WORCESTER 4-H OBSERVER
Winter 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Worcester County 4-Her’s

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Worcester County 4-H Youth Development IS HERE FOR YOU!
For information and questions contact:

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Maryland 4-H Foundation
Sporting Clay Fundraiser
March 29, 2014
Schaeder’s, Goldsboro (In Caroline County)

Each year, the Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Program hosts a fun shooting sports event that is the MAIN shooting sports fundraiser of the year. For Further Details,
Go to: mymaryland4hfoundation.com

On-line Volunteer Trainings
(see calendar of events for dates)
There are several Volunteer On-Line Training scheduled through the end of this year. If you have not participated in one, please contact the office so we can register you for one of the training dates.

Winterfare
Saturday, February 8th, 2014
9 am to 3:30pm
$20.00 registration due by January 24th, 2014
Question: Call Amy Rhodes or Barb Barga at:
410-749-6141
4-H Winterfare is a great day of fun and learning for youth ages 8-18. Many of the classes fill up quickly. Register immediately to get the classes you really like.

4-H Legislative Day
Annapolis February 17th, 2014
Maryland 4-H offers members a unique opportunity to visit the State House in Annapolis and learn about how Maryland’s government works. If you or your club are interested in forming a small delegation to represent Worcester County.

Please call UMD Ext. 410-632-1972
For more info: www.maryland4h.org/4-H

Regional Public Speaking Event
Friday March 21st, 2014 6:30pm
Easton High School Cafeteria
Talbot 4-H hosts this exciting public speaking event for members from all nine Eastern Shore Counties. The top three members in each age level and category at the county level are eligible to participate. Register by March 17th, 2014

Junior Sheep and Goat Skillathon May 4th, 2014
Pre-registration of individuals and teams for the 2014 Junior sheep & wool Skillathon is requested by April 28th, 2014. Pre- Register by sending names, ages, and team affiliations via e-mail to Susan Schoenian @ sschoen@umd.edu or fax at 301-432-4089. Online registration is possible at www.sheepandwool.org (301)-432-2767 ext. 343

Maryland & Delaware Tractor Certification School
March 7-9, at the Redden State Forest and Education Center, Georgetown DE. This is a weekend long certification training with a cost of $70 per teen. Training starts at 7 p.m. on Friday night and is completed by late afternoon on Sunday. All youth, ages 14-16 wanting to work on a farm, are required to get this certification unless they are the son/daughter of the farmer. If any teen will turn 14 by June 1, they can attend and do the driving test after their 14th birthday.
The cost includes a CD for instructional purposes which teens will receive prior to the class/ plus a $5 fee for the certification cards. In addition, all meals and transportation cost are included.
Please contact Chris Johnston, (410) 758-0166 and or Sharon Pahlman (410) 479-4030 as soon as possible to register: give name, cell contact and address please. Registration materials will be available soon. Registrations will be due by Feb. 7.
Recent news:

Back to School BASH 2013

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN 2013

Holiday Caroling at the Snow Hill Nursing Home

Volunteer Forum
WORCESTER COUNTY ADVENTURERS: The month of November the Worcester County Adventurers had their first annual Turkey Shoot! It was a little rainy but the adventurers learned how the practice of shooting sports with pistol and air rifle. They made greeting card for our military heroes and ended the shoot with a Turkey shoot relay which was a blast! We Wish Traci Trotter a Safe Trip to Guatemala where she will be serving on a worldly community level. Just a few amazing adventures that Traci will be helping with: Digging a well, Helping an orphanage and most importantly Saving Lives– Way to go Traci The Worcester County Adventurers Club is so proud of you!!

LITTLE EAGLES 4-H CLUB: The Little Eagles next meeting will be:

- **January 24th, 2014** 6:00pm at the Snow Hill Library – Elderly Blanket Making Community Service Project and Yearly planning meeting
- Come with Open minds, ideas for events and learning opportunities
- 2014 Officers will be nominated
- Enrollment and re-enrollment paperwork will be filled out

