What’s buzzing with Somerset 4-H?

We’ve all been busy bees this summer with the hustle and bustle of programs, camps, fairs, and staying cool in all of this humidity! Please take a moment to read about the various events that Somerset 4-H youth have been involved with these past couple of months.

With school on the horizon, we are working to have new and exciting activities available this fall in 4-H. We are always looking for new members and volunteers so buzz on out to Somerset 4-H and sign up today!

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Upcoming Events

State Fair August 23 – September 2, 2013 in Timonium, MD
Wicomico County 4-H Fair October 12, 2013 at Wright’s Market
Veterinary Science Club Meeting: September 14 (every 2nd Saturday)
Livestock Club Meeting: September 15 (every 2nd Sunday)
Somerset 4-H Fall Fun Friday! October 11 at 7:00pm Extension Office
Annual Somerset 4-H Volunteer Meeting: October 23 at 6:00pm
Volunteer Forum November 22-24, 2013 Ocean City, MD

If you wish to join Somerset 4-H and or have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-651-1350.

Please send in your $10 enrollment fee by November 1, 2013
Hogwash Fundraiser buys two goat & sheep pens for 4-H!

Somerset County 4-H was able to buy two sheep and goat pens from the money raised during last year’s fundraiser at the 2012 Somerset County Fair. Congratulations to the 4-H youth for doing such an awesome job! The pens were in use at the fair on July 26 & 27th.

Eastern Shore 4-H Camp held June 17-21, 2013

University of Maryland Extension Somerset County 4-H recently held Eastern Shore 4-H Camp 2013! Thirty youth from 9 different counties including military 4-H youth participated in the 5-day residential camp.

Somerset campers included:
- Shane Abbott, Gracie Gandy, Rachel Howell, Lauren Skorbatsch, Lila Marino, Cole Olsen, John Ring, Jayson Ring, Keith Wallace and David Wallace.

Somerset camp staff:
- Lura Ring, Jennifer Howell, Matthew Howell, Timothy Howell.

A big thank you to all 4-H educators, staff and volunteers who contributed!

Livestock Lockout held on July 12, 2013

4-H youth recently participated in an all day Livestock Lockout held at the Somerset Fairgrounds. Youth were able to experience hands-on workshops to include:
- General Showmanship
- Reproduction
- Dystocia
- Bottle Feeding
- Parasites
- Injection Methods
- Dissections

This was a great opportunity for youth to hone skills and learn new techniques. A big thank you to Vet Science Club Leader Maegan Perdue and 4-H volunteers who helped organize and make this event possible!
Somerset County Fair 2013

Cooler weather prevails! Another summer season, another county fair. Our 4-H youth took their livestock for a turn around the show ring, and did a fantastic job. You have much to be proud of!

A big thank you to the Somerset County Fairboard, all families, volunteers, and individuals who helped make this event possible.

Thank you to 4-H member Cole Olsen who took the initiative in getting large event signs donated in promotion of the fair and 4-H. Great job Cole!

Check out the Somerset County Extension 4-H Facebook page to see pictures from the fair.
2013 Somerset County Fair 4-H Indoor Champions are as follows:

4-H members from the tri-counties can enter in the fair

**Handcrafts:** Kacie Ball  
**Home Arts:** Kacie Ball  
**Art:** Kacie Ball  
**Photography:** Kacie Ball  
**Rabbits:** Lenee Maddox  
**Horse Show:** Ashley Dillon

**Crops, Fruits & Vegetables:** Kelly Phillips  
**Flowers:** Cole Olsen  
**Jams, Jellies, & Canned Goods:** Katie Phillips  
**Baked & Dried Goods & Bee Products:** Katie Phillips  
**Home & Family Life:** Wicomico Livestock  
**4-H Club Activities:** Kelly Payne

2013 Somerset County Fair Livestock Champions are as follows:

4-H members from the tri-counties can enter in the fair

**Dairy Cattle**  
Showmanship: Bradley Dorey  
Heifer: Bradley Dorey

**Meat Goats**  
Showmanship: Kaitlin Hitchens  
Doe: Wesley Myrer  
Market: Cole Olsen

**Beef Cattle**  
Showmanship: Lura Ring  
Heifer: Devin Logan  
Market Steer: Lura Ring

**Sheep**  
Showmanship: Shane Abbott  
Ewe: Lura Ring  
Market: Shane Abbott

**Dairy Goats**  
Showmanship: Adam Phillips  
Supreme Doe: Kacie Ball

**Swine**  
Showmanship: Cole Olsen  
Gilt: Lura Ring  
Market: Cassie Knight
State Fair:  August 23-September 2, 2013
Opportunity for 4-H youth to show livestock and indoor entries awarded grand champion at county fairs. State Fair is held in Timonium, MD. For more information, contact the Somerset County Extension Office

Wicomico County 4-H Fair:  October 12, 2013
Fair information and books can be downloaded from www.Wico4-HFair.org. Exhibitors: Participants must be enrolled as a 4-H member in Dorchester, Somerset, Worcester, or Wicomico County and his or her enrollment recorded in the 4-H office by September 1st of the current year. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 8-18 as of January 1, 2013. Entries need to be submitted by September 20. The fair will be held at Wright’s Market in Mardela Springs. For more information contact the Wicomico County Extension Office at 410-749-6141

Annual Somerset 4-H Volunteer Meeting October 23, 2013 at 6:00pm:
Informal meeting at the Somerset Extension Office that will include updates on 4-H policies & procedures, volunteer forms, and discussion about program planning for the upcoming 4-H year. Dinner will be provided. Please call the Extension Office to confirm your attendance by October 18.

National 4-H Week October 7-11, 2013
Promote 4-H at school. Come by the Extension Office to pick up 4-H pens and stickers to pass out at school.

Somerset 4-H Fall Fun Friday!  October 11, 2013 at 7:00pm
4-H Party! Movies, games, pumpkin decorating, and Fall fun. Hot dogs, popcorn, and hot chocolate will be provided. Bring a 2 liter soda/drink and snack to share. Please call the Extension Office to register for this FREE event at 410-651-1350

Annual Volunteer & Teen Forum November 22-24, 2013
Ocean City, Maryland
Opportunity for 4-H volunteers, teen youth, Extension staff to present and or participate in workshops. The event will be held at the Carousel Resort Hotel. For more information please contact the Extension Office at 410-651-1350
FUN FACTS

♦ The smallest bone found in the human body is located in the middle ear. The staples (or stirrup) bone is only 2.8 millimeters long.

♦ Hans Langseth had the longest beard at a record length of 17 and 1/2 feet long. When he died, it was given to the Smithsonian Institute.

♦ The fastest bird is the Pereguine Falcon flying at speeds of 168 to 217mph.