Volunteer Association Meeting—November 3
7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

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.

All club yearly financial forms are due to the Extension Office by OCTOBER 15.

Livestock Sale & Thank You Notes due by September 15.

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

All re-enrollments will be online for 2015!

Online member and volunteer enrollments and re-enrollments will begin in January 2015.

You will be responsible for your own enrollment, payment and projects listed.

More details about this new online enrollment system will be provided as we receive the information.

Camp Counselor Applications Due OCTOBER 31

If you require special assistance to participate in any 4-H program, please contact the Extension Office two weeks prior to the event.
Junior & Intermediate Camp Volunteers

Our 4-H Camp volunteers make it possible for everyone to attend camp and have a great experience! Thanks to our camp directors Tom & Darleen Binns and the following volunteers who stayed overnight: Julua Berg, Olivia Bowman, Ariel Breidenbaugh, David Flock, Katie Hilyard, Angelique Livezey, Kinsey Mannion, Brooke Sexton, Margaret Stump, Nicole Welsch, John West, Jacob Wiley and Karen Vaughan and thanks to our dedicated nursing staff.

Other key volunteers that signed in and helped make camp run smoothly by conducting a workshop, helping in the kitchen or chaperoning were: Jennifer Andrychowski, Joyce Browning, Ducky and Eileen Daughton, Bob Durgin, Debbie Flock, Theo Frericks, Elizabeth Galbreath, Jeanette Goetz, Kevin Holmes, Donna Ichniowski, Matt Jones, Jim Livezey, Theresa Lilienthal, Mary Maccarelli, Dee Dee McCann, Judy Paff, Suzanne Stauffer, Janet, Steven and Beverly Weeks, Mark Zimmerman and anyone else who supported camp but is not mentioned.

Each of these volunteers and all of the enthusiastic Camp Counselors.

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 4

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 (NYSD) is an exciting, interactive learning experience that engages thousands of youth across the country in conducting the National Science Experiment. The national 4-H NYSD event will take place on October 8, 2014 in Washington, D.C.

The University of Arizona developed the 2014 National Science Experiment: **Rockets to the Rescue!** Learn more about this exciting activity which focuses on aerospace engineering.

Science kits for the 2014 National Science Experiment are available for purchase - buy now from the 4-H Mall.

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DONATE OCT 8th—OCT 19th
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL 4-H CLUBS

HELP US GROW
4-H OUT HERE

$1 PLEASE ADD ONE DOLLAR AT CHECKOUT

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 $442.20 from the TSC 4-H.

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National 4-H Week—October 5—11

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.

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UME Volunteer Training at the Extension Office
October 14, 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.

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.

**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 12 to January 8.

**Livestock Record App**

Check out a new app for Livestock Record keeping by Learning Games Lab, NM State University at the link below:


**Record Book Workshops—September 29, October 6, November 5, 24 or Saturday, October 11 from 10:00am-12:00 noon.**

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. except on October 11.

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

**Senior Portfolio Workshop—September 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Extension**

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
Portfolios to be considered for National Conference only are due to the Extension Office by OCTOBER 10. All other portfolios are due between December 12 and January 8.

4-H New Member/Parent Orientation Meeting—September 24, October 22, November 12
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.

Maryland 4-H Archery Match—October 11
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, 2014 & 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 or Conrad Arnold 410-228-8800, carnold@umd.edu.

REACHING BEYOND WE ARE AGNR FEARLESS IDEAS
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND (AGNR) OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 11
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 2014 event will be held on Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 am. to 3:00 p.m., at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center, Clarksville Facility at 4240 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, in Howard County, Maryland. It’s FREE and open to the public. FEARLESS IDEAS! Reaching beyond the classroom, beyond campus, beyond expectations, beyond the limits - WE ARE AGNR!

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!

BECKY BURGESS, KIRSTEN DIBASTIANI, SARAH FIELDER and NICOLE SEXTON were all selected to attend the 2014 National 4-H Congress! In November Becky, Nicole and Kirsten 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. Becky, Sarah and Nicole successfully submitted a Portfolio and interview process to be chosen for this honor. Kirsten was the State Senior Extemporaneous Champion, submitted her portfolio and was chosen to join the delegation.

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.

