**KENT COUNTY 4-H TIMES**

**July 2015 Fair Edition**

**Fair Opening Ceremonies:**
1. Each club needs to designate a member to introduce club.
2. **Needed!** 4-H’ers needed to lead Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge – indiv. or group
3. **Needed!** 3 4-H’ers to raise the flags at the new flag poles at start of opening

Call Extension Office by July 8th!

**The Fair Gives to You – You Need to Give to the Fair!!!!**

**All 4-H families should plan on helping at clean-ups and volunteering!**

**KITCHEN and GATE HELP NEEDED – 2 HR TIME SLOTS**
- The board asks for everyone to give 2 hours
- Teens are welcome and encouraged to help!
- There is time – even the busiest families find time to help. Check your schedule!
- Call Megan Fry@ email megrfry@gmail.com or go to http://www.kentcountyfair.org/ to sign up!

**Fair Clean-ups – All 4-H Families Needed**

*Wednesday July 8th – 4-H Club Clean-up Night, 6 pm - until Saturday July 11th; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon*

Also: ☻ 4-H Member & Leader Cards in 4-H Office!
- Remember you can pre-register indoor entries – bring completed tags to Ext. Office by 7/14
- **2 Volunteers needed to help record 4-H entries on July 14, 6-8 pm & July 15th, 2:30 – 5 pm, at the Ag Center**
- **Volunteers needed to help with Green/White Challenge events – see inside!**
- **Maryland State Fair entries – online only!**
- Deadline: Midnight July 31st! State Fair Exhibitor Release get mailed to MD 4-H Office!

- **HAVE A GREAT FAIR!**

Also Needed! Indoor Judges!!!

**Green/White Challenge**
Teambuilding games and challenges for all 4-H’ers! Check out the schedule of activities & info inside!

G/W wristbands available in 4-H Office
**Summer 2015 4-H Calendar - 2015 Fair 4-H Theme – “4-H: Fun for the Whole Herd!”**

### July

8  ALL 4-H Club Clean-up and Fair Prep Night, 6:00 pm – until...Kent Ag Center ALL 4-H’ers and Families are asked to attend! Bring cleaning supplies, yard/gardening tools, etc. 4-H Member and Leader Cards will be distributed. DEADLINE: Overnight Health Forms Due, Sign-up as Youth Fair Photographer, Flag Raiser for Opening Ceremony or to lower flags for Closing Ceremony

4-H Ambassador Contest Practice, 7:00 -7:30 pm, Kent Ag Center, during the clean-up. All participants encouraged to attend.

8-11 **Talbot County Fair.** Talbot County Ag Center: [http://www.talbotcountyfair.org/](http://www.talbotcountyfair.org/)

11  Final Ag Center Fair Prep and Clean-up Day, 9:00 am, Kent Ag Center

13  Eastern Shore Championship Holstein Show, 10:00 am, QA County 4-H Park, Centreville

14–20  **Kent County Fair Week for 4-H’ers and families**

14    Kent County Fair Indoor Exhibits Entered, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

15    Kent County Fair Animal Exhibits Entered, 2:30-9:00 p.m., Indoor Exhibits Entered 2:30 – 5:00 pm, Indoor Entries judged 6:00 – ?

16-18 **Kent County Fair,** Kent Ag Ctr, Tolchester. Official Fair Dates. See detailed 4-H schedule inside Theme: “4-H: Fun for the Whole Herd”

24-8/1  **Cecil County Fair,** Fair Hill, Elkton: [http://www.cecilcountyfair.org/](http://www.cecilcountyfair.org/)

25  4-H Adopt-a-Highway Pick-up (2), 9:00 am, start at Urieville Lake Recreation Area

28  4-H Leaders Council – Fair 4-H Wrap-up, 7:00 pm, Extension Office

30-8/2 **Harford County Farm Fair,** Bel Air: [http://www.farmfair.org/](http://www.farmfair.org/)

31  DEADLINE: State Fair Entries Due, all entries must be entered online by 11:59 pm [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com)

### August

5-8  **Caroline/Dorchester Co. Fair,** Caroline Co. 4-H Park: [www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org/](http://www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org/)

10-15  **Queen Anne’s County Fair,** Queen Anne’s 4-H Park, C-ville: [http://www.queenannescofair.com/](http://www.queenannescofair.com/)

22  4-H Adopt-a-Highway Pick-up (3), 9:00 am, start at Urieville Lake Recreation Area

26  Kent state fair entries delivered to Timonium, volunteers needed. Leave about 12:30 pm.

27 – September 7  **Maryland State Fair,** MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium

### September

5  Deadline: Diamond Clover Level 6 Service Project Application due to Kent 4-H Office.

7  **Extension Office Closed – Labor Day Holiday**

Final day of MD State Fair, State Fairgrounds, Timonium

8  State Fair Indoor Entries picked Up, MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium – Volunteer(s) needed Junior Leadership Council (JLC), 7:00 pm, Extension Office

10  **DEADLINE: Kent Level 6 Diamond Clover Applications due to Kent 4-H Office for review. Due 9/15/15**

12  MD State 4-H Rifle Match, Marriottsville, MD (Baltimore County)

15  **DEADLINE: Completed Diamond Clover Level 6 Service Project Application due to MD State 4-H Office.**

17  Ag Center Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 pm, Kennedyville U. M. Church

19  MD 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Mandatory Update Training, Patuxent 4-H Center

25  Kent 4-H Demonstration and Visual Presentation Night, 6:00 pm, Extension Office. Must register by 9/18/15

29  4-H Leaders Council, 7:00 pm, Extension Office

### October

1  **DEADLINE: Senior 4-H Portfolios for National 4-H Conference due to Kent 4-H Office by 4:30 pm**

4-10  **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!**

5  Youth Science Day, 6:30, Extension Office

6  National 4-H Week Proclamation with Kent Commissioners, 6:00 pm – 4-H’ers needed!

7  4-H Green and White Spirit Day – Wear green and white and/or 4-H gear at school!
Detailed Fair 4-H Schedule (see http://www.kentcountyfair.org/ for full fair schedule & open entry times)

**July 8th**

Sign-up Deadline to be a flag raiser for opening ceremonies, Pledge leaders at opening ceremonies, or to assist in the county flag lowering and folding at the closing ceremony.

