



Maryland 4-H Volunteer Voice

January 2017

New in 2017

As we rang in the New Year, a new 4-H program year began too. It also rang in the re-enrollment season for all UME 4-H volunteers. If you have not already re-enrolled, please visit the Maryland 4-HOnline link below to do so.

<https://www.4honline.com/>

This year, when you re-enroll yourself as a volunteer, you will notice a few changes and/or additions. Below is a brief overview of what you will find in the Maryland 4-HOnline system in 2017.

4-H Adult Code of Conduct– This document is similar to the new 4-H Youth Code of Conduct and is based on the past Maryland 4-H Behavior Expectations. It is intended to create a constructive structure for 4-H events by communicating clear expectations to all adults (parents and volunteers) in order to create a positive environment for all 4-H'ers.

Health Information– This section is different from the Health Form which is required for events and camps. The information requested in this section is basic health information (allergies, emergency medical needs, etc.) that county 4-H Teams and club leaders can use when preparing for county/club activities and programs. You are strongly urged to complete this section so our 4-H Team can best support you!

Volunteer Information- This section is a way for you to communicate your interests, skills and hobbies that may connect and/or support specific 4-H programs, and/or projects. This information can be utilized by your county 4-H Team to help match your abilities effectively with programmatic needs.



State Communications Contest

The 2017 Maryland State Communications Contest will be held during Maryland Day on **Saturday, April 29th** on the University of Maryland Campus. This contest will provide county 4-H Public Speaking champions the opportunity to show their skills and compete at the state level.

Judges for each of the four speech categories of Radio Spot, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking and Interpretations are needed. Contact Sandy Corridon at corridon@umd.edu to volunteer as a judge.



Follow the Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Maryland-4-H-Volunteers-Association-432693356886495>

Be a Host Family

Considering hosting a Japanese youth this summer as a part of the States' 4-H Exchange Summer Inbound Program. Information about this opportunity can be found on our website at:

<https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/host>



Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association

The next meeting of the Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association will be held on **Sunday, March 19th** at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park.

All recent 4-H graduates will soon receive an email from the Young Alumni Liaison of the association, Alyssa Degreenia. The association is working to cultivate connections with young 4-H alumni and to help give back to the program as a volunteer by sharing the passion for 4-H. If you are interested in learning more about this new aspect of the Association, feel free to contact the Young Alumni Committee Chair, Alyssa Degreenia, at ardegree@ncsu.edu or 410-615-2467.



2017 Volunteer Training Opportunities

February 11, 2017– 10:00 AM-2:00 PM– Healthy Living Summit at the Montgomery County Extension Office

February 25, 2017– 10:00 AM-2:00 PM– Healthy Living Summit at the Queen Anne's County 4-H Park

Register for Healthy Living Summits via the Healthy Living page

<http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/healthy-living>

October 5, 2017– 7:00-8:30 PM– *National 4-H Volunteer eForum*- Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders

November 2, 2017-7:00-8:30 PM–*National 4-H Volunteer eForum*- “STEM”ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders

November 17-19, 2017– *Maryland 4-H Teen and Volunteer Forum*

December 7, 2017– 7:00-8:30 PM– *National 4-H Volunteer eForum*- Helping 4-H'ers Grow in Life & Work

Registration information to come...



***Become a certified UME 4-H Volunteer and help us Make the Best Better.
Contact your county 4-H Team to apply!***

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