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Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum

The 4-H Program is a global youth organization that focuses on positive youth development through hands on learning of essential life skills. This would not be possible without the many 4-H volunteers that help to bring these programs to life.

Maryland has the honor of acting as host for the 2014 Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteers’ Forum to be held November 20-23, 2014 at the Marriott Inn & Conference Center in College Park, Maryland. As many as 350 4-H volunteers from across 13 states will come together to explore new places, experience innovative programs and exchange new ideas.

Download Forum Schedule or go to http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/events/northeast-regional-volunteer-forum for more information or to register for this outstanding event.
You’re invited! Join us from 2-5 pm at the Fasig-Tipton Pavilion at the Maryland State Fair Grounds in Timonium as we celebrate 4-H successes, enjoy delicious desserts and raise money to support the 4-H horse program! $10 tickets pre-purchase, $15 at the door. Donations accepted for the Silent and Live auctions. *Benefits the Sallie Robertson Memorial 4-H Endowment Fund which supports 4-H horse programming.

**4H CAR MAGNETS**
**ONLY $5 EACH**

**AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE**

**THE MAD SCIENTISTS ANNUAL COOKIE WALK/SALE**
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**
**at the Extension Office**

Pre-sale orders will be available for 4-H’ers and their families who may wish to stock up on a variety of cookies in time for the holidays. Last year over 25 varieties of cookies were offered.

**Maryland State 4-H Dog Bowl Contest—November 1, 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 MD 4-H Office at 301-314-9070.

**Harford County 4-H Horse Council Meeting—September 23**

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 27th Annual Columbia Classic Grand Prix—September 20**

“Watch Horses Fly and Help Students Soar” at the 27th annual Howard Community College Columbia Classic Grand Prix! Saddle up and head out to Marama Farm on Saturday, September 20, 2014, 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!

**Maryland Horsemen’s Party Presents: AN ICE CREAM FORMAL**
**Sunday, OCTOBER 5**

You’re invited! Join us from 2-5 pm at the Fasig-Tipton Pavilion at the Maryland State Fair Grounds in Timonium as we celebrate 4-H successes, enjoy delicious desserts and raise money to support the 4-H horse program! $10 tickets pre-purchase, $15 at the door. Donations accepted for the Silent and Live auctions. *Benefits the Sallie Robertson Memorial 4-H Endowment Fund which supports 4-H horse programming.

**Pennsylvania National Horse Show—October 9-18**

Visit www.panational.org to find a schedule of events and ticket information.
4-H Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER
15—LIVESTOCK SALE THANK YOU NOTES DUE
16—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
20—COLUMBIA CLASSIC GRAND PRIX
22—SENIOR PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP
23—HARFORD COUNTY 4-H HORSE COUNCIL MEETING
24—NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION
29—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP

OCTOBER
4—DARLINGTON APPLE FESTIVAL
5-11—NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
5—MARYLAND HORSEMAN’S ICE CREAM SOCIAL
6—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
8—4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY
8-19—TRACTOR SUPPLY 4-H CLOVER CAMPAIGN
9-18—PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL HORSE SHOW
10—PORTFOLIO DEADLINE FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE
11—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP-Saturday
11—MARYLAND 4-H ARCHERY MATCH
11—UMD (AGNR) OPEN HOUSE
14—UME VOLUNTEER TRAINING
15—CLUB FINANCIAL FORMS DUE
15—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
18—4-H OPEN JUDGED PLEASURE TRAIL RIDE
22—NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION
25—HAUNTED TRAIL HALLOWEEN PARTY
31—CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS DUE

NOVEMBER
1—MARYLAND STATE DOG BOWL
3—VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING
5—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
11—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
12—NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION
14—VOLUNTEER BANQUET DINNER, AWARDS & AUCTION
20-23—NORTHEAST REGIONAL 4-H VOLUNTEER FORUM
24—RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP

DECEMBER
6—EASY GIFTS WORKSHOP & BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
11—UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
12—JANUARY 8—RECORD BOOKS SUBMITTED
20—THE MAD SCIENTISTS ANNUAL COOKIE WALK/SALE

JULY 30-AUGUST 2—HARFORD COUNTY FARM FAIR

JANUARY
1—SELF ENROLLMENTS & RE-ENROLLMENTS BEGIN (ONLINE)
8—DEADLINE FOR RECORD BOOKS
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