-5280 or adhall@umd.edu by February 28th. Also, if your e-mail address has changed from what is on your reenrollment form, please notify April Barczewski at adhall@umd.edu. If you know someone that is not receiving the newsletter, it might be because we have an incorrect e-mail address for them, please tell them to please get in contact with us.

Inclement Weather Policy-Yes, the snowy season has arrived and will hopefully soon be over!!!
Just a reminder……if Cecil County Public Schools are cancelled for the day, there is early dismissal or after-school activities are cancelled for the evening DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ALL 4-H events are to be cancelled or during the weekend if the Cecil County snow emergency plan is in effect in the county both the day or evening events are cancelled.

Fantastic Cecil Attendance at the North East Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum
Kudos to our University of Maryland Volunteers and Teens that attended the North East Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum in College Park on November 20-23, 2014. All that attended seemed to have an enjoyable time.

Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Craft Workshop Thank You
A thank you goes to the Junior Council 4-H members and volunteers that helped to conduct the Holiday Craft Workshop on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Over fifty youth and adults participated in the morning’s workshop. Everyone who attended seemed to have a great time. Junior Council also held a fun activity in the morning, hosting a Breakfast with
Santa for families to come and meet St. Nick even complete with picture opportunities. Thanks again for your hard work and dedication to our program!

4-H Benefit Auction Thank You
The Tenth Annual Cecil County 4-H Benefit Auction proved to be very successful! The live and silent auction garnered over $14,000 for the County and Club 4-H programs in Cecil County. There were over 140 registered buyers for the auction. Thanks to the members and volunteers that helped with the auction. Again a BIG THANKS goes to all the clubs, volunteers and youth that gathered donations for the auction and purchased items at the auction. Also, thanks goes to the 4-Hers who modeled the auctions items during the sale. In addition, we would like to thank our volunteers and teens that helped with wrapping, moving, and organizing auction items, facility set up and clean up, and the volunteers that helped during the auction to make it run smoothly. At the event, a fun time was had by all. Without the support of our wonderful community, the auction would not have been as successful as it was. The turn out and profits confirm that the community is behind the 4-H youth development program in Cecil County.

Reenrollment Deadline
This is your last issue of 4-H Talk if we have not received your 2015 Reenrollment/Enrollment. In order to get project information and keep up with all the 4-H news and events, be sure to turn in your 2015 4-H enrollment form now! Remember, you must be enrolled in the 4-H project area that specifically relates to the project that you are entering at the county and state fairs. New members have until May 1st to register for 4-H. Current and new members have until May 1st to register for any projects that they plan to enter in the Cecil County and Maryland State Fair. Members and volunteers who were enrolled in 2014 and have not turned in the required paperwork for 2015 should get their reenrollment forms into the Extension Office ASAP so as not to miss out on any 4-H opportunities. Please contact April in the Extension Office if you need your reenrollments forms reprinted.

University of Maryland Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program 2015 4-H Participation Fee
Again in 2015, each 4-H club member will be required to pay the annual $10 participation fee which equals $.83 cents per month. These funds will be used to sustain 4-H programming across the state of Maryland. University of Maryland’s 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to continuing the long standing tradition of providing excellent 4-H programs for Maryland’s youth. Members can pay their fee to their primary club. If you belong to more than one club members only need to pay the fee to their primary club. Cecil County 4-H has already started collecting the fees and the fee will be due no later than June 15th so that membership cards can be issued to those in good standing. The fee is only for 4-H youth members ages 8-18 as of 1/1/15. There is no fee for clover members or UME 4-H volunteers.

