Local Collection for Pesticide Container:
MidShore Regional Solid Waste –
Barker’s Landing 8am-12pm
June 22
July 20
August 17
September 21

PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

For 19 years, Maryland’s pesticide container recycling program, offered by the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), has helped prevent pesticide residues from entering the soil and local waterways and has saved valuable landfill space by recycling 658,000 empty, plastic pesticide containers.

The pesticide container recycling program is FREE and open to all agricultural producers and pesticide applicators. The Agricultural Container Recycling Council (ACRC) provides a chipper to grind the plastic containers into flakes, which are then transported to a contractor for recycling. The containers collected in Maryland have yielded more than 281 tons of recyclable plastic flakes.

IT'S FARMER's MARKET TIME AGAIN!

Easton Farmers’ Market Town Parking lot off Harrison Street Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. April 14 - December 22, Contact: 410-253-9151 FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC Accepted

St. Michaels "FRESHFARM" Market
Muskrat Park on the St. Michaels Harbor:
Corner of Willow St. & Green St. Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. April 21 - October 12
Contact: Carol Bean
410-829-8228 FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC Accepted
PRODUCTION WEBSITES TO BOOKMARK

By Shannon Dill, UME Extension Educator, Talbot County

The “web” is where many of us go to get up-to-date information. At times it can be frustrating trying to find the site or information you need. Below are some great farm production websites that you may find helpful if you have not already visited or bookmarked.

Production
- www.extension.umd.edu Extension Website, publications, events
- www.mdvegetables.umd.edu Vegetable production website
- www.mdcrops.umd.edu Field Crop production website, including variety trials, agronomy news
- www.mdgrainmarketing.umd.edu Crop budgets, market information, leases, custom rates

Pesticide Recommendations
- Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations Maryland EB 236
  www.mdvegetables.umd.edu/files/Maryland
- Also available in a new very interactive format at the Delaware Extension site at: http://ag.udel.edu/extension/vegprogram/publications.htm#vegcrops
- Commercial Field Crop Recommendations EB 237
  www.extension.umd.edu/publications/EB237
- Commercial Tree Fruit

Pesticide Labels
- http://www.cdms.net/ Crop Data Management Systems CDMS
- www.greenbook.net Pesticide Labels and Information
- www.kellysolutions.com/md/ Pesticide Registration Database

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT / PSNT

Due to warm temperatures and dry weather this may be an important time to use the PSNT or AKA the Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Test. This test has become a valuable and widely used tool for optimizing the nitrogen use efficiency for corn production. Lack of soil moisture will not allow manure to mineralize thus reducing available nitrogen. In order to add additional nitrogen over and above what is written in your Nutrient Management Plan and stay in compliance with the law a PSNT test must be performed to justify the addition of more nitrogen. Fields were manure or sewer sludge has been applied with less than 50 lbs. of commercial nitrogen added are candidates for this test.

The PSNT should be conducted when corn measures 6 – 12 inches tall from soil surface to top of leaf canopy. Soil samples should be taken 12 inches deep which may be difficult due to hard soil conditions. One composite sample should contain 30 to 40 soil cores from each field. Fields with similar soil types, same manure source and rates may have recommendations extrapolated from one field.

Farmers should bring samples in to Extension right away so they can be dried overnight and tested the next day.

Samples will be received Monday through Thursday. We are unable to receive samples on Friday because they would carry over into the weekend.

If you should have any questions about the PSNT tests please call our office and speak with Sherman Councell, Nutrient Management Advisor or Shannon Dill, Agricultural Educator.
WHEAT SCAB TOOL
There is a scab forecasting tool that everyone should be using. It can be found on the web at www.wheatscab.psu.edu/riskTool_2011.html. At this site there is commentary over the next several weeks to help interpret the risk levels displayed on the map. You can also sign up for e-mail or text messages that warn you when any commentary is changed at the forecasting site. Sign up for these scab alerts by going to http://scabusa.org/fhb_alert.php. You will have the option to get all the commentary from all the regions or just the Mid-Atlantic.

AGRONOMY & VEGETABLE NEWSLETTERS
University of Maryland Extension will be writing and distributing agronomic and fruit and vegetable newsletters through the growing season. The first issue has been posted! These will include timely information for weed, insect and disease control as well as other production information. If you would like to receive these please send me your email so I can add you to our list sdill@umd.edu. To view the latest newsletters visit www.mderops.umd.edu (agronomy news) and www.annearundel.umd.edu (fruit and vegetable). Some of you may receive the agronomy news by hard copy.

