Volunteer Association Meeting—September 9
7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

Dear 4-H Friends & Family,

We hope everyone had a safe and rewarding summer. And that you took advantage of an opportunity to succeed, excel and learn with a 4-H project, camp, fair or by sharing your knowledge or experience with others.

As you reflect on your summer adventures, be sure to thank anyone who may have helped you to achieve one of your goals.

Kristen McPhee

Kristen joins UMD Extension with a Bachelor’s degree in Geology and Environmental Sciences from Hope College and a Certificate in Organic Farming from Michigan State University. She is currently a candidate for a Master’s degree in Nutrition. She hails from Chicago where she managed a ¾ acre year-round urban farm and youth development program with the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Since arriving in Harford County in January 2013, she has worked to establish various collaborations within the County including: Harford County Department of Aging, Edgewood Senior Center, Magnolia Elementary, Havre de Grace Elementary, and the Arrow School. Kristen assists organizations with establishing or maintaining a garden along with offering lessons in nutrition, physical activity, and gardening. She enjoys working with the FSNE program because it allows her to utilize her gardening background as a means to inform others about healthy living.

Kristen is a Nutrition Educator with the Food Supplement Nutrition Education (FSNE) program in Harford County.

Maryland Food Supplement Nutrition Education Program (FSNE)

Educating People To Help Themselves

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If you require special assistance to participate in any 4-H program, please contact the Extension Office two weeks prior to the event.
Heroes With Heart 4-H Robotics Club

A new STEM 4-H club that is an extension of the Heroes With Heart 4-H club at APG is enrolling new members. This club is open to all Harford County youth and is not limited to military youth. The new leaders are Jerry and Wendy Chaney along with UME volunteers Dr. Angelique Scharine and Kathleen Zielewski.

They are very excited about providing a variety of experiential learning opportunities and competitions to their members. If you would like to learn more about this new club, please email wekchaney@gmail.com

Junior & Intermediate Camp Volunteers

Hooray—Our camp volunteers are the best! Much appreciation goes to our dedicated camp directors: Darleen and Tom Binns (who do it all) and to all of our chaperones that spent all or some nights at one or both camps: Julia Berg, Erin Day, David Flock, Katie Hilyard, Shannon Jacobs, Angelique Livezey, Kinsey Mannion, Brooke Sexton, Nicole Welsch, Jacob Wiley and Karen Vaughan and to our nursing staff for spirited service: Sharon Welsch, Buffy Garrett, Jenn Thomas and Kim Sexton.

Other key volunteers that signed in and helped make camp run smoothly by conducting a workshop, helping in the kitchen or chaperoning were: Joyce Browning, Jane Burgess, Ducky and Eileen Daughton, Bob Durgin, Debbie Flock, Lisa Fulco, Jeanette Goetz, Kaylee Herbert, Kevin & Julie Holmes, Donna Ichniowski, Jim Livezey, Theresa Lilenthal, Mary Martello Fraiji, Janine Ortt, Suzanne Stauffer, Janet, Steven and Beverly Weeks and anyone else who supported camp but is not mentioned.

Each of these volunteers and all of the enthusiastic Camp Counselors helped to provide a safe, educational and memorable experience for all of the campers.

Harford County Farm Fair Volunteers

Thanks to every superintendent, assistant, judge, fair board member, volunteer youth and parent. The absolute enormity of this event and its success and outreach is a result of your dedication and commitment, not only during the fair but also in preparation throughout the entire year.

Darlington Apple Festival—October 5

Call the Extension Office if you and/or your club would like to participate in the petting zoo. The event runs from 10am-5pm.
Harford County 4-H Fair and Maryland State Fair

Congratulations and thank you to every exhibitor at the Harford County 4-H Farm Fair and the Maryland State Fair. 4-H is not about winning or doing better than others, but it is about being the best YOU can be! It’s all about CHARACTER and your ability to be trustworthy, respectful, fair, caring and a good citizen. You have much to be proud of in representing yourself and Harford County 4-H.

Pre-Register for ALL Events ALL Year Long

Please remember to call the Extension Office to pre-register (name & phone) before attending any 4-H activity. This information is important; it enables us to be prepared or contact you in case of a cancellation. Thanks for your cooperation.

Member & Volunteer Enrollment Forms—Dec. 2

Re-enrollment forms will be given to all club leaders at the September Volunteer Association meeting. Look for your re-enrollment form at your next club meeting. All forms should be returned by December 2, so you can continue receiving important information.