Maryland 4-H Ages for 2015
As we start the 2015 4-H project year we wanted to remind you of the Maryland 4-H ages.
- Clovers ages 5-7 as of 1/1/15 (members can compete in non-competitive events and receive a participation ribbon at 4-H events)
- Juniors ages 8-10 as of 1/1/15
- Intermediates ages 11-13 as of 1/1/15
- Seniors ages 14-18 as of 1/1/15

Camp Counselor and Adult Staff Trainings for 2015
Like 4-H Camp? Will you be Actual age 15 or older in 2015 by August 10, 2015? Want to help more? If you are interested in being a camp counselor the first training will be Saturday, January 3 starting at 8 AM tentatively at the Rocks in Harford County (as an overnight lock in). We are looking for more adult volunteers, even if it is just to teach a class or come down for one activity so please contact us if interested. Please be aware that becoming a camp counselor or adult staff member is a very big responsibility and does require commitment. These are the set dates and are not expected to change. Please mark your calendars now. For the day trainings, you will need to bring $5 for lunch or bring your lunch with you - there is a kitchen available. If you have any questions about 4-H Camp or becoming a camp counselor, please feel free to contact Camp Director, Susan Knight at susank@ardenttitle.com. She can be reached at work at 410-996-9780.
The trainings are as follows:
- Saturday, February 28 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun (Location Tentative)
- Saturday, March 28 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun (Location Tentative)
- Friday, April 10-Sunday, April 12, On Site Weekend Training at the Rocks (Dates Tentative)
• Saturday, May 16 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun (Location Tentative) (Makeup Date plus Food Safety, CPR/First Aid Training)

**Help Us Promote the Health "H" by Becoming a Healthy Living Ambassador!**
The Maryland 4-H Healthy Living Program is holding two Healthy Living Summits in January to recruit and train Healthy Living Ambassadors. We are asking clubs to designate two 4-Hers to come to one of these summits to become "health officers" for their 4-H clubs and communities. These Healthy Living Ambassadors will learn healthy snacks, activities and exercises to take back to their clubs and counties to promote healthy lifestyles.

Mark your calendars for January 10th at the Montgomery County 4-H Office or for the summit on January 24th at Thendara 4-H Center in Dorchester County from 10am to 3pm. The summits are open to all 4-Hers ages 8-18! Check out the flyer for more information and to sign up or contact Suzannah Macleod smacleo1@umd.edu or Sandy Corridon corridon@umd.edu.

**Winterfest Class Ideas**
Attention: Volunteers, Parents and/or Teens. If you would like to teach a one, two or three hour class at Winterfest on Sunday, March 8, 2015 starting at 1 PM and running until 4 PM at Fair Hill, please contact Vicki Stone at vstone@umd.edu by no later than Friday, January 16, 2015.

**Annual Sporting Clays Tournament to Benefit Maryland 4-H Youth Programs-March 28th**
The Maryland 4-H Foundation 20th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot will be held Saturday March 28, (Rain or Shine) at Schrader’s Sporting Clays, 16090 Oakland Road, Henderson, MD.