DID YOU MISS THE 2012 BAY AREA FRUIT SCHOOL?
View the On-line Sessions at QACTV
By Michael Newell
Horticultural Crop Program Manager,
UME, mnewell@umd.edu

Aronia, Something for Maryland Growers?
presented at the Annual WREC Bay Fruit School by Andrew Ristvey, Agent & Extension Horticulture Specialist, UME http://origin.peg.tv/pegtv_player?id=affiliate1&video=50955

Research Update on Fire Blight Tolerance; Apple Cultivar/Rootstock Interactions present at the Annual WREC Bay Fruit School by David Myers, Sr., Agent, Extension Educator, UME Anne Arundel County http://origin.peg.tv/pegtv_player?id=affiliate1&video=51167

Food Safety - What Direct marketers Need to Know
presented at the Annual WREC Bay Fruit School by Donna Pahl, Faculty Research Assistant, University of MD Agriculture & Natural Resources. http://origin.peg.tv/pegtv_player?id=affiliate1&video=51163

Bee Pollinator Concerns - An Update

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Update & Control
Recommendations presented at the Annual WREC Bay Fruit School by Bryan Butler, Senior Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources, UME Carroll County. http://origin.peg.tv/pegtv_player?id=affiliate1&video=51182

Spotted Wing Drosophila; Monitoring, Identification and Recommendations for Control
presented at the Annual WREC Bay Fruit School by Bryan Butler, Senior Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources, UME Carroll County. http://origin.peg.tv/pegtv_player?id=affiliate1&video=51183
UPCOMING EASTERN SHORE AG PROGRAMS
SPRING 2012

2012 Strawberry Twilight Meeting
Wednesday May 9th
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wye Research and Education Center, 211 Farm Lane, Queenstown MD

You'll hear University of Maryland and USDA small fruit experts discuss the current season's challenges and the impact that the new fruit pest may have on the industry.

You'll see: USDA Moveable High Tunnel plots with plasticulture strawberry production; University of MD Strawberry High Tunnel plots with table top production demonstration and bio-fumigation trial; and Outdoor Plasticulture Fertility Trial plots with Chandler strawberries.

We hope you can join us for an informative evening. Pre-registration is not necessary. Refreshments will be served. For additional program information, contact Mike Newell, mnnewell@umd.edu, 410-827-7388. If you need special assistance to attend this program, please contact Debby Dant, ddant@umd.edu, 410-827-8056, no later than May 2, 2012.

63rd Delmarva Chicken Festival
June 15 and 16, 2012
The Centre at Salisbury
2300 N. Salisbury Blvd.
Salisbury, MD
If additional information is needed, please call 800-878-2449 or e-mail dpi@dpichicken.com

Talbot County Fair
July 11 - 14
Talbot County Agriculture and Education Center, Hiners Lane in Easton, Maryland
www.talbotcountyfair.org

Precision Ag Day
Early August – Date TBA
Caroline County 4-H Park
To include presentation, equipment demonstrations and trade show.

Crops Twilight
Barbecue & Ice Cream Social
CMREC Upper Marlboro Farm
August 2, 2012
You are invited to attend a Field Crops Research Twilight, Barbecue and Ice Cream Social at the Central Maryland Research & Education Center, Upper Marlboro Farm on Thursday, August 2, 2012, from 4:30 pm to 9 pm. A barbecue dinner will be served at 4:30 pm followed by homemade ice cream prior to the evening tour! The research farm is located at 2005 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

University of Maryland Extension Educators and Specialists will showcase their field crop, vegetable and fruit research plots. The twilight tour highlights will include: Vegetable integrated pest management and reduced risk control methods; Field crops research updates; Meadow orchard concept and Fruit research update for apples, peentos, blueberries and beach plums; and a vineyard research update for wine grapes.
Barbecue Begins at 4:30
Ice Cream Served at 5:15
Crops Twilight at 6:00

Please arrive on-time as the tour will start promptly at 6:00 pm. This event is free. However, a reserved meal ticket is required.
If you need special assistance to participate, please contact the Anne Arundel County Extension office at 410-222-6759 by August 1, 2012. For full meeting details, and registration information contact any of the Southern Maryland Extension offices. For more information contact David Myers at the Anne Arundel County Extension office at 410-222-6759.

