Families & Friends of Somerset 4-H,

Welcome 2014! A big thank you to 4-H youth, volunteers, and families who made 2013 such a success. As always, we appreciate your support.

Please join us in welcoming our new Somerset Agriculture Agent Jarrod Miller and our new 4-H STEM Faculty Extension Assistant John Kotz! We are excited to have them as a part of our team and look forward to the year ahead.

Best Regards,

Amanda Chesser     Nicole Skorobatsch     John Kotz

New 4-H & AG Faces!

Jarrod Miller has joined us as our new Agricultural Educator for the Lower Shore, with his home office located in Somerset County. He grew up on a dairy and grain farm in Harford County, MD, where milking, baling, and fall harvests were the normal.

Jarrod showed hogs and Holsteins at the Harford County Farm fair and was a member of the Harford County Dairy Club. He went to college at Virginia Tech and the University of Kentucky, with his final degree being a Ph.D. in soil science.

Join us in welcoming John Kotz to the Somerset County 4-H Team! John will be working to enhance and grow 4-H STEM programming in Somerset as a Faculty Extension Assistant. He will be working alongside our current team and in the tri-county area.

He attended Salisbury University, earning his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. In August 2013, he received his Master's degree in School Leadership from Wilmington University. He is also certified to teach Technology Education.
New Tagging Requirements for Livestock Shows

The 2014 livestock show season is just around the corner. With the start of the new season, there are several new regulations that all livestock exhibitors need to be aware of for sheep, goats, swine, and cattle.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has announced new identification requirements to comply with national animal disease traceability (ADT) rules. All livestock being brought to shows starting in 2014 must have an “official identification”. This identification will be tied to a registered premise (a tag bearing the official US shield).

- Sheep & goats scrapie identification is an acceptable identification, including breed registration tattoos (tattoos must be legible and follow scrapie program requirements)
- Cattle must have an official tag. Brands and tattoos will not be accepted.
- Swine must have an official tag. Ear notches and tattoos are not accepted.

How does this relate to 4-H projects?

- Official identification will need to be done by the producer or veterinarian to tie the identification to a registered premise
- 4-H animals will still be tagged with a Maryland state 4-H tag
- Registered purebred animals will still be exempt from the Maryland state 4-H tag but must have an official identification with the US shield for shows
- For 4-H shows both the official identification and the Maryland and 4-H identification must be listed on your CVI (health papers)

For more information about tagging requirements:

www.mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx
SAVE THE DATE!

Livestock Meeting

On March 18 at 6:00pm we will hold an update meeting at the Somerset County Extension Office. We will discuss the new livestock tagging requirements, plan upcoming animal science workshops, and set tagging dates. Please contact Nicole at 410-651-1350 or email at nrmirez@umd.edu to reserve your spot or if you have any questions. This meeting is open to volunteers, 4-H families and 4-H youth.

Livestock Workshop

Saturday, April 12, 2014 Somerset County 4-H will host Livestock Workshop at the Somerset County Fairgrounds. Times and content are in the planning stages; however, please hold the date and plan to attend. The workshop will be taught by University of Maryland Extension 4-H Educators, Christine Johnston, Queen Anne’s County and April Hall Barszewski, Cecil County.

2014 Tractor School Certification Class

- This class is for all youth ages 14-16 seeking federal certification on a farm and to use tractors and machinery. (If you are a child of a farmer— you are not required by law to take the class— but encouraged to do so)
- March 7-9, 2014 at the Redden State Forest and Education Center, Georgetown, D.E. (the training is held as a cooperative effort between University of Maryland Extension and the University of Delaware Extension).
- A required 24 hours of training will take place, including visits to farm implement dealers. The class includes a written and driving exam.
- Any youth who will turn 14 years old by June 1 is also encouraged to attend. They will not be allowed to complete the driving exam until they are 14 yrs. old
- Please contact Extension 4-H Educators: Chris Johnston at 410-758-0166—or Sharon Pahlman at 410-479-4030 and give your name, phone number, and address as soon as possible to register. A small participation fee will be charged.
- This program is supported by funds from the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board
ENGINEERING CLUB

Hands-on project-based club with a concentration in STEM for ages 11 and older.

What is STEM? The fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

Interest meeting to be held at the Somerset County Extension Office on Monday March 3rd, at 6 pm in the Anderson Room.

For more information, contact John Kotz at 410-651-1350 or hkozt@umd.edu.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES CLUB

Have you ever wondered why you need two different types of measuring cups? Or which side of the plate you place the silverware? Or how many cups are in a gallon? Or why does bread need to rise? Well wonder no more! All of these culinary questions and more will be answered in the new Kids Kitchen 4-H Club.

We will start at the beginning and learn the basics of a kitchen, cooking/baking utensils, how to set a table, and finish with serving a complete meal.

Kids Kitchen will be a six-week mini club. Join us on March 31st at 6:00pm for an informal meeting where we set dates, discuss fees, times, and receive more detailed information about this new fun and exciting club. The meeting will be held at the extension office. Contact Nicole at 410-651-1350 or nramirez@umd.edu.

CLUB MEETINGS

Due to the inclement weather some of the clubs have had to reschedule meeting dates. Please contact your club leader for your next meeting.