**Cecil County Fair Dates**
The Cecil County Fair will be July 24-August 1, 2015 in Fair Hill (Clean Up Day August 2).

**Animal Science Activities & Update**

**2015 Animal Ownership Deadlines for Cecil County & Maryland 4-H**

- Enrolled in 4-H and applicable projects by May 1, 2015 to participate in 2015 Maryland State Fair and Cecil County Fair 4-H Events
- Registration papers MUST be in the full name of the 4-H EXHIBITOR ONLY in order to be eligible as a 4-H project.
- Poultry/Waterfowl and Rabbit/Cavy Ownership Forms due June 1, 2015
- Dog and Horse Identification Cards due June 1, 2015
- Breeding and Performance Animal Leases due June 1, 2015 (3 components-Guidelines, Agreement, and Statement of Understanding and Release)
  - Breeding Animal Leases (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Goats)-A member may not own and lease animals in the same general project area
  - Performance Animal Leases (Horse, Dog, Alpacas and Llamas)-An animal may be lease by up to two different 4-H members and can be exhibited in a single class by only one 4-H member.
- Commercial (tagged) and Purebred Beef Heifers owned by June 1, 2015
- Market Beef Steers owned by January 1, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/3)
- Beef Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dairy Cattle owned by June 1, 2015
  - All Dairy Cows must have been owned/leased by the youth before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first.
- Market Dairy Steers owned by January 1, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/3)
- Dairy Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dairy Goats owned by June 1, 2015
  - All Dairy Goats must have been owned/leased by the youth before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first
- Commercial (tagged) and Registered Breeding Meat Goats owned by June 1, 2015
- Market Goats owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dog owned/leased by June 1, 2015
• Horse and Pony owned/leased by June 1, 2015
• Market Broilers and Ducks Intent form on file by May 15, 2015
• Poultry and Waterfowl owned by June 1, 2015
• Market Rabbit Intent Form on file by May 15, 2015
• Rabbits and Cavies owned by June 1, 2015
• Breeding Sheep owned by June 1, 2015
• Market Sheep owned and tagged by May 15, 2015  (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
• Breeding Swine owned by June 1, 2015
• Market Swine owned and tagged by May 15, 2015  (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)

Cecil County 4-H Horse Fun Day
4-H Horse Fun Day will be on Monday, January 19, 2015 with check in beginning at 8:30 AM and activities running from 9:00 AM-3:30 PM at the Calvert Grange on Rt. 273 in Calvert (2357 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911). A flyer containing registration information is included in this newsletter or you can register online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-horse-fun-day. Registration is due by January 14th. This year’s horse educational topics include a variety of horse related educational topics and participating in horse science learning stations on a variety of topics. Participants will also have the opportunity to partake in ice breaker games, the horse hoopla t-shirt design contest, horse games, horse crafts and socialize with other 4-H Horse project members. Pizza, drinks and snacks will be provided.

Cecil County 4-H Livestock Fun Day
4-H Livestock Fun Day will be held on Monday, February 16, 2015 with check in beginning at 8:30 AM and activities running from 9:00 AM-3:30 PM at the Calvert Grange on Rt. 273 in Calvert (2357 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911). A flyer containing registration information is included in this newsletter or you can register online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-livestock-fun-day-0. Registration is due by February 11th. This year there will be livestock related educational topics and participating in animal science learning stations on a variety of topics. Participants will also have the opportunity to partake in ice breaker games, animal related games, a hands-on craft or activity and socialize with other 4-H Livestock members. Pizza, drinks and snacks will be provided.

Hands-On Animal Science Classes
We will be offering fun, hands-on Animal Science classes for 4-Hers on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton. You do not have to attend all the class topics. Please RSVP your online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-hands-animal-science-classes or call 410-996-5280 the day prior to each scheduled class so that enough supplies can be gathered and materials prepared in advance.

The dates and topics are as follows:
• January 27, 2015-“Say Cheese” we will be making & eating cheese.
• February 24, 2015-“Animal Senses” we will be learning how animals see, smell, hear & touch by experiencing what an animal experiences.
• March 24th-“Bones, Bones, Bones” we will be learning about a mammals skeletal system, will be putting bones together and searching for bones in an owl pellet.
• April 28th-“Animal Genes & Reproduction” we will learning about genetics & reproduction and observing a cows reproductive tract. All the classes will be very fun and energetic as all the sessions will be hands-on.

Dairy Quiz Bowl
The first 2015 Dairy Bowl practices will take place on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office. 4-H Dairy Bowl includes questions pertaining to both dairy cattle and dairy goats and is similar to "Jeopardy", except all questions are dairy related. All interested youth are encouraged to attend. Practices will be scheduled after the first meeting on January 12th. If you can't make the practices but are interested in participating or are interested in helping coach the team contact April at 410-996-5280 or adhall@umd.edu.