**July 8th**

Sign-up deadline to be a fair photographer! Deadline to Submit Overnight and Health Forms

**July 8, 2015**

4-H CLUB CLEAN-UP NIGHT, 6:00 pm (5:00/5:30 if you can), Kent Ag Center – All 4-H’ers and Families asked to attend! Board members and Division Chairs will be stationed around the fair grounds to give directions. Can pick up Member and Volunteer Cards! 1st GREEN/WHITE Challenge Event of the fair! Ambassador practice session, 7:00 pm in the Main Show Pavilion

**Saturday July 11, 2015**

9:00 – 12:00 pm

FINAL Fair Clean-up, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon *Please help if you can!*

Fair Chairs make sure to prepare indoor exhibit area.

**Monday July 13th, 2015**

**Clothing Construction entries due at the Extension Office by 4:00 pm**

**Now until July 14th:**

You can pre-register indoor entries every day in the Extension Office until 12:00 noon on July 14th. Bring your completed 4-H tags into the office and information will be recorded and tags stamped.

**Tuesday July 14, 2015:**

6:00-8:00 p.m.

4-H indoor division exhibits may be entered at the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building, Ag Center, Tolchester. (Open indoor entries will be accepted at this time also in the other ½ of the Indoor Exhibits Building). 4-H Cakes and baked goods go to the Kitchen. **Looking for 2 volunteers to help with project check-in!**

7:00 p.m.

4-H Animal Stall Assignments will be posted and Stall Decorating can begin

**Wednesday July 15, 2015:**

2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**4-H exhibits are entered at the 4-H Indoor Exhibits Bldg. Tags must be filled out and exhibits ENTERED by 5:00, so plan to arrive early! No entries will be accepted after 5 pm.** (Open indoor exhibits have new schedule – please check the Fair Main Schedule for dates and times of entry.) 4-H’ers are permitted to set up Well Dressed Table and Collection entries only.

2:30 – 9:00 p.m.

4-H Animal entries on grounds
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.  All 4-H and Open indoor exhibits will be judged. NO ONE is permitted in the building while exhibits are being judged except judges, department chairpersons, their designated helpers, and 4-H personnel.

**Thursday July 16, 2015:** (Senior Citizen’s Day – no admission for seniors) $2 admission/person w/o 4-H Card

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<td>All 4-H Animals must be in place – plan to show approved health papers and signed Self Certifications to Maryland State Vet or other designated health inspector before unloading animals.</td>
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<td>Rabbit &amp; Small Pets Shows - Open and 4-H, Small Animal Building, next to the Fair Office</td>
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<td>ALL 4-H EXHIBITS MUST BE IN PLACE! FAIR OFFICIALLY OPENS!</td>
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<td>4-H/Open Poultry Show in Poultry Barn (next to main show pavilion)</td>
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<td>Mandatory Meeting of All 4-H Animal Exhibitors!</td>
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<td>4-H Livestock Weigh-in (at the scales in the livestock barn)</td>
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<td>Dairy/Pet &amp; Market Goat Show – 4-H and Open, Main show pavilion</td>
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<td>Dog Show in Horse Ring</td>
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<td>4-H Ambassador Interviews – picnic area. Inclement weather location – Dining Hall</td>
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<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Opening Ceremonies with 4-H Club/FFA Parade and Club Intros – All clubs and club members asked to participate – bring banners, club projects, wear club t-shirts, and show your 4-H Spirit!</td>
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<td>-4-H’er Sarah Parker, Puppy Pals 4-H Club member playing the National Anthem</td>
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<td>Immediately after 4-H Ambassador Contest, Main Show Ring - “Fish Bowl” question and results</td>
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<td>Dog Show begins again in Horse Ring</td>
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<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Pretty Animal Contest – Must have pre-registered by June 15th. Both 4-H’er and animal must be in costume and a readable script presented to 4-H Office by July 1st. Check out all the classes: Jr./Int/Sr – Small Animal, Medium Animal, Large Animal, Dairy Promotion (Cattle and Goat) and Other Species Commodity Promotion</td>
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<td>Mandatory Fair Overnight Meeting in Main Show Pavilion for all 4-H’ers and Chaperones! (Receive Kent County Fair overnight wristbands)</td>
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**Friday July 17, 2015:** $2 admission/person w/o 4-H Member or Leader Card

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<td>GREEN/WHITE Trivia Challenge – Main Show Pavilion</td>
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<td>Fashion Revue Interviews (4-H) – in the Dining Hall</td>
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<td>Dairy Show – 4-H and Open - Main show pavilion</td>
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6:45 p.m. “Kiss the Pig” Fundraiser Results – Thanks Commissioner Short for spearheading!
7:00 p.m. Cow Plop Bingo (TICKETS to SELL or BUY are available at the 4-H OFFICE)
7:30 p.m. AUCTIONS: 4-H Livestock Auction - main show pavilion
4-H Fishing Charter donated by Bayside Girls Charters, Capt. Chuck Clark
4-H Cake Auction immediately following.
Chainsaw Carvings for Ag Center
10:00 p.m. All Saturday Overnight Passes due to Fair Office
GREEN/WHITE Challenge Events – main show pavilion

Sunday July 19, 2015: 4-H and Exhibitors Only – Not Open to the Public
6:00 – 11:00 am AG CENTER CLEAN-UP!!* All Fair Participants expected to help!!**
6:00 a.m. All 4-H, Open and Commercial Exhibits released - 4-H’ers MUST return for awards ceremony!!**
10:30 a.m. Trash Pick-up and Tug-of-War GREEN/WHITE Challenge Events
11:00 a.m. 4-H Awards program – All 4-H FAIR PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND!
1:00 p.m. Fair not responsible for exhibits left after this time

* All 4-H Animal exhibitors must sign-off with their chairperson that your exhibit area (stalls, cages, etc.) is clean. Failure to do so could result in loss of fair premiums.
** ALL participating 4-H’ers are expected to assist in helping cleaning up the fairgrounds (NOT just your own entries) before and after the awards ceremony! This includes: trash removal; cleaning up exhibits; sweeping all buildings; putting benches away; removing signs; cleaning up fair office; loading items to go home; cleaning up kitchen and bathrooms; closing up buildings; moving picnic tables to pavilion; and any other job needed. With everyone’s help, we can all go home in a short amount of time!!