Livestock Sale and Thank You Notes—Sept. 16

Don’t forget to submit your thank you notes to your buyer! A copy of your thank you note is due to the 4-H Office by SEPTEMBER 16.

DONATE OCT 9th—OCT 20th

HELP US GROW

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL 4-H CLUBS

$1 PLEASE ADD ONE DOLLAR AT CHECKOUT

100% of the proceeds from the sale of paper clovers will be split among state and county 4-H programs and National 4-H Council. To learn about the TSC and 4-H partnership, please visit Tractorsupply.com/4-H.

National 4-H Week—October 6 - 12

Celebrate this national event by wearing your 4-H t-shirts to school, putting a 4-H sign in your yard or ask local a business if they would display a 4-H sign. Put news articles or announcements in your school paper, local newspapers, churches and other gathering places. Give demonstrations or talks, display a booth or banner in your community. Call the 4-H Office for 4-H promotional toolkit flyers and bookmarks.
Online UME Volunteer Training
This training is required for anyone who would potentially assist 4-H youth during any 4-H function. This course will be taught via webinar. Participants will need access to a computer with internet connection as well as a telephone. All paperwork (including two completed reference forms) must be submitted prior to taking the course. Call the Extension Office to set up a time to complete the required paperwork. Once all of the paperwork is complete, the office can register you for the online training.

Record Books are due to your leader by—November 22
Don’t forget! **It is your responsibility to** find out from your leader when Record Books are due to them.

Record Book Workshops—September 24
October 2, October 29, or November 6
4-H’ers submitting Record Books for the first time are required to attend one of the workshops. Forms and rules are available on our county website http://extension.umd.edu/harford-county. Now is the time to learn what’s new, get help and get finished. These workshops will contribute to a neat, organized and complete book. All of the workshops will be held at the Extension Office starting 7:00pm.

**IF YOU COMPLETE A PORTFOLIO YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE A RECORD BOOK**

Senior Portfolio Workshop—October 1
7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
Develop a skill that will aid you in high school and college or applying for employment. You will learn how to prepare a resume’ and get tips for writing an essay, which are both required in your portfolio.

If you do not attend or have attended a portfolio workshop, you will not be considered to have met county fair requirements or be nominated for state recognition. After meeting fair requirements, you need to let the 4-H Office know if you would like your portfolio to be considered for state recognition.

**Portfolio Due Dates**
Portfolio’s to be considered for National Conference only are due to the Extension Office by **OCTOBER 11**. All other portfolio’s are due by **DECEMBER 15**.
4-H New Member/Parent Orientation Meeting—
September 25, October 17, November 12

ATTENTION!!! All new 4-H members and their parents are welcome to attend one of these meetings. We look forward to meeting and discussing the many opportunities the 4-H Program has to offer. This is the perfect time to get answers to any questions regarding our program, projects, rules, Record Books, clubs, volunteer training, etc. All Orientation meetings will begin 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Extension Office.

Maryland 4-H Archery Match—October 12

You must pre-register and all entries are due no later than September 27 (postmarked by Sept. 23). Eligibility: 4-H’ers ages 8-18 who enrolled prior to August 1, 2013 & are actively & safely participating in 4-H Archery clubs. Health form is required if staying overnight. For more details contact Conrad Arnold at carnold@umd.edu or 410-228-8800.

MARYLAND 4-H
TEEN & ADULT
VOLUNTEER FORUM
NOVEMBER 22-24

Find out what you’re missing - talk to someone who has attended!

All teen and adult volunteers are invited to attend this highly successful forum located at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

Accidents Happen—Insurance Helps

Put your 4-H’ers safety first! Make sure your programs are age-appropriate and in compliance with State guidelines. We encourage ALL CLUBS to support our county-wide effort to provide accident insurance for all Harford County 4-H members and volunteers. It costs as little as $1 per member per year and $2 for horse project members. Go to www.AmericanIncomeLife.com to find out how you or your club can apply.
Congratulations!

ELIZABETH GALBREATH has been selected to attend the 2013 National 4-H Congress! In November Elizabeth will join about 1200 other award winning 4-H’ers from across the country in Atlanta, GA for the experience of a lifetime. This Leadership Conference will showcase nationally recognized speakers, learning lessons taught by youth and adults, community service, tours and opportunities to meet and work with 4-H’ers in our Maryland Delegations and across the country. Elizabeth successfully submitted a Portfolio and interview process to be chosen for this honor.

National 4-H Congress is one of the premiere experiences for 4-H members across the country to participate in. For ninety years, members of the 4-H program have been gathering to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of 4-H at this event. National 4-H Congress provides a life-changing experience for youth to meet other 4-H members from across America, as they participate in educational workshops focusing on diversity, cultural experiences, leadership, team development, and of course having fun!

