OCTOBER
8    HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
10   4-H Conference portfolios due
18   Holiday Apron Workshop
20   All Star Fundraiser, Cornhole/Pit Beef, 4-H Park
25   Leaders Meeting, 4-H Park
27   QACHS Homecoming Parade
31   Halloween

NOVEMBER
2    DEADLINE for Holiday Workshop
4    Daylight Savings Time, Fall back!
6    HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED
10   Holiday Workshop, 4-H Park
10   Horse Advisory Meeting
12   HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED
13/18 Interviews National 4-H Conference
16-18 MD Volunteer & Teen Forum
22-23 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER
7    Christmas Parade, 6:45 p.m.
7-8   2ND Annual Toy Show, 4-H Park
24-1/3/13 Winter Break, all schools closed

OCTOBERFEST 2012...October 20, 4-H Park, from 6:00 p.m. to midnight! $5.00 admission. There will be a DJ; Corn Hold Tournament along with Pit Beef Dinner and Silent Auction!! Cash Prizes for Corn Hole, $30.00 per team, registration at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENTION........
The following Indoor GRAND CHAMPION Fair checks have NOT BEEN CASHED – Photography, Bread and Scrapbooking. PLEASE be sure to cash these checks as soon as possible and to send your sponsor a THANK YOU NOTE!

ATTENTION FORMER SUDLERSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS... Since we have many 4-Hers from the Sudlersville area, I thought I’d pass along this notice.

“There was a tradition of painting ceiling tiles that were displayed throughout the school. If you painted a tile and would like to have it, then you should come to the main entrance of the old school on Saturday, October 27th from 8:00am to noon to pick up your masterpiece. This is a one-time, first-come, first-served opportunity.”

If you are interested in scheduling a Recordbook Workshop for your club, please contact Chris or Sally at the 4-H Office at 410-758-0166.

It is the policy of the University of Maryland, Agricultural Experiment Station and Maryland Cooperative Extension that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital or parental status or disability.
It’s that time of year again…..

ANNUAL 4-H HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Where: Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park
When: Saturday, November 10, 2012
   Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
   Cost: $10.00 per person
   Deadline to register: November 2nd

Here are just a few things this workshop will be offering:
   Felt Ornaments
   Cookies in a Jar
   Greenery/flowers
   Fleece Scarves
   Perler Beads
   Candy Trains, and much more!

Bring a bagged lunch, drinks will be available

*Clovers are welcome to attend as long as there is an adult helper with them.

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REGISTRATION FORM
Due no later than November 2nd

Name: ___________________________ Club Name: ___________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

4-H Age: _______ Phone: _______ Email: _______

I wish to be a Helper for the workshop _______ contact me at: _______

Please make check payable to: QACEAC
Send to: University of Maryland - Extension
505 Railroad Avenue, Suite 4
Centreville, MD 21617
Attn: Sally
FYI....LEADERS!

There will be forms coming for each club to be re-chartered. Your original formation date will still remain. In order to get all of our IRS status in synch, we need to re-charter.

The following information is necessary to charter: club EIN #, at least 5 members, 2 trained UME Volunteers, elected and trained club officers, club by-laws, affiliation agreement, planned educational program, compliance with AA, and at least 6 meetings a year.

To re-renew a club, you will need: proof that you filed the appropriate IRS 990 Form and a completed annual financial report and property inventory report. The inventory report is new and we don’t have that form yet.

This year, all the clubs must supply ALL of the information, just as if you were getting your charter for the first time. In truth, you need to be sending that info each year to the county office anyway!

Chris and Sally will be attending a meeting about this at College Park on October 17th. We hope to get all the needed report forms then. This is just a heads up of what we will be asking of you.

ADDITIONALLY, YOU MUST FILE YOUR 990 IRS FORM, AGAIN, BY NOVEMBER 15TH, 2012. It’s the same one you did by May 15th. The fiscal “4-H Year” for filing has been changed from Jan.1 through Dec. 31 to July 1 through June 30. That’s the reason you have to do the IRS 990 report again. After that, it will remain as Nov. 15 for the 990 filing deadline.

Those of you who attended the last leaders meeting received a handout on this and all others are in your mailboxes.