*IMPORTANT KENT COUNTY FAIR UPDATES AND INFORMATION*
1. Volunteers Needed!!! Megan Fry, is a new Ag Center Board member and is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Fair. She is looking for 4-H’ers and families to help with the gate (taking money and stamping hands of folks coming in the fairgrounds) and in the fair kitchen. All 4-H Families are expected to help at some time. The Board is asking for everyone to give 2 hours of time during the fair. Please contact Megan @ email Megan Fry megrfry@gmail.com go to http://www.kentcountyfair.org/ to sign up!
2. 4-H Member and Volunteer Cards – will be distributed to all 4-H’s and volunteers with current active status at club meetings or hand delivered to you. If you do not have your card, it can be picked-up in the Extension Office. Cards are available in the Office and will be at all the Fair clean-ups. Questions, call Theresa or Beth at the Extension Office. Carry it with you! This will get you into the Kent County Fair and the MD State Fair for free. The G or W on the right side of your card designates whether you are on the Green or White teams for the 4-H G/W challenge.
3. Fair Photographers Needed – 4-H’ers are needed to help record the fair with digital photographs! If you have the photography project and want more experience or want to add a county level activity to your resume or summary page – this is it! Photographers take pictures of 4-H, Open and any other events around the fair grounds. The Extension Office will provide a camera or you may use your own. The goal: Lots of pictures!
Commitment can be for an hour or up to a day. You decide. Sign-up in the Extension Office by **July 8th**!

4. **NEW!!!** Livestock + ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITOR 4-H Mandatory Meeting – All 4-H Animal Exhibitors are expected to attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday July 16th at 12:00 noon in the main show pavilion. All animals should be on grounds and in place. Weigh-in for market livestock will begin at 12:30 p.m. Sale Chair Pat Langenfelder, Show Chairs and Beth Hill will brief you on hand-washing, exhibits, procedures, weigh-in, livestock show and sale information. Please put this time on your calendar!

5. **Fair Opening Ceremonies** – Opening Ceremonies will include introduction of the clubs and KCHS FFA, performance of the National Anthem, and the official welcome and opening by Fair President John Plummer. The opening will begin with raising of the flags at the new flag poles at the Memorial Stone. We will say the pledges in the main pavilion. Still needed are:
   a. **Club Representatives to do Introductions** – each club must have a 4-H’er to introduce the club. A card will be provided to that person with information needed to introduce the club. Please contact the Extension Office ASAP with your club’s representative!!!!
   b. **Pledge Leaders** – 4-H’ers are needed to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Banners are available to help in leading the 4-H Pledge. You may do it yourself, with a friend or even as a small group. Please sign-up by **July 8th** if you are interested!
   c. **3 4-H’ers to Raise the Flags** – 3 4-H’ers are needed to raise the American and 4-H flags, the Maryland Flag and the County Flag prior to opening ceremonies. If you are interested, call by July 8th!

6. **Other 4-H’ers Jobs at the Fair:**
   a. **Office Attendants** – If there are 4-H’ers, parents, grandparents who would like to help at the fair, the fair office is a great place to spend some time and fulfill your 2 hour commitment to the Fair. Duties include answering fairgoer questions, monitoring use of the phone, making announcements on the loudspeaker! If you are interested, contact the 4-H Office.
   b. **Trash Pick-up Volunteers:** A crew will be recruited to help pick-up trash throughout the fair. If you are willing to help, make sure to tell Casey Hurd at the clean-ups or at the fair.
   c. **Photographers** – take photos of fair events: 4-H, candid, shows, music, food, everything! Sign up by July 8th.
   d. **Fair 4-H Awards Ceremony** – All 4-H Fair participants are expected to attend the 4-H Awards Ceremony on Sunday July 19th. You should be at the fairgrounds anyway picking up your exhibits and cleaning up the fairgrounds. Results of many competitions will be revealed including – herdsman, horse high point winners, ad show results not awarded during the fair. This will also be the final **GREEN/WHITE Challenge Events. 4-H’ers are needed to properly take down and fold the flags for the fair closing ceremony – American Flag, State Flag, and County Flag. If you are interested in helping, call by July 8th.

**4-H INDOOR EXHIBIT ENTRY INFORMATION**

4-H indoor exhibits are entered on Tuesday from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 2:30 until 5:00 p.m. Note: **You must have all exhibits entered by 5:00 pm so plan your time accordingly.** All indoor entries must have a completed entry tag with them. Directions for completing the tag are below. 4-H’er must be enrolled in the project area to enter exhibits. For example, to enter a vegetable project, a 4-H’er may be enrolled in Plants and Soil, Gardening, Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables, or Learning the 4-H Way.

**Entries MUST Follow Premium Guide rules!** Please follow all the guidelines and instructions for your entry precisely. Exhibits failing to follow guidelines will be penalized at least 1 placing level from where they would have placed and may be disqualified (which means a loss of premium money and chances for champions). For example, a photo that would have placed 1st will automatically be placed 2nd (and lose eligibility to be a champion) if it is in a frame because photos must be matted, not framed. **Other**
common examples of not following guidelines include:
Fruits and Vegetables - incorrect number of vegetables submitted
Plants and Flowers - incorrect number of flower blooms, not labeled or incorrectly labeled
Art - artwork framed - it should NOT be framed but should have a border (Attend art mounting workshop!)
Farm Crops – incorrect number of samples and presented in incorrect container, etc.
Cakes – item and icing not made from scratch, not having recipes, not following guidelines of classes.

Photography Department News and Reminder! Photos DO NOT need to be mounted on mat board or illustration board as specified. Photos should be matted (border matting!) with correct mat size. The 4-H Office purchased **500 mats for 5 x7 photos**. They are available in 2 colors: white and cream. They are available on a 1st come 1st serve basis but you must know how many photos you are matting. If you would like assistance or materials to mount your art or photos, contact the extension office.

The 4-H Office urges 4-H’ers to take pictures for Classes 17 (color) and 34 (b/w), “Trees of Kent County”. These are 4-H Only classes and must feature trees located in Kent Co. The class winners receive their fair premium and an extra $20 bonus premium from the Kent County Forestry Board. The photos will also appear on a specially designed poster. Each recipient receives 5 copies of the poster, 1 is given to County Commissioners and a copy is hung in the Ag Center Fair Office. At right is the 2014 poster featuring the winning photos of Dylan Hill, Grace Kelley, Claire Parker, Sarah Parker and Jennifer Quinn. This could be YOUR picture in 2015!