Pasture Management for Small Ruminant Producers
The University of Maryland Small Ruminant Extension Program will host a winter webinar series on consecutive Wednesday evenings in February and March 2015. The focus of the webinar series is Pasture Management for Small
Ruminant Producers. Sub-topics include: planning a pasture system (Feb. 4); pasture plants, including alternative forages (Feb 11); pasture and grazing management (Feb 18); pasture nutrition (Feb 25); and pasture health problems (Mar 4). The instructors for the webinars will be Jeff Semler and Susan Schoenian. Jeff is the county extension agent in Washington County, Maryland. Susan is the University of Maryland Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist. Each webinar will begin at 7 p.m. EST and last for approximately 60 minutes. It will be followed by a 30 minute question and answer period. Interaction will be via a chat box. Anyone with an internet connection may participate in the webinars. High speed access is recommended. Pre-registration is not necessary for any of the webinars. Instead, interested persons are asked to subscribe to the University of Maryland’s webinar listserv. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to listserv@listserv.umd.edu. In the body of the message, type subscribe sheepgoatwebinars. The webinar listserv is used to communicate with webinar participants and notify subscribers of upcoming webinars. All webinars are recorded. The recordings will be converted to YouTube videos. For additional information, contact Susan Schoenian at sschoen@umd.edu or go to http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/2015webinars.html.

Maryland Small Ruminant Expo
The first-ever Maryland Small Ruminant Expo will be held Saturday, February 28, 2015, at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center in Frederick, Maryland. The all-day event will feature separate educational programs for adults and youth. The adult program will be divided into four educational tracks: 1) Forage/pasture; 2) marketing; 3) production and health, and 4) alternative enterprises. Two tracks will be held concurrently. The youth program will include sessions related to fiber, dairy, meat, and science (wet lab). Activities will be mostly hands-on. Lunch will be a taco bar, with a choice of lamb and/or goat meat and sheep and/or goat milk cheese. Meats and cheeses will be sourced locally. Speakers will include extension experts, as well as producers. One of the featured speakers will be Dr. Lindsay Lane. Before attending veterinary school in the Cayman Islands and Minnesota, Dr. Lane was the farm manager for the University of Maryland College Park. She managed the campus farm, which includes a flock of mostly Katahdin sheep. Pre-registration is required by February 14. The registration fee is $35 per adult and $25 per youth (ages 8-18). You can register online via EventBrite at http://2015mdexpo.eventbrite.com. You can pay by credit card, but there is a small fee to do so. Alternatively, you can mail your registration information and payment to the Maryland Small Ruminant Expo, Western Maryland Research & Education Center, 18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, Maryland 21756. Checks should be made payable the University of Maryland. For more information contact Susan Schoenian at (301) 432-2767 x343 or sschoen@umd.edu or go to http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/2015Expo.html.

Eastern Shore Spring Show
Eastern Shore Spring Show information will be emailed or mailed in mid-March to all who participated in 2014 and will be available online at the Queen Anne’s County Extension website at www.queenannes.umd.edu by mid-March. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park in Centreville.

Cecil County Breeders Fair
Cecil County Breeders’ Fair information will be emailed or mailed in mid-March to those Cecil 4-H’ers who participated in 2015 and will be available online by early March at the Cecil County Extension Website under the 4-H Youth Development Upcoming Events Link. The Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit, Cavy & Dog Shows are scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2015, and the Horse Shows are scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015, at Fair Hill. Entries are due by May 1st. Cecil County 4-Hers are encouraged to take advantage of a great opportunity to participate.

Maryland Animal Health Requirements 2015
The complete Maryland health regulations and forms will be available soon online at http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Show.aspx

Again this year—All animals except Rabbits will need to have an official identification. In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise.

Again this year, health certificates will be three carbon copy pages and again will no longer need to be stamped by MDA as it will be your veterinarian’s responsibility to send the approved copy to MDA to be filed. Exhibitors will still be expected to do the Animal Health Self-Certification for Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits and Horses. Papers will still be due within 60 days of your first show and if your animal requires vaccinations, they should be vaccinated at least 15 days prior to the first show so that the vaccinations are effective.

