4-H members exhibiting livestock and horses

To all 4-H members exhibiting livestock and horses:

A MANDATORY meeting for all livestock, horse exhibitors (regardless if your horse is staying in the barn) and rabbit market pen exhibitors will be held on Tuesday, July 9th at 7pm at the 4-H Park. This meeting replaces the "Barn Meeting" usually held at the Fair. This meeting is MANDATORY for each livestock, horse exhibitor, and rabbit market pen exhibitors to attend plus at least one parent/guardian must attend as well. You will be reminded of this meeting and requirements.

Fitting and Showing Attire for 4-H

The following prescribed show attire is required for all Exhibitors in Fitting & Showmanship, breed classes, market classes and Livestock Sale and must be worn throughout the entire show. Exhibitors not adhering to the show attire requirements will be excused from the show ring (See appropriate attire listed below).

- **Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steers & Dairy Goats:** 4-H/FFA: white slacks with white shirt. Neckpiece optional.

- **Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep & Swine:** 4-H: green or tan slacks, white shirt with green or black neckpiece. FFA: tan or black slacks, tan or white shirt, with blue or black neckpiece.

- **Horses:** appropriate riding clothes and headgear as defined in the MD 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book:

  - **English** - All riders are required to wear ASTM-and SEI-approved helmet with harness secured and hard soled shoes with heels. Traditional attire and conventional 4-H uniforms are equally acceptable. Traditional apparel includes breeches or jodhpurs, boots, jacket, suitable shirt, tie or choker. Spurs (unrowelled, not to exceed 1 inch in length), and a crop or bat (not greater than 30 inches in length) are optional.

  - **Western** - All riders must wear ASTM-and SEI-approved headgear when mounted. Traditional attire and conventional 4-H uniforms are equally acceptable in all classes. Traditional attire includes Western boots, a long-sleeved shirt with a collar (including standup, tuxedo, oxford, button-down, and turtleneck), and long pants must be worn. If the pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn. No whips or crops may be carried. Gloves, spurs, and chaps are optional. If spurs are used, the rowels must be blunt

Please note additional dress requirements:

- No farm names or other identification shall appear on show uniforms.
- Safe, appropriate attire including footwear is required at all times.
- Shirts must have collars.
- No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or exposed midriffs.
- Shirts must be tucked in and no undergarments may be showing.
- No shorts will be allowed.
- Caps or other headwear shall not be worn in the show ring, except for protective headgear in the Horse Division.
- Girls may choose to wear a skirt of an appropriate length, instead of slacks. They must be in the appropriate color.