**MD Guidelines for Exhibiting & Judging Agricultural Products** is available in the 4-H Office. This booklet gives exhibiting guidelines for vegetables, fruit, flowers, agricultural crops and eggs. Get your copy!

**Completed Tags may be brought to the 4-H Office for Pre-registration!** All 4-H’ers entering more than 5 indoor division entries are encouraged to bring completed entry tags (not the projects themselves) to the 4-H Office for pre-registration. Entries will be recorded and tags stamped. You will not have to stand in line at the fairgrounds to have your entries written. Last minute entries can of course still be entered at the fairgrounds.

- We ask one thing – if you do not bring an entry to the fair that you had pre-entered, please let the registration table know so the exhibit can be deleted in the entry books! Thank you!
- Indoor tags can be pre-entered until Tuesday July 14th at 12:00 noon

**Indoor Exhibit Entry Procedure at the Fair:**
1. Volunteers Needed – 2 teens or adults are needed to help with exhibit check in on Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and 2 volunteers on Wednesday from 2:30 – 5:00 pm. Please contact the 4-H Office if you can help!
2. Have entry tags COMPLETED for every exhibit to be entered (but NOT attached to the exhibit!).
3. Present your exhibit(s) at the registration table at the 4-H Building to be checked in. Your entries will be recorded on premium sheets – this is a double-check on correct entries and are used to verify premium payments and determine the 4-H’ers with the most entries, so you MUST be checked in. Your tag will be stamped with a clover so chairpersons know your exhibit was entered correctly.
4. Then take exhibits to the appropriate chairperson in the front or back of the building or the Dining Hall
   a. Front of building through main door – Art, Crafts, Food Preservation, Home & Family Living,
Photography, Pre-4-H, 4-H Promotion, Entomology, Forestry, Nature Collections, Science, Woodworking, Electricity, Welding, and Small Engines

b. Back of the Building through rear door – Fruits & Veggies, Farm Crops and Plants & Flowers
c. Dining Hall – Food Preparation – Cakes, Baking and all Food Preparation division entries.
d. Clothing Construction exhibits are due Monday July 13th in the Ext. Office by 4:00 pm!

5. Each chairperson will double check that all the above has been completed.
6. Exhibit will be taken by Chairperson to be judged and displayed.
7. NO ONE is permitted in the exhibit hall during entering or judging except judges, chairpersons and their designated helpers, and Extension Staff. The Exhibit Building will reopen on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors with Hobby Collections, Nature Collections and Well Dressed Tables may set up their exhibits.
8. Indoor entries MUST remain in the Exhibit Hall until Sunday at 6:00 a.m. or risk losing champions and fair premiums!!

HOW TO FILL OUT THE 4-H ENTRY TAG! Here are line-by-line instructions for completing your 4-H entry tag:

**Line 1:** ENTRY NO.: Please put your exhibitor number here*
**AGE:** Put your 4-H Age - Jr., Int., or Sr.

**Line 2:** PROJECT: Write the class number (ex. Class 1 Insect Collection)
**DIV:** Write the Department letters (ex. HO for Science) and Section Number (ex. Sect. 1 entomology) = HO/1

**Line 3:** ARTICLE: Write the project description (ex. Beetle collection)

**Line 4:** NAME: Write your name

**Line 5:** CLUB: Write the club(s) you belong to

**Line 6:** LEADER: can write club leader’s name or leave blank.

*Your exhibitor number is printed on your 4-H Member Card in the left corner. Exhibitor numbers remain the same your whole 4-H career. Call the 4-H Office if you need your exhibitor number or have any questions.

**Do not** attach your tag to the exhibit. The chairman for the division will make sure the tag is attached. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Paperwork Requirements for the Kent County Fair & State Fair

There is a lot of paperwork required for 4-H’ers to participate in the Kent and Maryland State fairs. Listed below are the paperwork requirements and an explanation of them. Any 4-H’er missing any of the papers listed below, will receive an email, a phone call or be contacted with individual instructions. If you are still unsure what you need to complete, please contact the 4-H Office immediately. The following paperwork is required:

- 4-H Behavioral Expectations
- Kent Fair Entry Form (Pre-entered events only – these were due June 15th)
- Kent Fair Overnight Approval Form
- Health Form with Photo – due July 8th
- Fair Chaperone Job Description – Adults Only
- Maryland Code of Animal Science Ethics – Was done with re-enrollment/new member enrollment
- Livestock Feed Assurance Form (signed at the fair)
- Poultry Premise Identification
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or CVI (MDA Animal Health Form)
- MDA – Self Certification
- MD State Fair Entries – online entries only!
- MD State Fair Exhibitor Release Form
4-H Behavioral Expectations - All 4-H’ers must sign a Behavioral Expectations form to be eligible to participate in the fair or ANY 4-H event. 4-H’ers complete this form when you enroll for the 1st time or reenroll each fall/winter. If you are unsure if you have a current Behavioral Expectation form, you can check with the Extension Office. Please read over the Expectations carefully as the guidelines will be enforced at the Fair and any other 4-H events. This includes but is not limited to the unauthorized use of tobacco products, the consumption of alcohol, use of illegal drugs, destruction of property, theft, sexual activity, and failure to comply with direction of Extension officials.

MD 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics - All 4-H’ers exhibiting in any animal project including beef, dairy cattle, dog, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, cavy, llama, small pet, sheep and swine projects, must sign a “4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics” form to compete in Maryland 4-H animal events. This includes regional, county, and state fairs and any other animal events. This form was developed so that expectations, conduct, and approved practices are spelled out very clearly. Signing once covers the whole show season, but it must be resigned annually. Please read it carefully. If you are unsure whether you have signed a form, please call the Extension Office.

Overnight Approval Form – This form was signed and turned in with county fair entries. Prior to the fair, it indicates approval from parents that a 4-H’er will be staying overnight at the fair. Each evening of the fair, the 4-H’er must get a parent and designated chaperone (chaperone could be parents also) to sign the Overnight Approval before 9:00 p.m. If the form is not complete and returned by 9 p.m., the 4-H’er will be unable to stay.