Follow the National 4-H Congress event on the original and official National 4-H Congress Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress.

Enotria Family FUNdraiser Day—October 8

All 4-H families and friends are welcome to dine for lunch or dinner at Enotria Italian Restaurant and Grill on Tuesday, October 8. A percentage of your bill will be donated to the Harford County 4-H program by simply letting your server know that you are with 4-H. So mark your calendars now in anticipation of a delicious family afternoon or evening of dining out!

THE BURGESS & CARINI FAMILIES HOSTED STUDENTS FROM JAPAN

Risako, Yuki and their American host families exchanged languages and cultures over their four week visit this summer. It was a wonderful experience and they encourage other families to participate.
Sarah’s Series on Horse Care

September 10
HORSE TRAILERING: BEYOND THE BASICS
Cost is $5 and the class will run from 6pm-8pm

October 16
FORMULATING A RATION FOR YOUR HORSE
Cost is $10 and the class will run from 6pm-8:30pm

November 20
HORSE CARE 101 FOR NEW OWNERS
Cost is $5 and the class will run from 6pm-8pm

December 5
HORSE KEEPING ON A BUDGET

Maryland State 4-H Dog Bowl Contest—October 12, Waldorf, MD
It’s DOG BOWL TIME! Teams of 3 to 5 4-H’ers test their knowledge of EVERYTHING ABOUT DOGS! (Breeds—Health—Training—Showing—History) For more information, contact the MD 4-H Office at 301-314-9070.

Harford County 4-H Horse Council Meeting—September 12
The Harford County 4-H Horse Council needs YOU! It needs your advice, your creativity and your support. The Horse Council meetings are open to all interested adults and older 4-H youth. We will be planning for the upcoming 4-H Open Judged Pleasure Trail Ride and evaluating summer events.

The 26th Annual Columbia Classic Grand Prix—September 21
"Watch Horses Fly and Help Students Soar" at the 26th annual Howard Community College Columbia Classic Grand Prix! Saddle up and head out to Marama Farm on Saturday, September 21, 2013, to watch world-class equestrians soar over obstacles and race against the clock - all for a good cause! Proceeds from the event benefit the HCC Educational Foundation to provide funding assistance to HCC students. In addition to thrilling equestrian action, the HCC Grand Prix includes vendors, games, food, music and family fun!

27th Annual Maryland Horsemen’s Party—October 6
You’re invited! Join everyone for an afternoon of great food and company and both live and silent auctions. Proceeds benefit the Sallie Mae Robertson Memorial 4-H Endowment Fund which is used to fund outstanding 4-H’ers on their trips to the Eastern National Horse Round-Up, Quarter Horse Congress and to compete in national related contests including hippology, horse bowl, horse judging and horse communications. For more information contact Amanda Clougherty at akbrown@umd.edu or 301-314-7835.

Pennsylvania National Horse Show—October 10-19
Visit www.panational.org to find a schedule of events and to find out about a free admission coupon for 4-H & USPC Family & Friends for Saturday, October 12 only.
4-H Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER
2—LABOR DAY, EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
9—VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING
12—HORSE COUNCIL MEETING
16—LIVESTOCK SALE THANK YOU NOTES DUE
21—COLUMBIA CLASSIC GRAND PRIX
24—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
24—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
25—NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION

OCTOBER
1—SENIOR PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP
2—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
5—UMD COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES OPEN HOUSE
5—DARLINGTON APPLE FESTIVAL
6—MARYLAND HORSEMEN’S PARTY
6-12—NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
8—ENOTRIA FAMILY FUNDRAISER DAY
9-20—TSC PAPER CLOVER DONATIONS FUNDRAISER
10-19—PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL HORSE SHOW
11—SENIOR PORTFOLIOS (to be considered for National Conference only) Due Date
12—MARYLAND 4-H ARCHERY MATCH
12—MARYLAND STATE 4-H DOG BOWL CONTEST
17—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
17—NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION
29—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER
6—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
12—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
12—NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION
22—ALL RECORD BOOKS DUE TO LEADERS
22-24—MARYLAND 4-H TEEN & ADULT FORUM, OC

DECEMBER
2—ALL MEMBER & VOLUNTEER RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE
7—EASY GIFTS WORKSHOP
15—SENIOR PORTFOLIO’S DUE
19—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

JULY 31-AUGUST 3—HARFORD COUNTY FARM FAIR