University of Delaware Small Fruit Twilight
Tuesday, May 22, 2012 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Carvel Research and Education Center
16483 County Seat Highway
Georgetown, DE 19947
Participants will have the opportunity to tour experimental plots and hear about current research on June-bearing and day-neutral strawberries, blueberries and blackberries.
For additional program information, contact Gordon Johnson, gcjohn@udel.edu, (302)-856-7303.

Producers Digital Toolbox
1 day Seminar
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
This seminar will assist you in capitalizing on the hardware and digital tools now available through the internet. It will cover topics on Digital Databases - Getting Your Business Listed, Fingertip Marketing for Portable Devices and Apps, and Social & Professional Applications.

May 10, 2012  Hagerstown Community College, Hagerstown, MD
May 15, 2012  Cecil College - North East Campus, North East, MD

Cost: $40.00 per person (includes lunch and course materials)
Registration: You must pre-register!
No walk-ins will be accepted!

For more information about this program please contact: Shannon Dill (sdill@umd.edu) Ginger S. Myers (gsmyers@umd.edu), Jonathan Kays (jkays@umd.edu). You will need to mail your check, and make it payable to “EAC” to:

UME- Talbot County
Producer’s Digital Toolbox
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In the Garden with
Talbot County Master Gardeners

USDA Plant Hardiness Zones

If your hardiness zone has changed in this edition of the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map (PHZM), it does not mean you should start pulling plants out of your garden or change what you are growing. What is thriving in your yard will most likely continue to thrive.

Hardiness zones are based on the average annual extreme minimum temperature during a 30-year period in the past, not the lowest temperature that has ever occurred in the past or might occur in the future. Gardeners should keep that in mind when selecting plants, especially if they choose to "push" their hardiness zone by growing plants not rated for their zone. In addition, although this edition of the USDA PHZM is drawn in the most detailed scale to date, there might still be microclimates that are too small to show up on the map.

Microclimates, which are fine-scale climate variations, can be small heat islands—such as those caused by blacktop and concrete—or cool spots caused by small hills and valleys. Individual gardens also may have very localized microclimates. Your entire yard could be somewhat warmer or cooler than the surrounding area because it is sheltered or exposed. You also could have pockets within your garden that are warmer or cooler than the general zone for your area or for the rest of your yard, such as a sheltered area in front of a south-facing wall or a low spot where cold air pools first. No hardiness zone map can take the place of the detailed knowledge that gardeners pick up about their own gardens through hands-on experience.

Many other environmental factors, in addition to hardiness zones, contribute to the success or failure of plants. Wind, soil type, soil moisture, humidity, pollution, snow, and winter sunshine can greatly affect the survival of plants. The way plants are placed in the landscape, how they are planted, and their size and health might also influence their survival.

For more information, visit the USDA website at http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/About.aspx

Vegetable Gardening Tips for May-June

- Keep weeding and thinning plants
- Plant warm-season crops like tomatoes and peppers, only after danger of frost is past
- Pound in stakes or install tomato cages, at planting time, to prevent plant damage later
- Set out herbs in pots or plant in garden beds
- Inspect plants daily for pests
- Keep watering and weeding; mulch new crops to keep them from drying out.
Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
Friday, May 11, 7:05 p.m.
Oriole Park in Baltimore
This is an opportunity to help spotlight Maryland 4-H and watch an exciting Orioles vs. Tampa Bay Rays game. Order tickets for $15 online by April 20. The fee also pays for a cool T-shirt. Website: mymaryland4hfoundation.com.

Eastern Shore Spring Livestock Show
Saturday, May 12
Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville
The entry deadline was April 12. If you registered to participate, be sure to mark your calendar!

Adventures in AGsploration – Upper Shore
Thursday, June 21, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville
Did you know that agriculture is Maryland’s number one industry? Students of middle school age are invited to participate in this fun day program. Participants will learn about agricultural science careers through hands-on activities, visits with people who work in agriculture, and tours of agriculture facilities. You will have fun, learn new science skills and knowledge, and make new friends! Space is limited. The registration deadline is June 1, 2012. The $15 fee covers lunch, snacks, field trip transportation, a T-shirt, and a wide variety of learning experiences. Registration materials are available online at maryland4h.org.

Eastern Shore 4-H Camp
June 24-27
Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock
Camp is back! This year’s summer camp is for youth ages 8 through 12. Teens can be counselors in training (age 13) or counselors (ages 14-18). See the camp flyer or contact the Extension Office for details.