FALL LEADERS MEETING

The Fall Leaders Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25th at 7:00p.m at the 4-H Park. This is a mandatory meeting. If club leaders are not able to attend, they must send a representative in their place. We will be voting on the new Park Board members at this meeting. Each club gets to vote and there will be no absentee votes accepted.

We will be voting on 3 new Park Board members. Those re-running are: Shannon Cross, Sharon Darling and Sally Rosenberry. There may be others whose names, as of yet, aren’t verified as willing to run for membership. Bear in mind that we need business skills as well as physical skills and a desire to serve.

There will be re-enrollment information, dates set, committees formed and any of your issues, concerns and questions addressed at this meeting. Please be certain to attend or send a representative that will vote in your place and take back all information received at this meeting.

REMINDER......FAIR POSTERS

Anyone who made a poster for the Queen Anne’s County Fair and did not pick it up after the fair, may do so at the Extension Office. All of the posters were laminated and winners have the ribbons attached. We will keep the posters until Thanksgiving. After that, they will be thrown away.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY APRON WORKSHOP

We will supply the holiday fabric, all you have to do is show up and SEW, SEW, SEW!!

Our workshop will be held at the 4-H Park on Thursday, October 18th (no school) from 12:30-5 p.m. We will be making Christmas themed aprons from pre-printed fabric. Attendees will need to bring a sewing machine, thread, scissors and pins. You must already know how to use your sewing machine. Beginners through advanced skilled are all welcome. Drinks and snacks will be provided. There is a $3.00 fee for this class. Class size is limited to 10 4-H’ers. We do have 4 sewing machines available for use on a first come, first served basis. Be sure to contact Sally if you need to use one of our sewing machines.

Snacks & drinks provided. See registration form below. Registration due by OCTOBER 16TH

REGISTRATION FORM
CHRISTMAS APRON WORKSHOP
DUE NO LATER THAN October 16th
Open to 4-H’ers (8-18) only

NAME: ___________________________ CLUB: ___________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________

4-H AGE: ___________ ARE YOU A: (PLEASE CIRCLE) BEGINNER       INT.    ADVANCED

EMAIL: ___________________________ PHONE: ___________________________
QACHS HOMECOMING

Darby DeStefano who is the Student Government President at QACHS, contacted our office to see if any of our (19) 4-H clubs would like to participate in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 27, 2012. We just recently received this information so I apologize for the short turn around, but it would be great if our 4-H clubs could participate in the Homecoming Parade. Basically there are three categories you can enter; team/organization WALKING; team/organization RIDING ON FLOAT/TRAILER; AND team/organization RIDING IN VEHICLE. Entry forms may be picked up here in our office, or please contact Darby DeStefano at the school at 410-758-0500 for more information.

CHRISTMAS PARADE – BE A PART OF THE PARADE!!

The Centreville Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, December 7, 2012, starting from the QACHS at 6:30 p.m. (Rain Date, Friday, December 14th). The theme this year is “TOYS FOR TOTS”. Clubs that participated last year will receive information in the mail from the Town Office in Centreville. Queen Anne’s County 4-H CLUBS USED TO BE A HUGE PART OF THE PARADE...not so much anymore, LET'S GET BACK INTO THE SPIRIT!! If you did not participate last year and would like to please contact the Centreville Town Office at 410-758-1180 or email at TownHall@TownofCentreville.org

2ND ANNUAL TOY SHOW/SALE FUNDRAISER

The Queen Anne's County 4-H Park Board will be holding their 2nd Annual Toy Show/Sale fundraiser on Friday, December 7th – 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, December 8th, 8-4 p.m. There will be many vendors featuring toy tractors and other farm toys, trains, crafts and other toys. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Door prizes will be given away also.

Admission is $3.00 with children under 12 FREE! Show your support for the QA County 4-H Park!

MARYLAND STATE TEEN 4-H COUNCIL OPPORTUNITY

Teens are still needed to represent Queen Anne’s County on the Maryland State Teen Council. Meetings are held monthly, but may be accessed online rather than having to travel to College Park. Teens on this council work together to help plan various 4-H activities such as: Maryland Day, Teen Focus and the Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum. There are other opportunities for representing Maryland 4-H and gaining leadership roles. There is a fun Teen Council Retreat scheduled for Dec. 8th-9th at the University of MD. Eastern Shore Campus. Please contact Miss Sally if you are interested.