ENROLLMENT FEES

Once again, it’s time to collect annual 4-H enrollment for the 2014 4-H year. It seems like you just paid 2013 and you probably have, but we are trying an earlier fee collection date this year. This will assist us with all our end-of-the year 4-H enrollment reports. We are establishing a **deadline of June 1st** for all enrollment fees and re-enrollments. Should you not turn in your fee or re-enrollment forms, you could lose your opportunity to participate in county events such as the fairs, camps, and workshops that require you to be a member of 4-H. Re-enrollments will be mailed out to club leaders soon.
1st place for Somerset 4-H in the 2013 Princess Anne Christmas Parade

As cameras flashed, Somerset 4-H youth rode aboard the Duck Dynasty-themed float, waving and wishing onlookers a Merry Christmas. Thank you to John Ring, Cole Olsen, Jayson Ring, Lura Ring, Cassie Knight, and Kelly Payne for participating. A big thank you to Candy Anderson who provided a truck and trailer and our bearded costume attire!

4-H placed 1st in the Youth Division. Now the challenge is on for next year’s theme!

Holiday Workshop Held

Crafts galore! Somerset 4-H youth made holiday inspired ornaments and edible crafts from waffle cone Christmas trees, snowmen cookies, and the cutest candy cane mouse you ever did see. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Somerset 4-H Awards Banquet Coming Up!

The annual Somerset 4-H Awards Banquet will be held April 27, 2014 at the Somerset County Fairgrounds at 2:00pm. Join us for a cookout in the Barn as we recognize the achievements of our youth and volunteers for 2013! Invitations will be sent out.
Eastern Shore 4-H Camp 2014 Update

Due to make up snow days for schools on the lower and upper shore, which now extend into the week of our Eastern Shore 4-H Camp, we have decided to cancel the camp dates of June 15-18, 2014.

Camp has been rescheduled for August 1-3, 2014 at Thendara 4-H Center.

More information to follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda, Nicole, or John at the Somerset Extension Office at 410-651-1350.

Communications Contest

Somerset County Communications Contest will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 6:00. Please contact Nicole by Monday, March 10th if you plan to participate. Your public speaking abilities allows you to challenge yourself, make friends, and succeed in developing a very important life skill. Although public speaking is the most common of fears, every 4-H member can learn to do this well and even enjoy it! Please see the enclosed yellow flyer for more information.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

2014 Animal Science Project Leaders/Volunteers Webinar Series

Sessions will be held each month from now until May, 2014. All sessions will be held 7:00-8:00 pm via the UME Connect system. The dates and topics are as follows:

♦ February 25 - Topic: Clovers in 4-H Animal Projects - This session will provide an overview of the research behind the 4-H Clovers program, a discussion about national and state guidelines, and an opportunity for sharing tips on conducting successful club Clovers programs in 4-H Animal Sciences.

♦ March 25 - Topic: Managing Liabilities Associated with 4-H Animal Projects and Events - This session will provide an overview of various potential liabilities and risk management considerations and strategies for conducting animal-related 4-H events and activities.

♦ April 29 - Topic: 4-H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects - This session will provide 4-H Club leaders and volunteers with a variety of hands-on club activities and resources to support 4-H Animal Science Projects.

♦ May 27 - Topic: 4-H Club Volunteer Roles to Support Animal Science Projects - This session will provide ideas of different volunteer roles that could be implemented at the club level to support 4-H animal science project work and related events.

Volunteers are requested to visit the AGNR Calendar to register for each session at: http://www.agnr.umd.edu/AGNRCalendar/. Select "4-H Youth Development", then "Display Events". Select the desired training date you wish to participate in. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Chesser at the Somerset Extension Office at 410-651-1350.
1. Sylvester the cartoon cat is always trying to catch a little yellow canary, what is its name?
2. What is the largest state in America?
3. Which Bill formed Microsoft?
4. Name all of the 7 dwarfs from the fairytale Snow White.
5. What is the response to “See you later alligator”?
6. What is the capital of Hawaii?
7. In which sport could you get into a headlock?
8. What is the largest mammal in the world?
9. After which famous person was the teddy bear named?
10. What galaxy is Earth located in?
11. How many years are in a millennium?
12. “May the Force be with you” is from what movie?
13. In what house did the sorting hat almost put Harry Potter?

Complete and mail this in to the Somerset Extension Office by February 28, 2014 to receive a prize!

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https://www.facebook.com/pages/University-of-Maryland-Extension-Somerset-County-4-H
4-H EXTENSION DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 3rd:  Engineering Club Interest Meeting- Extension Office
March 7-9:  Tractor School Certification Class- Georgetown, DE
March 14:  Somerset County 4-H Communications Contest- Extension Office
March 18:  Livestock Update Meeting- Extension Office
March 31:  Healthy Lifestyles Club Interest Meeting- Extension Office
April 12:  Livestock Workshop- Somerset County Fairgrounds
April 27:  Somerset 4-H Awards Banquet- Somerset County Fairgrounds
June 1:  Enrollment Deadline ($10)
August 1-3:  Eastern Shore 4-H Camp- Thendara 4-H Center