Adventures in Health Science
Tuesday, June 26 – Thursday, June 28
Memorial Hospital in Easton
For the third year in a row, this 3-day program for youth ages 10 and up offers participants a behind-the-scenes look at a wide variety of hospital departments and health care careers. Registration details will be distributed when the program calendar and presenters have been finalized.

Monday, June 25 – Thursday, June 28
Maryland 4-H State Teen Focus
University of Maryland Eastern Shore Princess Anne
Consider attending this exciting learning experience and social event for Maryland 4-H teens. This year Teen Focus will be held on the Eastern Shore, so
you don't even have to cross the Bay Bridge to attend! Participants will choose from a wide variety of interactive workshops and activities. Registration information is available online at maryland4h.org, or you can contact the Extension Office.

2011 Talbot County Fair!
Wednesday, July 11-Saturday, July 14
Talbot Agriculture & Education Center
Hiners Lane, Easton
The fair book and registration forms will be available online at www.talbotcountyfair.org. We would like to thank Ms. Linda Brown for coordinating indoor exhibits, Ms. Susan Behrens for coordinating livestock, and all of our other fair volunteers for their contributions to the fair each year.

4-H Night at the Shorebirds
Saturday, July 14, 6:35 p.m.
Shorebirds Stadium, Salisbury
This is your chance to help highlight 4-H and see an exciting Shorebirds vs. Crawdads baseball game right here on the Shore. See the flyer for details or contact the Extension Office.

Kids on Campus – 4-H Camp Scrubs
July 16-20, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Chesapeake College, Wye Mills
Talbot and Caroline 4-H will be offering five half days of exciting activities that allow youth in grades 5 - 8 to explore a variety of health care topics and careers. Chesapeake College charges a $109 fee that covers course handouts and materials. Information is online at chesapeake.edu/continuing_ed/kidsoncampus.

Adventures in AGsploration – Lower Shore
Tuesday, July 24
Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock
See the description under the Upper Shore program listed above.

Maryland State Fair!
Held in Timonium
August 22 – September 3
Information can be found online at marylandstatefair.com.

Do you want to learn more about 4-H?
4-H members, parents, and volunteers can find out about Talbot County 4-H by going online to talbot.umd.edu and about State-Level 4-H programs, policies, and forms by going online to maryland4h.org.

University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

If you need assistance to participate in a 4-H program, please contact the Extension Office in advance so we can make arrangements.

Record Book and Portfolio Information
Consider working on your 2012 record book or portfolio throughout the year instead of waiting until December! To access the record book forms, go online to talbot.umd.edu and click "4-H Youth Development", then click "Record Book Forms". You can fill in the forms and save them to your computer. Remember that completing record books helps you develop organizational skills, earn awards, and receive recognition at the annual Achievement Program.

4-H Seniors: You may continue to fill out record books each year if you choose, but we encourage you to complete a portfolio. Portfolios help senior 4-H members apply for exciting out-of-state trips. In addition, showing your portfolio to employers or college admissions officers might help you get a job, be accepted into college, and earn scholarships. Your portfolio contains a resume summarizing your
accomplishments, and it can help you stand out from the crowd. To access information about 4-H senior portfolios, go online to maryland4h.org. Click "Youth and Families" and then click "Awards and Recognition". All details about the portfolio are found at this website.

**Out-of-State Trip Opportunities**
Attention senior 4-H members: Did you know that the Maryland 4-H Foundation sponsors a variety of national trips each year for 4-H members? If you are interested in attending one of these trips during the next year, be sure to put together a portfolio and have us forward it to the State 4-H Office on the appropriate date. Note: Resumes, Essays, and Applications for National 4-H Conference are due in October 2011 to the State 4-H Office. National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Older Members Conference, Virginia 4-H Congress, and Camp Miniwanca applications are due in early 2013 to the State 4-H Office.

**Earn Your Service Learning Hours!**
Did you know that your 4-H community service work can often qualify as service learning hours for school? Community service work that directly relates to the classes you are taking in school can usually be counted as service learning. Contact the Extension Office if you need help deciding which of your community service projects qualify as service learning.

**Would you like to become a 4-H volunteer or start a 4-H club?**
If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer or starting a club, please contact the 4-H Office at (410) 822-1244. We will be glad to talk with you and set up a training session to help you become a volunteer.