MD. STATE FAIR ANIMAL DIVISION RESULTS are posted online!

Access results by visiting: http://www.marylandstatefair.com/ then from the home page, click on the “Competition” tab and then click on the “4-H” link. From the “4-H Competition” page you can view and print each of the animal division results available. Way to go Queen Anne’s County!!
RECORDBOOKS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.....GET STARTED NOW

Now is the time to get working on your Record Books! They will be due in the Extension Office no later than January 21, 2013. You may access the forms online at, http//QueenAnnes.umd.edu, 4-H Youth & Development, Record book Information. Hard copy forms are also available at the Extension Office. Junior and Intermediates use the same guidelines. The essay topic is – “HOW DO LIFE DEVELOPMENT SKILLS YOU HAVE LEARNED THROUGH 4-H HELP YOU SERVE AS A MENTOR TO OTHERS”

Record Book Covers are also available in the Office for a price of $2.50 each.

STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - November 10, MD 4-H Center at 10am. Open to any older youth or adult volunteer that would like to have input in planning and conducting state wide 4-H horse project contests and activities.

UMES SMALL FARM CONFERENCE RETURNS - PRINCESS ANNE, MD

The month of November signals a long list of special days including the annual Small Farm Conference slated for November 2 and 3, 2012 on the UMES campus. In its 9th year, the conference provides a venue for farmers, landowners and supporters of agriculture to come together to network and learn about new opportunities and strategies that promote farm profitability and sustainability. Gary Matteson, vice president at the Farm Credit Council in Washington, D.C., delivers the keynote address on Saturday. Sessions are divided into 3 educational tracks: alternative agriculture, farm business and marketing and health and wellness. Topics include: Berry...licious! - Specialty “Niche” Berries, Beekeeping and Pollinator Habitat, Selecting Crops to Fit A Cash Flow Plan, Marketing Outside the Box to Reach New Customers, and much more. Friday's pre-conference sessions begin at 2 p.m. and include - Value-Added Opportunities for Woodland Owners tour, a sheep and goat tour, and a hands-on Home Food Canning and Preservation Course (offered again Saturday afternoon). Space is limited, so pre-registration for the canning course is required.

AGsploration IS THE THEME FOR THE YOUTH PROGRAM

It encourages awareness of production agriculture, how the environment affects Maryland agriculture and how agriculture affects everyday life in relation to nutrition and health. For more information concerning the youth programming, contact Nicole Skorobatsch, Somerset 4-H, at 410-651-1350 or by email at nramirez@umd.edu. Youth ages 6-12 are invited to attend. Registration is $25 per person and $40 per couple. For youth attending with registered parents, registration is free. For youth who will not accompany a registered parent, registration is $10. All registrations must be received by Friday, October 26, and registrants who need special services or accommodations must call at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements. For more information about the 9th annual Small Farm Conference, call 410-651-6206/6070 or send an email to mce@umes.edu. Online registration and regularly updated information is available at www.smallfarminstitute.com.

BEEF AND DAIRY STEER OWNERSHIP DEADLINES - Do not forget...if you plan on having a steer in 2013 you must own them by January 1st. Feeder calves must be owned by June 1 and Breeding stock by July 1
MARYLAND FUR TRAPPERS AND TAKE A KID OUTDOORS SPONSOR YOUTH TRAPPER EDUCATION DAY

- Sunday, October 28, 2012 -

Hurlock, MD - The Maryland Fur Trappers, Inc. (MFTI) will sponsor its Youth Trapper Education Day in partnership with Take A Kid Outdoors (TAKO) Eastern Shore Chapter on Sunday October 28, 2012 at the Thendara 4H Center in Hurlock, Maryland. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participation is open to all students 16 years of age or younger. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Some instruction will be in the field, rain or shine. Please dress for the weather. Waterproof boots are recommended. Lunch, soft drinks and snacks will be provided. There will be NO FEE, however **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED so we can plan for lunch and drinks.**

Topics of instruction will include:

1. Conservation and Stewardship of Natural Resources,
2. Furbearer Biology and Natural History,
3. Furbearer Regulations and Ethics,
4. Trapping Methods and Fur Handling Techniques.