The Turkey Shoot winners are:
- Sarah Wenzel 1st place Turkey
- Liam Pioli - 2nd place chicken
- Traci Trotter - 3rd place Cornish Game hen
Worcester County Afternoon Explorers:
Afternoon Explorers just completed the Health Rocks program this week and has been working on several Up For The Challenge activities that promote healthy choices. One of the highlights of this fall session was flying kites behind SHMS as one of the Health Rocks activities. Flying kites is harder than it looks! We are still working on our Community Project ‘HUGS’. HUGS is a program where kids make scarves for other kids who are either homeless or sick, right here on the Eastern Shore. The Afternoon Explorers have learned to crochet a chain stitch, a crochet stitch, and how to make a yarn pompom (and how to untangle knots of yarn!) to make their HUG scarves. We had several members enter a poster contest for Red Ribbon Week to promote the message A Healthy Me is Drug Free. Blue ribbon winners for that contest were Madalena Dean and Gus Blakelock. All of the posters will be entered in to the county-wide contest as well.

BARN BUDDIES 4-H CLUB:
The barn buddies have been very productive. We had a meeting where we recycled our horseshow ribbons into fair projects. All of the members have been showing their project horses at least once a month if not more!
Out and About with Miss. Cindy and Miss. Kelly

- Miss Cindy has been working with Ms. Bennett from Berlin Intermediate in their Afterschool program working with We Do and Mind storm robotics.
- She would like to welcome all those youth to our 4-H program and is looking forward to seeing them at other 4-H activities.
- She also presented programs at Buckingham Elementary school for their 2nd grade youth during their afterschool program and Berlin Lights on After School Program
- Miss. Cindy has presented two programs for the Worcester County Adventurer’s Club one on aerospace and one on robotics. Miss Cindy is planning additional programs for 2014.

Back to school Bash and K-9 Demonstration
What a great day Food, Family and 4-H fellowship.
We would like to thank Our AWESOME & AMAZING Worcester County Sheriff Department and their K-9 Officers - Cpl. Dale Trotter his K-9 partner Edo. Edo is three years old German Shepard and was imported from Holland. Also assisting with the K-9 Demonstration was Cpl. Edgar and her K-9 partner!! The 4-H’ers and the Worcester County Recreational Department Afterschool program had a wonderful K-9 Demonstration.

Kids in the Kitchen with Somerset County
Ms. Cindy and Ms. Kelly had a blast with Cooking… the food was DEElish… the 4-H youth that participated in our Kids in the Kitchen workshop. The 4-Hers left with a full meal for their family and desert to boot.

Lynnhaven Baptist Farm to Table Program Afterschool Program
Miss Kelly had the opportunity to present a wonderful program FARM TO TABLE to 75 youth at the Lynnhaven Baptist Church in Pocomoke

Pocomoke Middle School STEM Night
Miss. Kelly had a great night reaching out to the Pocomoke Middle School Community. She had a complete display of our 4-H youth STEM programing. Miss. Kelly spoke to over 100 youth
Out and About with Ms. Lisa Murphy

Worcester County Extension office would like to Welcome Aboard Ms. Lisa Murphy to our 4-H Team. We are so excited to have her… here is a little bit about Ms. Lisa-

Her Name is - Lisa Briddell Murphy

Ms. Lisa Murphy has joined the University of Maryland Worcester County Extension team as a Faculty Extension Assistant helping enhance and expand 4-H STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Math) youth programs in the tri-county area. She will work closely with the current 4-H staff in Worcester County as well as with new staff to bring even more STEM opportunities to the area’s youth through 4-H.

Ms. Lisa grew up in Salisbury. She graduated from the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources earning a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture with an interest in Horticultural Therapy. She continued with graduate courses in Agricultural Education at UMES.

She has worked as a Senior Groundskeeper and an Agricultural Technician in Soybean Research at UMES. Previous positions she has held are: Lower Eastern Shore Branch Executive Director of the Maryland Chapter Arthritis Foundation; Assistant Director of the SU Fund at Salisbury University; Community Relations Director for a local retirement community and Salisbury/Wicomico Chief of Senior Centers with MAC Inc.

Her enthusiasm to excite children about the natural world inspires Lisa to volunteer with local and regional environmental education organizations and to become a Master Gardener. She enjoys taking her traveling worm compost bin to area schools and events to teach about composting…and Red Wiggler worms! She loves to read and to research topics of interest and enjoys many creative activities.