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**Maryland 4-H Foundation News**

Below is a list of exciting upcoming 4-H events sponsored by the Foundation. These events are fun for the public, and they also help the Foundation raise money that supports 4-H programs across the state as well as out-of-state trips. Go to www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com for details.

- 6/4/12 Maryland 4-H Golf Tournament
- 5/11/12 Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
- 3/31/12 Sporting Clays Tournament

All 4-H Seniors preparing to apply for college should check out the Maryland 4-H Foundation scholarships that are available. The deadline for applying is June 1, so check out the 4-Foundation website if you are interested.

Would you like to learn more about the role of the Maryland 4-H Foundation in promoting youth development? Go online to mymaryland4hfoundation.com or speak to Ms. Amanda Clougherty, Talbot County 4-H Volunteer AND Director of the 4-H Foundation!

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**DO YOU NO LONGER WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER?**
Contact the Extension Office and let us know to remove you from our list.

**Do You Have an Idea for a 4-H Project Club?**
Hello Talbot County Adults: Do you have a special hobby, skill, or talent? Contact us about sharing your project knowledge with local kids by helping us conduct a series of 6-10 project sessions – a short-term club!
The 2012 Talbot County Fair is Coming!

WHO can enter?
Everyone! All Talbot County 4-H and FFA members are eligible to enter indoor exhibit items and animals into the fair’s 4-H classes. All other local residents are encouraged to enter exhibits and animals into the fair’s open classes.

WHERE is the fair held?
The Talbot County Fair is held at:
   Talbot Agriculture & Education Center
   10659 Hiners Lane
   Easton, MD 21601

WHEN is the fair?
JULY 11, 12, 13 & 14

WHY should I enter items in the fair?
The Talbot County Fair gives local residents the opportunity to showcase their talents and accomplishments in a wide variety of areas. Participating in the fair is also a lot of FUN!

HOW do I enter items into the fair?
All of the fair information and forms can be found online at: talbotcountyfair.org. 4-H/FFA members should check with their club leaders or the Extension Office (410) 822-1244 if they would like to obtain a copy of the 4-H/FFA exhibitor’s guide. Open class participants can request a copy of the open class exhibitor’s guide from the fair coordinators: (410) 822-8007. The guides provide detailed instructions about entering items. All the entry forms you need are found at the end of each guide.

WHAT should I enter in the fair?
There are many different types of items that can be entered in the fair! The major departments include:
- Livestock (cattle, hogs, goats, sheep)
- Small Pets (rabbits, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, dogs, poultry, etc.)
- Agricultural Products (field crops, eggs, honey)
- Vegetables and Fruit
- Crafts and Hobbies
- Needle Work
- Electric and Woodworking
- Photography
- Booths, Collections, and Displays
- 4-H Record Books
- Food Preservation
- Baked Foods
- Home Furnishings
- Child Care
- Clothing
- Flowers and Plants
- 4-H Clover Department
- Fashion

Shows that can be entered include:
- Cavy (guinea pig)
- Rabbit
- Horse
- Livestock
- Fashion Revue
- Small Pets - NEW!
- Dog – NEW!

For registration deadlines, class information, and a fair schedule, go online to talbotcountyfair.org.

DON’T MISS OUT – COME JOIN THE FUN!
Animal Programs Update
Ms. Susan Behrens is our County Livestock Coordinator, so if the 4-H Office can’t answer your question she probably can!

If you are planning to work on a livestock project in 2012 and you want to enter an animal in fairs or shows, please let Ms. Susan or the 4-H Office know as soon as possible so we have a record of which members will be working with animals.

Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Program

2012 Requirements:
All 4-H members enrolled in alpaca, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbit projects must complete this online training. The training is essential if you want to exhibit your project animals in Maryland 4-H county and state shows!

* There are two major parts to the online program:
  o Part 1 is completed by all livestock project members.
  o Part 2 contains specific information for each animal species you are working with

* ALL 4-H animal project members working with the species listed above are required to complete the training. After you have completed the training the first time, you need to repeat the training during any year when your age division - juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) - changes. Also, any year that you choose to work with a NEW species you need to go online again and complete the module for the new species you’re working with.

* Members MUST complete the relevant parts of the AH&QA training no later than July 1.

Information to Help You Complete the online training:

* The link to the website to access the AH&QA program will be posted on the Maryland 4-H website between now and July 31 at www.maryland4h.org/ or go directly to www.maryland4h.org/AHQA/.