This is an outstanding opportunity for youngsters interested in our natural resources to learn about the importance of trapping as a conservation and wildlife management tool. Students will also receive hands on experience with trapping techniques.

Thendara-4H Center is located at 6275 Lords Crossing Road, Hurlock Maryland 21643. Founded in 1961, The Maryland Fur Trappers, Inc. is a leader among sportsman’s groups promoting conservation and sound scientific wildlife management practices. For more information, visit [www.marylandtrappers.com](http://www.marylandtrappers.com). Take A Kid Outdoors, Eastern Shore Chapter provides opportunities for youth to participate in hunting, fishing and shooting events. For more information on TAKO Eastern Shore, visit Facebook.com/Take A Kid Outdoors (TAKO) Eastern Shore Chapter

For More Information, Directions and to Pre-register, call Richard Garrett, 410-924-0982 or email rags330@hotmail.com

Registration form on back!

REGISTRATION FORM

MARYLAND FUR TRAPPERS AND TAKE A KID OUTDOORS SPONSOR YOUTH TRAPPER EDUCATION DAY

- Sunday, October 28, 2012 -

Thendara-4H Center is located at 6275 Lords Crossing Road, Hurlock Maryland 21643.

PLEASE COMPLETE

Name ____________________________

Age _____ Birth date _________

Address __________________________________________________ _______________

Phone Number ____________________________

Return to:
Maryland Fur Trappers
c/o Richard Garrett
3424 Gallagher Road
Preston, Md. 21655

Email: rags330@hotmail.com
“HOW DO THE LIFE DEVELOPMENT SKILLS YOU HAVE LEARNED THROUGH 4-H HELP YOU SERVE AS A MENTOR TO OTHERS”.

Seniors this is your topic for your essay to be used in your record books and portfolios. It is also the topic for your essay to vie for out of State trips.

If you would like to compete for a spot at National 4-H Conference, you need to hand in your resume and essay along with a trip application into the Extension Office by OCTOBER 10, 2012. The National 4-H Conference will be held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland in late March or early April. This conference allows teen delegates to take the lead by serving on consulting groups to make recommendations for future directions for 4-H. Activities include a visit to Capitol Hill and a meeting with your Senator or Representative. Interviews for this trip will be held at the volunteer and teen Forum in Ocean City on Sunday, November 18th or at the Maryland 4-H Center at College Park on Tuesday, November 13th. Portfolios and applications are due October 10th. Your portfolios and applications are due January 21, 2013 for these last four trips (listed below). Interviews will be at our Extension Office on February 2, 2013 with an inclement weather date of February 16th. Interviews will also be held at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park on Feb. 5th with an inclement weather date of Feb. 19th. Applications are available on the State 4-H Website at www.maryland4h.org

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H Program. Youth get a quality, educational and cross-cultural experience and meet other youth from across the USA and its territories. Congress is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens. Expenses are paid by the State and County 4-H program and only personal spending money is needed. Its lots of fun just ask Kelly Moore, Liz Meehan or Veronica Byerly Whitby or Julia King. These were our representatives for the past 4 years. This trip is held in Atlanta, Georgia in late November. Anna Sissom will be representing Queen Anne’s County this year. Your portfolios and applications are due January 21, 2013 for these last four trips (listed below). Interviews will be at our Extension Office on February 2, 2013 with an inclement weather date of February 16th. Interviews will also be held at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park on Feb. 5th with an inclement weather date of Feb. 19th. Applications are available on the State 4-H Website at www.maryland4h.org

There are also three other trips: Camp Miniwanca: This is a leadership development camp that offers a week long program aimed at developing character, leadership skills, personal and group effectiveness and nurturing balance with your life. This trip takes place in August in Shelby, Michigan.

Virginia 4-H Congress: Virginia 4-H Congress mission is to provide competitive and non-competitive educational experiences to teens and the adults that work with them, helping them to develop skills and leadership abilities to become contributing citizens in their communities. A commitment to serve as an at large delegate to Maryland 4-H Teen Council for a year following the trip is encouraged. This trip takes place in June on the campus of Virginia Tech.