State 4-H Animal Science Reminder Information
• An animal can be tagged either commercial or market but not both
• 4-H project animals MUST be registered in the individual name of the 4-Her only

**University of Maryland Extension 4-H Volunteer Trainings**

Are you interested in becoming a University of Maryland Extension Volunteer or do you know anyone that might be interested? Don’t wait because now is the time April and/or Vicki will be conducting upcoming UME Volunteer trainings on the following evenings:

- Monday, February 9, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday, March 19, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday, June 4, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer please register online at [http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-ume-volunteer-training-registration](http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-ume-volunteer-training-registration) or call the Extension Office at 410-996-5280 to confirm your attendance.

**Cecil 4-H UME Volunteer Development Series**

Volunteers and teen leaders are encouraged to enhance their skills by registering for the Cecil County 4-H Volunteer Development Series. You can pick and choose which topics you would like to attend. The topics and dates are as follows:

- 1/29-Clover Program
- 2/3-Risk Management & Fundraising Opportunities
- 2/23-Leaders & Volunteer Meeting
- 3/3-Ages & Stages of Youth Development & Working with Diverse Audiences
- 3/26-Food Safety
- 4/7-Positive Youth Development & Serving Your Community
- 5/5-Life Skills Development and Fun Activities to Do at Club Meetings
- 5/16-Food Safety Training
- 5/18-Leaders & Volunteer Meeting
- 6/2-Preparing Diamond Clover Service Project Applications and Other Teen Opportunities
- 9/21-Leaders & Volunteer Meeting
- 9/29-Animal Science Planning Meeting
- 10/6-4-H Project Opportunities and Open House
- 11/2-Club Management & Program Planning and Youth Adult Partnerships and Working with Your Officer Team
- 11/23-Leaders & Volunteer Meeting

The programs take place from 6:30-8 PM in the University of Maryland Extension Cecil County 4-H Office at 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton in Suite 1500. If you would like to attend, please register online at [https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-4-h-volunteer-development-series](https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-4-h-volunteer-development-series) or call the Extension Office at 410-996-5280.

**4-H Leaders and Volunteers Meeting**

The next Cecil County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers meeting will be on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office. The main topics of discussion will be upcoming 4-H programming including Achievement Night, Winterfest and other Spring programs. Additional 2015 Leaders and Volunteers meetings will take place on Monday, May 18th, Monday, September 21st and Monday, November 23rd.

**Attention Club Leader-All Club Forms and Resources Available Online**

All 4-H Club Leaders Resources can be found at [http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/leader-forms](http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/leader-forms)

**Interested in Starting New 4-H Club?**

Anyone interested in starting a new 4-H Club should contact April in the Extension Office. Our 4-H enrollment continues to rise and so do request for club information, so we’re looking to our UME volunteers to step up and start some new clubs.
Educational Videos, Learning Kits, and Materials Available For Loan
The Cecil County 4-H Office has some educational videos, learning kits, curriculum, and equipment which club leaders can borrow from our office on a variety of topics. If you are interested in borrowing videos, learning kits, curriculum or equipment stop by the Extension office.

Calvert Boys & Girls 4-H Club Sub Sale
Calvert Boys & Girls is have a sub sale on Friday, January 23, 2015 at Zion Church Hall, Zion. Contact Ellen Larrimore for additional information at 443-945-0370.