Lisa has been married to Don for 33 years and has two adult daughters, Jessica and Jordan and a 4 year old grandson Wyatt and 1 month old granddaughter Amelia. Her dogs Cricket and Matilda are an important part of the family…and whatever other animal wanders into her life!
Incentive Referral Program

REFER ~ A~ 4-Ever FRIEND

The University of Maryland Extension office and Ms. Kelly would like to encourage our Worcester County 4-H Youth to drive our clubs to a bigger and better county youth involvement movement. We want your friends to experience the opportunities and the awesomeness that 4-H youth programming has to offer. On this page is a referral form which we would like you to cut out, give it to a friend and invite them to participate with you in one of the upcoming events. If your friend comes with you to one of these events and becomes a 4-Her or Clover member, you will receive an outstanding incentive thanking you for passing on and sharing the opportunities that 4-H has given to you and your family.

You are our best advertisement! 4-H'er let the community know about the quality 4-H has given you! 4-H has grown to become the nation’s largest youth development organization. It has opened the door for young people to learn leadership skills, life skills and explore ways to contribute.

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REFERRAL FORM

My name is ________________________
and I am referring you to a 4-H event. Please join me and share in the fun!

Start 2014 Off with a New Years Resolution & Volunteer with Worcester County 4-H

Here is what some of our volunteers have to say when asked why they volunteer & Why they WANT to work with The Worcester County 4-H TEAM -

Kassie Blakelock - Worcester County Afternoon Explorers Club Snow Hill Middle:
1. I volunteer because I was in 4-H as a kid and learned recipes, crafts, and public speaking that I still remember as an adult.
2. I want to get to know the kids my own children are hanging out with
3. I want to remind kids that 4H is where cool people are, and that 4-H is fun. AND you don’t have to be a farmer to be a 4-Her

Dale Trotter K-9 officer of the Worcester County Sheriff Department:
1. Volunteered services to 4-H for K-9 demonstration, allows county residents to see the working dogs in a “different” atmosphere
2. Both as a parent and volunteer I see the program as one that benefits both my children and other citizens with activities they may not be subjected to otherwise in a safe environment.
3. This program is currently being recommended thru the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office Community Policing program. I would appreciate scheduling 4-H leaders to present to area residents regarding the programs to help foster membership increase.

We always have opportunities to volunteer with Worcester County 4-H. We have short term and long term volunteer opportunities. 4-H club meeting generally meet once a month. If you are interested in volunteering with Worcester County 4-H please call 410–632-1972 We can get you started right away, this is an amazing chance to IMPACT our Youths lives! Volunteer TODAY!
On Sunday January 19th, 2014 at Laurel Park Racetrack Carriage Room 2 of our amazing volunteers were nominated by the University of Maryland Extension Office Worcester County and Cindy Morris for the Belonging Awards:

**State Friend of 4-H**

Mary Ann Bennett

For her dedication and commitment she has given to our 4-H program, over the past four years. She is a teacher at Berlin Intermediate School and has proven to be a **“DIE HARD”** supporter of our 4-H program.

She is a very caring and creative person. She is very respected by her students and many youth beg to get into her classes and afterschool programs. It is an honor to work with her and to learn about compassion and patience while working in the classroom settings.

She values the work that 4-H does and shares her appreciation with the Board of Education, her superiors and teachers. She has opened many doors for our 4-H program in the schools.

**Honorary 4-H Member**

Debbie Morris

Debbie has been a 4-H leader in Worcester County for ten years. She serves as a leader for the Worcester County Barn Buddies 4-H Club and has brought a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm to the club program.

Debbie has instilled 4-H values to her club members and has encouraged her youth to reach beyond their county and experience the joys and challenges of the STATE FAIR.

Even though she did not grow up in 4-H she has encompassed the values of the program and has encouraged her club to embrace all the opportunities available to them through the program.

Through her leadership and guidance we have had many youth go through our program with life skills that will assist them throughout their entire lives. Even though Debbie’s daughter has aged out of the 4-H program Debbie continues as a club leader to make sure the youth receive a positive 4-H experience.
SPECIAL THANKS!!
From Worcester County 4-H

We would like to thank all sponsors & organizations that helped Worcester County 4-H in 2013 by donating or giving their time with the Worcester County 4-H youth program.

Without your support and dedication with our youth we would not be able to provide our high quality programming in Worcester.

Thank you and our hopes are to continue to build a wonderful partnership with all of you.