West Virginia Older 4-H members Conference: The mission is to develop leadership among older 4-H members by giving them an opportunity to participate in discussions of timely issues and problems, and tech new skills which can be used in their local clubs and communities. A
commitment to serve as an at large delegate to MD –H Teen Council for a year following the trip is encouraged. This trip takes place normally in the third week of June at West Virginia University, Jackson’s Mill State 4-H Camp.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE MARYLAND 4-H DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD PROGRAM

This award is designed to encourage 4-H members ages 8 to 18 to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable them to acquire the skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens.

Levels 1-5 are completed at the county level. Levels 1-4 are very easily attained by any active 4-Her. The program is designed to complete one level per year beginning at 4-H age 8. Youth who are older and wish to begin the program, or older new 4-Hers, are not required to begin at level one as long as they have their leader's approval and the 4-H Educator's approval. 4-Hers should fill out the form with their goals at the beginning of the calendar year. Paperwork should be completed at the end of the year.

Level 6 requires that you be 14 years of age, or older, as of January 1st when you begin this final level. You must create a major project that makes a long-lasting benefit to the community. It may involve community collaborations to accomplish and may take a year or longer to plan and to complete. The Diamond Clover Level 6 Project should make a difference in your community.

Levels 1-4 are handled by the 4-H Club Leader. Copies of the simple paperwork are sent to the County 4-H Office. Level 5 needs the 4-H Educator's approval as well as the Club Leader’s approval. Level 5 is still task-related as are the first 4 levels. When you get to Level 6 you have to create your project.

If your Club is not currently participating in the Diamond Clover Award Program and you are interested in participating, please contact Miss Sally for help and more information. The beginning levels truly are easy to attain for anyone.

SEVENTH YEAR!!! - LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

Livestock Skillathon is getting ready to start the first week of November and will meet weekly through March. The group studies 4 species of animals: swine, goats, beef cattle, and sheep and also meats, feeds, animal health, livestock equipment, and hay. If you would like to join our group, call by November 1 to sign up with Jeanie Bramble at 410-364-5808 or email her at norwichcreekfarm@gmail.com or you may contact Chris Johnston at 410-758-0166. Sorry no Clovers.

IMPORTANT SWINE PROJECT CHANGES FOR 2013

The Queen Anne’s County Fair is revising their requirements for the 4-H swine show. Both the minimum and the maximum weights for your market hog are being raised. Please note that the minimum goes from 205 to 215 and the maximum goes from 270 to 300. We will still allow a 5 pound tolerance making the acceptable weights from 210 to 305. The Maryland State Fair requirements remain the same with a minimum rate of gain of 1.5 lbs. per day and a minimum weight of 225 pounds and a maximum weight of 300 lbs. State fair does not allow a five pound scale tolerance.
NEW format for 2013. This is a 24 hour course that is required by any youth that wants to be employed operating farm machinery or working with livestock. Employers are liable and can be fined if you are employed and have not successfully completed this course. The new format is a weekend event where we will go from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Hold the date – March 15 – 17, 2013.

HURRICANE ISAAC RECOVERY
You Can Help Louisiana 4-H'ers.

A little over a month ago, Hurricane Isaac devastated areas of southeast Louisiana. With 21 parishes declared federal disaster areas, thousands of people were left without a home, school or business to return to. But, as you know, the 4-H family is a strong, resilient bunch.

Over these past few weeks, Louisiana 4-H families have been hard at work rebuilding their communities. They're cleaning flooded homes, helping to reopen schools, and working to restore local businesses. Despite all the hard work, it will take weeks, maybe even months, to get everything back to normal after Hurricane Issac.

With families focusing their time and resources on rebuilding, many 4-H'ers will not be able to afford to attend 4-H camp.

Every year, hundreds of youth attend 4-H camping programs such as Citizenship Camp, Junior Leadership Conference, Food & Fitness Camp, Science Camp and Summer Camp. But this year, we are anticipating very low numbers of 4-H youth participants from hurricane-impacted areas to register. In the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac, many families just can't spare the money to send their child to 4-H camp.

Give a 4-H'er respite from the storm — give the gift of camp. Donate today and help Louisiana 4-H'ers!