4-H Calendar of Events

January 2015

10 State 4-H Healthy Living Summit, UME-Montgomery County Office, Derwood
12 Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Introduction & Practice, 7 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
15 Cecil County Breeders Fair Planning Meeting, 7 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
16 DEADLINE: Winterfest Class Ideas to Vicki Stone
16-18 Horse World Expo including 4-H Horse Art Contest, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium
16-19 State 4-H Winter Camp, Patuxent River 4-H Center, Upper Marlboro
18 State 4-H Awards Gala, Carriage Room, 3-6 PM, Laurel Park Carriage Room, Laurel
19 Horse Fun Learning Day, Check in begins at 8:30 AM and the program runs from 9 AM-3:30 PM, Calvert Grange, Calvert
23 DEADLINE: All 2014 Cecil County 4-H Record Books, 7 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
23 Calvert Boys & Girls 4-H Club Sub Sale, Zion Church Hall, Zion.
24 State Camp Director’s In-Service, Patuxent River 4-H Center, Upper Marlboro
24 State 4-H Healthy Living Summit, Camp Thendara, Hurlock
25 4-H Sewing Workshop, 1-4 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton
27 Hands-On Animal Science Class-Say Cheese, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
29 Volunteer Series: Clover Programming, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
30 DEADLINE: Completed 2014 Diamond Clover Level 1-5 and Service Learning Forms due to UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
30 DEADLINE: Completed 2014 Club Forms due to UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
30 DEADLINE: Members & Volunteer reenrollment forms due so not to be dropped off the e-mail/mailing list due to UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

February 2015

3 4-H Out of State Trip Interviews, College Park (Inc. Weather Date 2/17)
3 Volunteer Series: Risk Management & Fundraising, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
6 Cecil Achievement Night Nominations due to UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
7 4-H Out of State Trip Interviews, Centreville (Inc. Weather Date 2/21)
9 UME 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
14 4-H Out of State Trip Interviews, Westminster (Inc. Weather Date 2/28)
16 4-H Legislative Day in Annapolis, Annapolis
16 Livestock Fun Day, Check in begins at 8:30 AM and the program runs from 9 AM-3:30 PM, Calvert Grange, Calvert
20-22 State Tractor/Agriculture Equipment Certification Training, Centreville
22 Sewing Workshop, Trinity Church, Elkton
23 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, Elkton
24 Hands-On Animal Science Class, Elkton-‘Animal Senses’
28 Camp Staff Training, Rising Sun
28 Maryland Small Ruminant Expo, Frederick
TBA Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices

March 2015

3 Volunteer Series: Ages & Stages of Youth Development & Working with Diverse Audiences, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
5 Achievement Night Speakers Practice & Set Up, 6:30 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
7 Achievement Night, 6:30 PM-Desert Social, 7:00 PM-Program, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
7 State 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest, Hagerstown
8 Winterfest, Fair Hill, 1-4 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
12 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
14 State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, University of Maryland, College Park
21 4-H Demonstration and Communications Day, Calvert Grange, Calvert, 9:00 AM
22 Sewing Workshop, Trinity Church, Elkton
19 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
27 Regional Communications Event, Easton High School, Easton
24 Hands-On Animal Science Class-Bones, Bones, Bones, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
28 Maryland 4-H Foundation Shooting Clays Fundraiser, Schrader’s Bridgetown Manor, Henderson
28 Camp Staff Training, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
28 Eggstravaganza, Calvert Grange, Calvert (Tentative)
TBA Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices

April 2015
3 Companion Animal Day, Calvert Grange
7 Volunteer Series: Positive Youth Development an Serving Your Community
10-12 Camp Staff Training Weekend, Rocks (Tentative)
14 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
18 State 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, College Park
25 Maryland Day at University of Maryland College Park
25 State Communication Contest, College Park
26 Sewing Workshop, Elkton
28 Hands-On Animal Science Class-Animal Gens & Reproductive Tract Dissection, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton

May 2015
1 Cecil County 4-H Member & Project Enrollment Deadline
2-3 Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship
3 Sheep & Goat Skillathon, West Friendship
5 Volunteer Series: Life Skills Development & Fun Activities to do at Club Meetings
9 Eastern Shore Spring Show, Centreville
14 & 15 Tagging, Weigh In & Ownership Deadline of Market Goats, Sheep, Swine and Feeder Calves, Fair Hill
15 Market Rabbit, Market Broilers & Market Duck Intent Form Due in Extension Office
16 Camp Staff Training Makeup, Rising Sun (Food Safety, CPR, First Aid)
16 Volunteer Series: Food Safety
18 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office
19 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting, Rising Sun
20 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
24 Sewing Workshop, Elkton
30 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit & Dog Shows, Fair Hill
30 State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest, College Park
31 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Horse Shows, Fair Hill

