Dear 4-H Friends & Family,

As always, 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE 4-H VOLUNTEERS WHO ENROLLED ONLINE

ALL UME 4-H VOLUNTEERS SHOULD ENROLL AND/OR RE-ENROLL THEMSELVES ONLINE AGAIN STARTING IN JANUARY 2016!

If you have tried to enroll yourself for 2015 and have not been successful, please call Kathy at the 4-H Office for assistance.

We can still get you enrolled for this year and then in 2016 all you will need to do is update your enrollment form.

Thanks for your patience and commitment to the 4-H Program.

Livestock Skillathon Practices

- SEPTEMBER 17
- OCTOBER 15
- NOVEMBER 19
- DECEMBER 17

All practices will begin at 6:00pm and will be held at the Extension Office.

Camp Counselor Applications

Due NOVEMBER 2.

Livestock Sale & Thank You Notes due by September 14.

Don’t forget to submit your thank you notes to your buyer and a copy to the 4-H Office.

All club yearly financial forms are due to the Extension Office by OCTOBER 15
Junior & Intermediate Camp Volunteers

Our 4-H Camp volunteers and counselors make it possible each year for so many youth to attend camp where they can make new friends, learn new skills and just have fun! Each volunteer and all of the enthusiastic camp counselors helped to provide a safe, educational and memorable experience for all of the campers.

***New 4-H Club “Paws & Claws”

This new club will be focusing on Poultry and Small Pets. They will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Tractor Supply Company PAW Event
September 19 from 10am-2pm

They would like the help of 4-H’ers to set up 4-H promotional displays as well as small animals/pets (pens can be provided). Please call the Extension Office to let us know if you plan on participating.

Harford County Farm Fair Volunteers

You did it—another great fair! Thanks to every superintendent, assistant, judge, fair board member, committee, 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.

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.

Darlington Apple Festival—October 3, 2015

Call the Extension Office if you and/or your club would like to participate in this event or the petting zoo. The event runs from 10am-5pm.
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.

4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY

OCTOBER 7, 2015

Do you love science and fun science activities? 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is the world’s largest youth-led science experiment. On October 7, 2015, millions of young people will take part in this year’s NYSD experiment, Motion Commotion, to learn about physics, speed and safety!

4-H provides everything you need to make your 4-H NYSD event a success. Register your 4-H NYSD event—Download the experiment guides—Buy science kits and be sure to tag your photos & videos with #4HNYSD and you could be featured on 4-H social media.

DONATE OCT 7th—OCT 18th
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL 4-H CLUBS

Help Us Grow

4-H CLOVER CAMPAIGN

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. To participate call the Extension Office. Last spring our county 4-H Program received around $500 from the TSC 4-H Clover Campaign.

National 4-H Week—October 4—10

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.

UME Volunteer Training at the Extension Office

October 6, 7:00 p.m.  This training is for part 1 & 2. Please call the Extension Office if you plan on attending.
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.

UME Online 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.

ALL Record Books—Are due to the Extension Office by January 8.

It is your responsibility to find out from your leader how Record Books will be submitted for your club. Dates for submission to the Extension Office are from December 11 to January 8.

Livestock Record App

Check out the app for Livestock Record keeping by Learning Games Lab, NM State University at: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/4-h-livestock-record/id898568078?mt=8

4-H Day at Maryland Football—September 12 Capital One Field at Byrd Stadium

4-H will be highlighted as the Terps Football partner for the game against the Bowling Green Falcons, and 4-Hers will be a part of the pre-game festivities! 4-Hers will get to hang out in TerpTown before the game, enjoy the game from reserved seats, and even be in the tunnel with the team as they take the field! Tickets are $25.00 each and will include a Maryland Football t-shirt and a donation to the Maryland 4-H Foundation.

Record Book Workshops—September 29, October 19, November 4.

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 at 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 not 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**

Portfolios to be considered for National Conference only are due to the Extension Office by OCTOBER 10. All other portfolios are due by JANUARY 8.

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**4-H New Member/Parent Orientation Meeting—September 23, October 13.**

ATTENTION!!!  It is required that the member or parent attend one of these meetings, both 4-H members and their parents are welcome.  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.

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**Maryland 4-H Archery Match—October 17**

You must pre-register for this event.  Eligibility: 4-H’ers ages 8-18 who enrolled prior to August 1, 2015 & are actively & safely participating in 4-H Archery clubs.  Health form is required if staying overnight.  For more details contact Brittany Hoffman 301-314-7826, bhoffma2@umd.edu.

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**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND (AGNR) OPEN HOUSE  
OCTOBER 3**

Fall is a busy time, but we hope you will mark your calendars and make time to attend the University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) Open House. The 2015 free event will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 am. to 3:00 p.m.

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**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.

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Congratulations!

LAURA FIELDER has been selected to attend the 2015 National 4-H Congress! In November she 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. Laura 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 over 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.

2015 Harford Farm Fair 4-H Livestock Auction brings in $254,000. For details visit the Harford County 4-H facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/HarfordCounty4H.

4-H CAR MAGNETS
AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE
ONLY $5 EACH

National Geographic and 4-H have teamed up to bring cutting edge content to students in 4-H clubs, programs, and summer camps. Use the materials below to engage students with hands-on STEM activities and videos. This content can be used separately or in tandem with two of National Geographic's giant screen films: ROBOTS 3D and Mysteries of the Unseen World. To find a theater near you, visit Nat Geo Movies.

National 4-H Council is proud to partner with National Geographic to offer additional science learning materials. Mysteries of the Unseen World provides student activities, teacher guides, videos, and photography for hands-on learning for students in grades 3 - 12.
Maryland State 4-H Dog Bowl Contest—November 7, College Park

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 Extension Office.

Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum
November 20-22 in Ocean City, Maryland

Make plans now to join other 4-H volunteers and members from around the state in a variety of educational workshops that are designed specifically to enhance our program. Share and receive new ideas and friendships. Call the Extension Office to learn more about this great opportunity.

Harford County 4-H Horse Council Meeting—September 8

The Harford County 4-H Horse Council needs YOU! With your advice, creativity and support the Horse program is growing. 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 on October 24 and evaluating some successful summer events.

The 27th Annual Columbia Classic Grand Prix—September 19

"Watch Horses Fly and Help Students Soar" at the 28th annual Howard Community College Columbia Classic Grand Prix held at Marama Farm in Clarksville, MD. In a challenging course of obstacles, twists and turns, equestrians jump and soar in a 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!

Pennsylvania National Horse Show
October 8-17, Harrisburg, PA
Visit www.panational.org to find a schedule of events and ticket information. If enough people are interested, a bus can be chartered. Call the Extension Office by September 16 so arrangements can be made.

Washington International Horse Show
October 20-25 at the Verizon Center in D.C.
Visit http://www.wihs.org/ to find a schedule of event and ticket information. If enough people are interested, a bus can be chartered. Call the Extension Office by September 16 to let us know if you are interested in attending the Penn National and/or the WIHS event.

2016 Equestrian Catalog Cover Contest—October 1, 2015

First Prize receives $2500 and their photo on the 2016 Equestrian Catalog Cover.
What's Your FOCUS?

What does it mean to be a good citizen or a leader? Are you being a strong civic leader for your community, country and world?

For more than 50 years, thousands of high school youth from all across the country have travelled to Washington, DC each summer to partake in the preeminent 4-H citizenship and leadership experience—Citizenship Washington Focus. In 2014 we introduced the precursor to CWF, the first national 4-H event designed exclusively for middle school 4-H’ers, Leadership Washington Focus.

We have welcomed high school 4-H’ers to put their leadership skills to work in their communities and now we are looking to build more 4-H leaders with LWF so they can return as a delegate to CWF.

CWF and LWF are more than just another DC field trip – 4-H’ers learn essential civic leadership skills and leave with the tools that will allow them to bring about real change in their communities. For general questions please email cwf@4hcenter.org. CWF and LWF are the only national summer citizenship and leadership programs offered exclusively to 4-H members.

CWF 2016 Dates
Week 1: June 5 - June 11 - SOLD OUT—Week 2: June 12 - June 18—Week 3: June 19 - June 25
Week 4: June 26 - July 2—Week 5: July 3 - July 9—Week 6: July 10 - July 16—Week 7: July 17- July 23

LWF 2016 Dates
Week 1: June 20 - June 24—Week 2: July 11 - July 15—Week 3: July 18 - July 22

29th Annual
Maryland 4-H Horsemens’s Party

Please join us for an afternoon of great food and company as we celebrate the successes of the Maryland 4-H Horse Program. Proceeds benefit the Sallie Robertson Memorial 4-H Endowment Fund.

Sunday, November 1st, 2015
3:00pm—6:30pm
Vista Room at the Maryland State Fairgrounds
2200 York Road
Timonium, MD 21093

Tickets $25 for adults and $15 for children (12 & under)
Add $10 per ticket after October 20th
Many thanks to our summer intern, Morgan Grannas, for helping the Extension Office staff this summer! She was hired for 6-weeks during the summer from July 6 - August 14. She assisted Robin with the county fair computer system, helped Kathy with Horse Clinic, prepared sample insect jars for Joyce, counted fair ribbons, provided assistance during the Farm Fair, and so much more! We wish her continued success at Harford Community College.
## 4-H Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER
- 8-HORSE COUNCIL MEETING
- 9-UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
- 12-4-H DAY AT MARYLAND FOOTBALL
- 14-VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING
- 14-LIVESTOCK SALE THANK YOU NOTES DUE
- 17-LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON PRACTICE
- 19-COLUMBIA CLASSIC GRAND PRIX
- 19-TSC PAW EVENT
- 23-NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION
- 29-RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP

### OCTOBER
- 1-SENIOR PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP
- 1-EQUESTRIAN COVER CATALOG CONTEST
- 3-DARLINGTON APPLE FESTIVAL
- 3-UMD-AGNR OPEN HOUSE
- 4-10—NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
- 6-UME VOLUNTEER TRAINING at the Extension Office
- 7-NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY
- 7-18—TSC 4-H GREEN CLOVER CAMPAIGN
- 8-17—PENN/NATIONAL HORSE SHOW
- 10-PORTFOLIOS FOR STATE RECOGNITION DUE
- 13-NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION
- 15-CLUB FINANCIAL FORMS DUE
- 15-UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
- 15-LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON PRACTICE
- 17-MARYLAND 4-H ARCHERY MATCH
- 19-RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
- 20-25—WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW
- 24-4-H OPEN JUDGED PLEASURE TRAILRIDE

### NOVEMBER
- 1-MARYLAND HORSEMEN’S PARTY
- 4-RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
- 7-MARYLAND STATE DOG BOWL
- 8-YOUTH SWINE FIELD DAY
- 9-UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
- 13-VOLUNTEER BANQUET
- 19-LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON PRACTICE
- 20-22—MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEER & TEEN FORUM

### DECEMBER
- 5-EASY GIFTS WORKSHOP & BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
- 8-UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
- 11-JAN 8—RECORD BOOKS DUE & PORTFOLIOS that are not being considered for state recognition
- 17-LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON PRACTICE

### JANUARY
- 1—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER SELF ENROLLMENTS & RE-ENROLLMENTS BEGIN
- 1-4-H MEMBER RE-ENROLLMENTS BEGIN
- 8—DEADLINE FOR RECORD BOOKS