4-H’er Health Form and Photo – All 4-H’ers and chaperones staying overnight on the fairgrounds must complete a health form by July 8th and include a photo. The health form is used in case of an emergency and a parent is unavailable or an adult is unresponsive. The form does not have to be completed by a doctor. During the overnight hours it will be available in the event of an emergency.

Fair Chaperone Job Description – All adults staying overnight on the fairgrounds as chaperones must complete a Chaperone Job Description. It is specifically designed for the Kent County Fair and the duties required of a fair chaperone. It must be signed to be a chaperone of any 4-H’ers on the grounds.

Poultry Premise ID – If you have poultry on your property for more than 3 months, you must get a Poultry Premise ID through the Maryland Department of Agriculture. You are required to show your Premise ID card to MDA State inspectors at the Fair. All exhibitors in the Kent County Fair Poultry must have their Premise ID number and card on hand. Applications are available in the Extension Office and there is no fee.

Livestock Feed Assurance Form – This is for market animal exhibitors only. It is a sign-off that the animal has not been fed animal by-products, adulterated in unapproved ways, or contain illegal levels of drug residues. The forms will be signed after the livestock show on Friday, and must be on file before the animal is sold on Saturday at the Livestock sale. A copy of the form will stay on file in the 4-H Office and the original will accompany the animal to processing.

4-H Animal Science at the Fair

Reminder: No Dogs are allowed on Fairgrounds except dogs participating in shows, and service dogs. Thank you!

Don’t Forget! Sign your Self Certification on the back of your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). The self certification must be signed by the exhibitor and the parent before coming to the fair grounds. You are certifying that your animal is healthy. Horse, Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, and Rabbit exhibitors must present self certs. Go to the Maryland Department of Agriculture website under Animal Health – Fair and Show
ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS:

- A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) – CVI’s are the same as 2014. A CVI must be signed by a certified veterinarian within 60 days prior to the fair (May 17th). You DO NOT need to mail the form to the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA). CVI’s are valid for 180 days from date of approval. Please make sure your animals have a valid CVI or 4-H’ers cannot show!!!! Call the Extension Office if you have questions. Go to MDA’s website for more details: www.mda.state.md.us.
- All out-of-state livestock must meet interstate regulations. See MDA website above.
- All poultry (including chickens, quail, pea fowl, etc.) must have a negative pollurum typhoid test. You must also have registered your premises with MDA. This is MANDATORY for all poultry exhibitors. A form is available in the Extension Office. Poultry exhibitors must present a Poultry Self Certification at the fair.
- Chairs Stefanie Blyman and Donna Simmons will contact you for testing after reviewing entries.
- NOTE FOR 2015 – No Waterfowl (ducks and geese) will be exhibited this year by orders from MDA. See above website or contact the Extension Office for details.
- Sheep and Goats are required to have scrapie identification.
- All Horses on grounds must have proof of negative Coggins and sign the Horse Self-Certification. 4-H’ers should have submitted copy of the Coggins with your entry and bring Self-Certs to the Fair.
- Dogs must have proof of rabies shots.
- Rabbits, Cavy and Poultry Exhibitors – Exhibitors must have completed the Poultry, Rabbit and Cavy Registration Form by June 1st. (Note: the registration is NOT your fair entry. A poultry pre-entry form must also be completed for your animals to be entered in the fair and appropriate Open division fees paid). Poultry exhibitors must submit their animal’s leg band numbers after testing to complete their form. The forms will be turned into the state.
- Rabbits, cavies and other small pets not requiring a health certificate by MDA need to be in good health. Rabbits need to present a completed Self Certification Form. They do not need to have a CVI or vet inspection.
- The authority to excuse animals from the shows for health reasons rests with the veterinary official responsible for health inspections at the show. In the absence of a State Vet, a fair committee of 2 representatives made up of Animal Department Chair, Fair Board Animal Director, and/or Extension Ag or 4-H Educator has authority.
- Insurance on animals – Many homeowners policies do not cover liability coverage on 4-H animal projects. Be sure to obtain something in writing from your insurance agent assuring this coverage. Take the time to ask your agent.

4-H Auctions: Livestock, Cakes and Pies

1. 4-H Record Books and Auctions – If you have sold a cake or animal in a 4-H Auction, you are required to complete a 4-H record book to be eligible to sell in future sales. It is a privilege to sell a 4-H project and a premium price is obtained by selling your project through the 4-H Auctions. Therefore, we ask that exhibitors complete the education portion of the project, the record book, to continue eligibility. Anyone who has sold in the past and did not complete a RB, has been notified by mail. If this is your 1st year to sell a cake or animal, you do not have to have completed a 2014 book, however, to be eligible to sell in 2016, you will have to complete a 2015 RB and submit is by January 19, 2015. Contact Beth Hill in the 4-H Office if you have any questions.

2. 4-H Cakes & Pies! – The policy for cakes will remain the same including the addition of pies (changed in 2013) eligible for sale. All red and blue ribbon cakes/pies with a maximum of 1 per 4-H’er, are eligible for sale in the Cake Auction. The cakes will be kept in refrigerators until sale night. Only the 3 champions will be displayed in the cooler in the Indoor Building. Photos of all the cakes will be displayed on a bulletin board, with comment sheets and ribbons. All white and participation cakes will be sold through the kitchen or used for desserts for a BBQ dinner. See the Fair Premium Guide, page 17 for rules and guidelines. 2015 4-H Cake Auction chairs are Sharon Redding and Bird Miller.
3. **Livestock Auction** – all exhibitors will follow the Livestock Auction Sale guidelines on page 9 of the Fair Premium Guide and attend the Livestock Exhibitor meeting on Thursday July 16th. You must have completed your Behavior Expectations, Code of AS Show Ring Ethics, CVI’s and Self-Certifications and Feed Assurance paperwork.

   a. **Buyer Letter** – All sale exhibitors should recruit buyers for your animals. Contact businesses you deal with, friends, family etc. You should send a letter inviting your buyers to the sale. Contact the office if you would like a sample letter. You can also visit your buyers in person but it is good to leave them something with dates, times etc.

   b. **Livestock Sale Ads** – consider completing an ad for the livestock sale show catalog. You are welcome to submit more than 1 – a thank you to a previous buyer and ads for this year’s project. These are business card size ads. Please email them to emshill@umd.edu by July 10th to be included in the Sale Catalog. See example at right. Templates are available from the 4-H Office.

   c. Do not forget your “Thank You Buyers” signs for the Livestock Sale. Make them now and bring them with you to the fair! You can thank your 2014 buyer by name or thank all buyers. If you are not selling or preparing your animal, you should be in the cheering section boosting support for the sale. Please help thank the buyers that support the Kent 4-H Livestock Sale!