June 2015
1 Horse/Dog Identification Cards Due in Extension Office
1 Performance/Breeding Animal Arrangements Due in Extension Office
1 Ownership Deadline for Commercial Breeding Animal Projects
1 County Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
2 Volunteer Series: Diamond Clover & Other Teen Opportunities Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
3 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting, Elkton
4 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
16-18 Horse Hoopla, Fair Hill
26-28 State Horse Jamboree & Communication Contest, Frederick

July 2015
1 State Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
1 Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Program Closes for Cecil County Fair 4-H Participation
24/8/1 Cecil County Fair, Fair Hill
31 Deadline: ALL Maryland State Fair 4-H Entries

August 2015
9-14 Cecil County 4-H Camp, Rocks
September 2015
1    Deadline: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals to UME-Cecil 4-H Office
5    Most State 4-H Judging Contests at the Maryland State Fair
5    State 4-H Smallbore Rifle Match, Marriottsville
15   Deadline: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals in State 4-H Portal
21   Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office
29   Cecil 4-H Animal Science Planning Meeting, Elkton

October 2015
3    AGNR Open House, CMREC, Clarksville
3 or 10 State 4-H Archery Match, Hurlock
4-10 National 4-H Week
6    Cecil 4-H Open House & Project Showcase, Elkton (Tentative)
6    National 4-H Youth Science Day Activity
9    University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
24   State 4-H Shotgun Match, Glenn Dale
TBA  Apple/Pumpkin Fest
TBA  Maryland 4-H Horsemen’s Party, Clarksville
TBA  Cecil County 4-H Horse Program, Goblin Gallop, Fair Hill

November 2015
2    Volunteer Series: Club Management, Program Planning & Working with your Officer Team, Elkton
10   University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
20-22 Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum, Ocean City
23   Cecil 4-H Leaders & Volunteer Meeting, Elkton

December 2015
5    Holiday Craft Workshop, Fair Hill
5    Countywide 4-H Benefit Auction, Fair Hill

***For more information about any event, call, email or stop by the University of Maryland Extension Cecil County 4-H Office. If you need special assistance to participate in any of our programs, please contact the University of Maryland Extension, Cecil County Office, at 410-996-5280 at least 1 week prior to the scheduled program.

4-H Club Meeting Dates
Rabbit Wranglers-2nd Sunday
Tailwinds Trotters -2nd Sunday
Making Strides-3rd Sunday
Puddle Jumpers -2nd Monday
Stars & Stripes -2nd Monday
Calvert Boys & Girls Clovers-2nd Monday
Kids of the Future-2nd Tuesday
Junior Council -3rd Tuesday
Kibbles-N-Kids-2nd Wednesday
Rising Sun Milk Squirters-2nd Wednesday
Cecil Sliders-2nd Wednesday
Young Guns Shotgun Practice-Every Thursday
Kuntry Livestock-1st Thursday
Calvert Boys and Girls-3rd Thursday
Krazy Kritters-3rd Thursday
County Archery Practice-3rd Thursday
C-Line 1st Placers-2nd Friday
Tri-State Trotters-2nd Friday
Reaching for the Stars-2nd Saturday
Robotics-Varies

The following documents are attached and located on the Cecil County Extension website at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county under the 4-H Youth Development Tab under upcoming events.

- Horse Fun Day Registration
- Livestock Fun Day Registration
- State 4-H Healthy Living Summit

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Become a Healthy Living Ambassador!

Interested in healthy lifestyles such as eating healthy and exercising, or are you interested in learning more about these topics? Come to a Healthy Living Summit and become a MD 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador!