  - When you register for the program, you will be provided a unique password. Write down your password and keep it in a safe place!
  - If you need to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, you may return to the program by entering your password.
  - Upon completion of the individual species section, you will have an opportunity to print a Certificate of Completion for your records. We suggest that you keep the Certificate of Completion with your animal health papers (CVI forms) in case fair/show personnel ask to see it.
  - Each member’s progress will be kept in a statewide database and Mr. Tom and Ms. Pat will receive notification that you have completed the training.

Contact Mr. Tom or Ms. Pat if you have problems accessing the online training. If you are new to animal projects and you are still confused after taking the online training, contact Mr. Tom. He can do in-person training for members who need extra help.

Livestock Ownership Deadlines

* Leased animals – must be leased by June 1 (send a copy of the leasing agreement to the 4-H Office)
* Breeding animals, purebred and commercial – must be owned by July 1 (steer ownership date is Jan. 1)

Check all Regulations!
Reminder to all livestock exhibitors, including rabbits, horses, and poultry project members: Don’t forget to have the proper health papers and self-certification forms when you check in at fairs and shows. Current Maryland regulations and health forms are available online at: www.mda.md.us/animal health/.

After your veterinarian completes and signs your animal’s Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
form, he or she will send a copy to the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Rabbits and horses don’t need a CVI, but you DO NEED to fill out the self-certification form. Horses and poultry need additional tests, so be sure to check the regulations.

Remember to complete the animal health self-certification form BEFORE you leave home the morning of an animal show. You are required to look over your animal and sign off on the form to indicate that your animal appears to be healthy. DON’T BRING A SICK ANIMAL TO THE FAIR! We need to avoid spreading diseases to other animals.

ANIMAL PROJECT ID CARDS
Each 4-H member who leases or owns a horse or pony and plans to show the animal in 4-H events needs to complete and turn in a Horse and Pony ID Card to the Extension Office each year. The Talbot County Fair Horse Show is an open class event, not a 4-H event. Completing ID cards is essential for members who want to participate in out-of-county 4-H horse shows. Other counties are beginning to disqualify members who do not have horse and pony cards on file with their county 4-H office. The cards can be found online at: maryland4h.org under the Forms link.

NEW THIS YEAR!!! 4-H members who participate in rabbit and cavy (guinea pig) projects are ALSO required to complete ID cards for your project animals and submit them to the Extension Office. This is especially important if you want to enter your animals in 4-H fairs and shows.

Do You Need Rabbit and Cavy Project Guidance?
Any 4-H member working on a rabbit or cavy project in 2012 might want to contact 4-H volunteer Karen Callahan at 410-310-8934. She can help you learn about proper care and showing of your animal.

Important 4-H Websites:
Maryland 4-H
maryland4h.org

National 4-H
4-h.org

Talbot County Extension Office/4-H
talbot.umd.edu

University of Maryland Extension
extension.umd.edu

Talbot County Fair
talbotcountyfair.org

Maryland State Fair
marylandstatefair.com

Maryland 4-H Horse
4hhorse.umd.edu

Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports
md4-hshootingsports.umd.edu

How can we let others know that 4-H helps young people develop life skills?
We can talk to people about 4-H!
Children and teens need safe, constructive things to do in their spare time. The mission of University of Maryland Extension 4-H programs is to develop youth to reach their fullest potential as “capable, competent, caring, and contributing individuals.” Adult volunteers and teen leaders provide ongoing hands-on learning opportunities for youth. 4-H is a family experience and parents and other relatives are encouraged to get involved. Children learn valuable project, life, and leadership skills that help them grow to become productive citizens. 4-H offers something of interest for every child. One of the best parts of the 4-H program is community service. 4-H clubs help to improve the local community by performing a variety of service projects!
Join us this year at Thendara 4-H Center and Tuckahoe State Park!

American Camping Association
Thendara 4-H Center
Tuckahoe State Park

All 4-H and Tuckahoe State Park staff are trained and certified to work with youth

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For more information please contact Amanda Chesser or Nicole Skorobatsch at the Somerset County Extension Office at 410-651-1350 or by email at:
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2012
Eastern Shore
4-H Camp

June 24-27th
Thendara 4-H Center
Hurlock, MD

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If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation in programs, please contact the Talbot County Office as soon as possible at (410) 822-1244.