   **NEEDED! A 4-H YOUTH TO BE CHEERING LEADER – IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE 4-H OFFICE.** Great Leadership Opportunity!

**FAIR OVERNIGHT POLICY – Guidelines for 2015!**

- Only 4-H’ers exhibiting an animal project that stays on the Ag Center grounds (beef, dairy cattle, horses, goats, poultry, rabbits, cavies, sheep, small pets, and swine) are permitted to stay overnight on the fairgrounds. No exceptions.

- 4-H’er must have a signed Overnight Pass Approval and 4-H Health Form on file in the Extension Office. **Final chance to submit completed forms is July 8th.** This grants permission by parent to allow the 4-H’er to stay overnight.

- All approved 4-H’ers and chaperones will receive a Kent County Fair overnight wristband that must be worn from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. anyone not wearing a wristband of the appropriate color will be excused from the fair grounds. Police and volunteers will be on grounds and will look for the bands.

- It is the responsibility of the 4-H’er to make sure they are under adult supervision. The 4-H’er’s parent or a designated UME (University of Maryland Extension) certified volunteer must agree to chaperone the 4-H’er each night. The 4-H’er must have the Overnight Pass Approval Form signed by him or herself, a parent or legal guardian, and the designated chaperone (volunteer or parent) for that night. Form MUST returned to the Fair Office by 9:00 p.m. each night. If the form is not returned or doesn’t have a chaperone signature, the 4-H’er will not receive a wristband and will be unable to stay!!

- The 4-H’er must stay in the same area as their designated chaperone. If the chaperone is in the dairy barn, then the 4-H’er is to stay in the dairy barn also; if the chaperone in a camper, then 4-H’er must be in the camper. If the Chaperone is not willing to do this, then you must get a different chaperone or you will not be able to stay.

- Each 4-H’er with a completed Overnight Approval Form turned in by 9:00 p.m., will attend an overnight orientation on Thursday evening at approximately 9:30 p.m. in the Main Show Pavilion. You are required to attend one orientation only unless circumstances warrant an additional meeting. Safety procedures and expectations will be reviewed and wristbands issued to all who have completed the overnight process. Anyone not having a wristband will be asked to leave the fairgrounds by 11:00 p.m.
Each 4-H’er must have a current signed Behavioral Expectation form on file with the Extension Office.

4-H’ers must have a current health form on file in the Extension Office.

4-H’ers staying overnight is a privilege not a right. The purpose of staying on the grounds is to care for your animal. You can have some fun, but NOT at the expense of others. If your behavior does not reflect these expectations, you will be required to go home, no matter the time of night. You must follow the directions of parents, volunteers, chaperones and Extension personnel or be excused from the grounds.

OVERNIGHT CHAPERONES – VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS

• Chaperones for the Kent County Fair must be UME trained or the parent of the 4-H’er staying overnight. Only UME trained volunteers can chaperone children other than their own.
• Chaperones must complete a chaperone position description outlining chaperone responsibilities and duties during the fair.
• Chaperones must complete a 4-H Health Form to be eligible to stay overnight.
• Chaperones may be responsible for no more than 10 youth including their own children
• Chaperones will be issued a wristband identifying them as a designated chaperone after attending the overnight orientation.

Jobs at the Ag Center.*

Be prepared to bring: cleaning supplies, gardening tools, gloves, brooms, trash bags, and water to drink!

Contacts: Ag Center President (John Plummer), Vice-President (Ann Baldwin), Facilities (Casey Hurd), Indoor/Outdoor Chair (Cindy Todd); Kitchen (Holly Langenfelder), Treasurer (Shannon Bitter), Youth Director (Laurie Quinn), Entertainment (Beverly Clarke), Awards (Patrick Welch), Secretary (Dawn Hofstetter), Animal Chair (Kevin Miller) or Beth Hill, 4-H Office.

To Do:

1. **Flower Beds** - weed, mulch, plant, trim shrubs, decorate the flower beds and in front of 5 Animal Barns, Fair Office and 4-H/Open Indoor Building. There are no club beds, so everyone can pitch in for all flower beds.

2. **Bathrooms** – Public and Exhibitor – sweep floors, clean mirrors, clean toilets, sinks, showers, wipe down doors, hang Hand-washing signs (from 4-H Office), make sure toilets working, and put out soap and paper towels. If painting is needed, will be directed by Ag Center Board.

3. **Grounds** – do anything needed to make sure grounds are presentable
   a. Weed-whack around all buildings including behind rifle range, horse ring, fences and trees (please be careful not to injure bark on trees).
   b. Pick up sticks, tree limbs (take to back of fairgrounds), trash, and sweep walks
   c. Mulch flower beds, around trees, shrubs, behind show pavilion, swing set area, etc.
   d. Mow grass – needs regular mowing throughout spring and summer
   e. Pick up piles of weeds, pruning’s, limbs and branches. Take to designated area in back of fairgrounds
   f. Weed wherever needed – sidewalks, flower beds, barn areas

4. **4-H and Open Indoor Building** - do anything necessary to make building presentable, including:
   a. Sweep and mop floors; Clean windows inside and outside
   b. Clean cake cooler, glass cases
   c. Wipe down tables and shelves, window sills, etc.
   d. Cover tables and shelves as necessary with plastic table covering, paper etc.

5. **Animal Barns** ……..clean, check water spigots and check for any necessary repairs
   a. Dairy – weed front, level dirt if necessary, clean lattice/woodwork, check shades, hang fans, move out picnic tables and other items stored in the barn, etc.
b. Livestock – weed front, clean out each pen, check waterers and shades, clean lattice, sweep floors, check and clean-out scales house, hang fans, check water spigot, etc.
c. Horse – weed front and back, add stone dust and/or shavings, check stall gates and clips, check spigots, move any stall hazards, hang fans, etc.
d. Poultry – weed, check stone & shades, clean lattice, set up cages & stands, check water spigot, etc.
e. Rabbit and Small Pet – sweep floors, clean walls and ceilings, set up tables and cages, clean windows, check for any necessary repairs, paint if needed, etc.
f. Wash Rack – make sure working, area is clean of trash and debris, etc.