What does a 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador do?
It is a Healthy Living Ambassador’s job to take back to counties and 4-H Clubs simple ways that you can stay healthy, whether it’s organizing a healthy snack for your monthly 4-H Club meeting or attending an event and promoting healthy lifestyles through educational displays and activities. Healthy Living Ambassadors are Maryland 4-H’s Health “H” promoters! We would like each 4-H Club to have at least two Healthy Living Ambassadors.

Past Healthy Living Ambassadors have also organized activities at Maryland Day, taught different healthy living topics at state events, and even attended the National Healthy Living Summit in Washington D.C.!

How old do I have to be to be a Healthy Living Ambassador?
Any 4-H age from 8-18! We need Healthy Living Ambassadors of all ages!

Dates and Locations:
We will be hosting two Summits—one for the Eastern Shore and one for the Western part of the state.

January 10th from 10am-3pm: Montgomery County 4-H Office
January 24th from 10am-3pm: Thendara 4-H Center—Dorchester County

We have lots of fun activities planned!
So far we are planning on having line dancing, smoothie making with the Blender Bike, a make-your-own trail mix station, a hand wash station, healthy living kits to take home, door prizes, games and much more!!!

How do I sign up?
All you have to do is send in your RSVP on the back of this page for one of the two summits to the Maryland 4-H Center, 8020 Greenmead Dr., College Park, MD 20740 or email Suzannah Macleod at smacleo1@umd.edu.

Questions? Call Suzannah Macleod at 301-314-7821 or Sandy Corridon at 301-314-7363
Maryland Healthy Living Summit RSVP

Name: ____________________________________________

County: ________________________________ 4-H Club: ____________________________

Home Address: _______________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip: _____________

E-mail: ___________________________________________ Phone Number: __________________

I will be attending...

_____ January 10th Summit at the Montgomery County Extension Office
_____ January 24th Summit at the Thendara 4-H Center—Dorchester County

Sponsorships...

_____ I would like to sponsor this event. I am including a check with this form for $________.

Sponsorships will help offset the cost of lunch and educational activities since this event is free to 4-Hers!

Volunteering...

We can use all the help we can get! If you would like to volunteer at one or both of the summits, please let us know. Whether you would like to teach a workshop, or help with a preexisting activity, we would love to have you! Contact Suzannah Macleod for more info.

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Cecil County 4-H Horse Fun Day

Monday, January 19, 2015
Check In Begins at 8:30 AM
Activities Start at 9 AM and Run Until 3:30 PM

Calvert Grange (2357 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, MD)
Located on Rt. 273 at the corner of Wood Valley Rd.

Come join us for a fun-filled day about Horses at the Calvert Grange
Lunch and Snacks will be provided

For information contact the University of Maryland Extension-Cecil County 4-H Office at 410-996-5280 or e-mail adhall@umd.edu.

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Participant Registration Form
Return to: University of Maryland Extension, Cecil County
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500, Elkton, MD 21921 received by January 14, 2015
I plan to attend the 2015 4-H Horse Fun Day on January 19, 2015 at the Calvert Grange.

Name__________________________________________ Age____Phone ___________________________
E-mail __________________________________________________________________________________

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Or you can register online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-horse-fun-day

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Cecil County 4-H Livestock Fun Day

Monday, February 16, 2015
Check In Begins at 8:30 AM
Activities Start at 9 AM and Run Until 3:30 PM
Calvert Grange (2357 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, MD)
Located on Rt. 273 at the corner of Wood Valley Rd.

Come join us for a fun-filled day about Livestock at the Calvert Grange
Lunch, Drinks, and Snacks will be provide
For information contact the University of Maryland Extension-Cecil County 4-H Office at 410-996-5280 or e-mail adhall@umd.edu.

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Participant Registration Form
Return to: University of Maryland Extension, Cecil County
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500, Elkton, MD 21921 received by February 11, 2015
I plan to attend the 2015 4-H Livestock Fun Day on February 16, 2015 at the Calvert Grange.

Name__________________________________________ Age____Phone ___________________________
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