2015 Maryland State Fair
Division Books Now Posted Online

Division Superintendents and the folks at the State Fair office have been busy at work editing the rules and regulations for many of the 2015 Maryland State Fair classes—they have also been working to add some new sections and classes! Check out www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h to see the updated division books.

This newsletter will highlight some of the new additions to the 2015 Maryland State Fair. For more details on rules and requirements for these contests, visit the website listed above.

Please note that Labor Day falls late this year! The State Fair takes place August 28th—September 7th.
4-H Tailgate Throwdown!

Have a great tailgate party recipe? Sign up for the new addition to the 4-H Presents! program: 4-H Tailgate Throwdown. Contestants will develop a themed three-course menu consisting of an appetizer, main dish, and dessert and will prepare ONE of the courses to be judged. Participants will have a 2 hour time frame to make the dish. The prepared dish and a printed description of the full three-course menu must be presented on a table space creatively decorated by the 4-Her, reflecting the theme.

To sign up for the event, please visit the Maryland State Fair website. Under the “Exhibitors” tab, click on “4-H”. This should direct you to the Division Book listings. The sign up sheet can be found in the Special Programs book and filled out and mailed to the Maryland 4-H Center, 8020 Greenmead Dr., College Park, MD 20740.

Questions about this new class? Contact Cathy Porterfield at 301-314-7823 or cporterf@umd.edu.

Knitting and Crocheting Classes for 2015

This year, Knitting and Crocheting is a new department! There are classes for all ability levels:

- 1st year item
- Clothing accessory
- Accessory for home
- Afghan

These are offered both for knit and crocheted pieces. Check out the Consumer & Family Science division book on the Maryland State Fair website for more information, or contact the superintendent, Jamie Lynne Hester, at jlynne62213@yahoo.com or 443-375-7082.

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Check out Edwin’s other State Fair photos at agnr.zenfolio.com or check out his webpage www.remsberg.com.
New Division Updates...

**4-H/FFA Promotion Update**

This year’s theme for booths and banners is “Reaching Beyond the Stars with 4-H/FFA”.

New this year, Reserve Champion booths and banners will also receive a $5 premium. Champion booths and banners will still receive a $10 premium.

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**Graphic Art Design 4-H Promotional Classes**

Are you good with computers and have a talent for creativity? Consider entering a project in the new 4-H Promotional Graphic Design class! Each 4-H member can enter 1 design per class: County 4-H Promotion, Maryland 4-H Promotion, and Open 4-H Promotion.

Designs should be no larger than 8”x10” and may be horizontal or vertical and must be computer generated. All artwork must be original—no images or photos from the internet are permitted except for the official 4-H Clover.

Ribbons will be awarded to the 1st-10th place exhibits in each class. Rosettes will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior champion posters if there are sufficient entries as determined by the Superintendent.

For more details, check out the Division T—4-H/FFA Promotion book posted on the Maryland State Fair website.

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**Herdsmanship Contest to Return for 2015 MD State Fair**

This year, the Herdsmanship Contest will return for those exhibiting livestock animals: sheep, goats, swine, beef, and dairy.

Winners will be determined by Division Superintendents. Superintendents will watch to see which exhibitors are working the hardest to get animals ready for shows, keep pen and tack areas swept and clean, and festively decorate their area.

Winners will have choice of pen space for the 2016 Maryland State Fair. Contact your Livestock Division Superintendent for more information.

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Upcoming Events to Get You Ready For the State Fair:

February 21st—9am  
Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshop  
Allegany Co. Fairgrounds

February 28th—9am  
Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshop  
Queen Anne’s 4-H Park

March 21st—9am  
Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshop  
Charles County

April 25th—All Day  
State Communications Contest  
UMD—College Park

May 9th—All Day  
Eastern Shore Regional 4-H Spring Show  
Queen Anne’s Fairgrounds

June 6th-7th—All Day  
Southern Maryland Regional Spring Show  
Charles County Fairgrounds

Programs supported by the 4-H Program are available to all persons regardless of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.