6. Main Stage – sweep stage, weed and mulch behind stage, hang Kent County Fair Livestock Sale sign, move picnic tables to grove area week of fair, etc. Hang backdrop Wednesday of fair week.
7. Kitchen – clean tables, sweep and mop floors/walls/ceilings, clean windows, wipe down counters and equipment, clean storage area, wash utensils, arrange supplies, paint as needed, etc.
8. Fair Office (Administrative Bldg.) – clean windows, sweep floors, clean walls and ceilings, wipe tables and counters, hook up phone for fair week, paint as needed, set up ribbons and awards.

* If you are unsure of what to do, where to put things, etc., please ask any of the above persons. General cleaning is always welcome, however, many of the specific tasks (like horse stalls, construction, repairs, etc.) are directed by the specific chair for that event/area.

Painting and other more major preparations may be done to any buildings. This will be guided by chair, Ag Center Facilities Director and/or other Board Member. This year the Detention Center workers have done a great job on major maintenance jobs like painting. Thank you!

Some of these guidelines are geared to clean-ups in July right before the fair. However, grounds maintenance, repairs and general clean-up can happen at any time. Flower bed maintenance should begin in spring.

2015 Fair Character Counts Thought:
Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, To leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
– Benjamin Franklin

Ethics and Character at the Fair
An extension of the Behavioral Expectations is ethics. The 4-H staff and Extension Office expect 4-H’er’s (parents and volunteers too!) to adhere to the 6 pillars in CHARACTER COUNTS! You represent the University of Maryland – College Park and Eastern Shore, University of Maryland Extension and Maryland 4-H. Take pride in this but also take responsibility. With this in Mind:

All fair exhibits must be the work of the 4-H’er.
All information regarding exhibits, including birthdates of animals, etc., must be accurate and correct.
Animals must be treated in a proper manner and not artificially enhanced to boost performance.
All 4-H’ers must be respectful of the work done by others.
All 4-H’ers (and adults) must exhibit good sportsmanship.
All exhibits should be work completed since the 2013 Kent County Fair.
Parents and adults must be respectful of others, be teachers and examples to all youth.
All 4-H Animal exhibitors must sign the 4-H Animal Science Code of Show Ring Ethics. Please read this document carefully each year.
Failure to abide by the guidelines of the University of Maryland, Maryland and Kent 4-H, the Kent Ag Center, Maryland Department of Agriculture and breed association guidelines, could lead to sanctions mentioned in the Behavioral Expectations document.
Here’s a Reminder about Character - Commentary by Michael Josephson

“The Garden”

A listener once sent me a poem with an unknown source called “The Garden.” I liked the idea so I rewrote it. Here’s my version of a lifetime garden to nourish your life:

First, plant six rows of squash:
1. Squash dishonesty in all its forms.
2. Squash prejudice.
3. Squash fear.
4. Squash negativism.
5. Squash gossip.

Then plant five rows of lettuce:
1. Lettuce be kind.
2. Lettuce respect each other.
3. Lettuce be grateful.
4. Lettuce be patient.
5. Lettuce be faithful to our beliefs.

Add four rows of turnips:
1. Turnip to do your share.
2. Turnip to vote.
3. Turnip to help others.
4. Turnip to worship.

For spice, plant three rows of thyme:
1. Thyme to teach and play with your children.
2. Thyme to learn and grow wise.
3. Thyme to think about who you are and why you’re here.

Finally, finish off the garden with two rows of peas:
1. Peas of mind.
2. Peas in your relationships.

It may be corny, but if you care for this garden, it will produce all you need to live a happy and rewarding life. This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.*

*Article from the April 2010 issue of the Character Counts Chronicle from the Josephson Institute, www.CharacterCounts.org

Special Events at the 2015 Fair

Check out the fair Schedule to make sure you don’t miss these great new events added to the fair this year! Please thank 4-H parent and Ag Center Board Entertainment Director Beverly Clarke!

- Fabulous Grease Band
- Return of 4-H Large Tractor Skills Event
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Youth Turkey Calling Contest
- 4-H Green and White Challenges
- Pony Rides by Bits & Bridles 4-H Club
- Bigger and Better Tire Tower
- Kiss the Pig Fundraiser!
- Chain Saw Woodcarving Artist Ben Risney
- Rides by Stine Amusements
- John Bunts, Singer Songwriter
- Antique Tractor Show
- Exotic Animal Display
- Cow Plop Bingo!
- Demonstrations, Face Painting and more!!

Selection of the “Edwin C. Fry 4-H Award”: Through a generous donation from the Fry Family, this award will be granted for the 3rd year to 1 4-H’er who exhibits outstanding 4-H Spirit and Attitude. This award will be presented at the Sunday Awards Ceremony and continue for the next 2 years. The 2014 recipient was Laurie Quinn.

★ The 2015 4-H Green and White (G/W) Challenge – After a successful 6th year, Green and White Challenges return with new and favorite challenges. The G/W Challenge was developed to build 4-H team spirit and camaraderie at the fair. The idea is to conduct teambuilding activities and challenges that will help 4-H’ers cross the lines of project, club, gender, family and geography to be a part of the Green or the
White Team.

- All 4-H’ers will be designated green or white prior to the fair – see your member card, call the office, or ask Beth Hill for your color.
- New 4-H’ers will receive wristbands showing which team they belong to. 4-H’ers who received them in ’09 - ’14 and can’t find it, will be reissued another if they want one.
- **All 4-H’ers, not just the ones staying on the grounds, showing animals, or exhibiting projects, but ALL 4-H’ers are encouraged to come to the fair and participate in these challenges in support of their Green and White teams. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate!**
- A schedule of events is being developed to give everyone an idea of when most challenges will occur.
- A G/W Challenge committee meeting was not scheduled this year, but anyone wishing to help, conduct a challenge, help set the schedule etc. is welcome to attend. Please call the 4-H Office if you are interested.
- A series of activities and challenges will occur from Thursday through Sunday that 4-H’ers can participate to build team spirit and accumulate points.
- These events are the confirmed G/W Challenge events for 2015:
  - Fair Club Clean-up Challenge – July 8th
  - Frisbee Challenge
  - Paper Airplane Challenge
  - Water Relay (need a volunteer)
  - 4-H Trivia Challenge (with buzzers!) Thanks Casey Douthit!
  - Archery Challenge. Thanks Max Scott!
  - Needle in a Haystack Challenge
  - Tug-o-war – by 4-H age groups (Jr., Inter., Sr.)
  - Sunday morning clean-up challenge
  - Final - 4-H Awards Ceremony attendance

**Green and White Challenge Rules:**

- All currently enrolled 4-H’ers are eligible to participate
- Participants in each challenge will receive a green or white chip for participating in an event.
- The winning Green or White Team for each challenge will receive 20 extra chips.
- Chips will be placed by the 4-H’ers in 2 containers in the fair office.
- Only the chips in the official G/W Challenge bins at the conclusion of the Sunday awards program will be considered toward the final tally.
- The winning team will be determined at the Sunday 4-H Awards Ceremony and have their team name placed on a special Green and White Challenge Plaque that will be on display during the Fair each year and in the Extension Office Conference Room during the year.

★★ **4-H 2016 Haiku Poetry Challenge!**

★★ The 2016 contest is underway! Get your entry in anytime between now and February 1st, 2016. 2016 Rule: The poem must be 4-H related and contain the H – “Health”. The Haiku form is available on the Kent 4-H website. This will also be a Fair Green and White Challenge. (If anyone would like to head this challenge, contact the 4-H Office.) Submit entries to office in person, fax or email to emshill@umd.edu. A prize of $25 for the 4-H Mall will be awarded to the overall winner. All participants will also receive an award at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Prize categories include: Most Creative, Funniest, Best Represents Theme, Most Feeling, Best 4-H Promotion, Cleverest, etc. and of course, the Overall Winner.

**Tips for Having a Safe and Successful 2015 Kent County Fair**

- Follow all rules in Kent County Fair Premium Book, 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics, Behavioral Expectations, 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book, Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Rules and any other rules associated with your project.
- Listen to and respect the direction of adults.
- Handle all animals in a safe manner and remember, the public is in attendance! Care for your animal properly.
Help with the hand-washing publicity efforts - hang signs, help educate the public about touching animals then washing their hands and using hand sanitizers. Set a good example by not eating around animals and manure. Encourage visitors to use the hand washing and sanitation stations.

Behave appropriately - do not goof around on rides, farm equipment, or other vehicles. Protect running and yelling - it excites animals, can cause collisions with visitors and injuries.

Show good character and sportsmanship in all competitions.

Be kind and courteous to all fair visitors and fellow exhibitors

Protect your skin with sunscreen every day, applying multiple times daily!

Drink plenty of fluids in the very hot July sun.

Don't overdo yourself - heat exhaustion can result. Follow the previous tip, get plenty of rest and slow down!

After the Fair – What do I do???

1. **Livestock Sale and Cake Sale Thank you’s** – must be written and given to Ms. Pat Langenfelder for Livestock and Sharon Redding for Cakes before you get paid!

2. **Write your Donor Thank You’s!!** All champion premiums and special awards are provided by many local donors. Without the generous donation of individuals and businesses, we would not have these wonderful prizes and extra funds to give. Every winner will receive notice on the donor of your award and address where to mail the thank you. Contact Beth Hill or Cheryl Plummer if you have questions about the awards and donors.

3. **Follow-up with any additional thank you’s** – you can never write enough thank-you’s or say enough thank you’s. Make sure to thank all those who supported you at the fair and write any additional thank you’s necessary after writing awards thank you’s.

4. **Save your Fair Premium Print-out for your record book!** When your premium check is sent, a print out will be included that gives your premium amount, all your event placings and will list any champions. Be sure to save this as you will need to record this info in your record book!

5. **Cash your premium checks!** Kent County Fair Premium checks must be cashed by January 1st of the following year. So, all 2015 fair premium checks must be cashed by January 1, 2016. **No checks will be reissued after January 1st and your money will be considered a donation to the Ag Center.**

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State Fair Entry Deadlines – Online Only – All projects (animal and indoor) must be pre-entered for the State Fair. They must be completed online by **Friday July 31st by 11:59 p.m.** Do not wait until the last day when the computers are the busiest. The entry system is open so enter early! If you do not have Internet access, computers are available in the Extension Office.

Some events need county qualifying contests to determine who is eligible to represent Kent at the State Fair. These events include bicycle, dog, all judging contests, fashion revue, and large tractor. All winners will be asked at the county fair if they are interested in going to state fair and will be entered by the Kent 4-H office by July 31st.

State Fair Book and Schedule – A hard copy of the state fair book and schedule is available at the Kent Extension Office. It is also available online at [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com), click on “Competition” at the top of the page.
STATE FAIR - EVERYONE MUST HAVE 4-H LEADER OR MEMBER CARD IN YOUR POSSESSION FOR ENTRY! Car passes issued to exhibitors will no longer be accepted as fair passes at ALL gates and lots. Everyone in a car will be asked to show their member card or pass every time they enter the grounds or have to pay the State Fair entrance fee. The state fair has cracked down and has a new security company to enforce as many people were entering the fairgrounds who were not volunteers or members and not paying. Make sure to have your 2015 leader or youth member cards with you at all times. Do not share your card with another person or risk being excused from the state fair and face 4-H sanctions.

New leadership took over for the State Fair the end of 2014. Andy Cashman is now in charge. There have been new hiring’s and many shifts in positions. Any that affect our Kent 4-H program will be reported. New for 2015:
- Rabbit exhibitors will now be able to bring 5-6 animals
- The state fair class book will be posted sometime in January.
- The market hog release time has been changed. Please check the schedule when it is released.
- Good News! Additional fans for the Cow Palace Show Ring have been approved.

Check out the first edition of the 2015 MD State Fair 4-H Newsletter to stay up to date on State Fair news! https://extension.umd.edu/news/maryland-state-fair-newsletters
April’s edition is found at https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/programs/4-H/Foundation/newsletter2.pdf

- **MD State Fair Youth Worker Application Now Available**
  The Maryland State Fair is looking for youth workers over the age of 14 to help out in Animal World, the Home Arts Building, and the Poultry and Rabbit Building during the 11 days of the fair. If you are enthusiastic about 4-H and able to interact positively with youth, UME and MDSF staff, volunteers, and the public, we want you to apply! You must be currently enrolled in the MD 4-H Program and willing to work a minimum of eight 4-hour shifts during the fair. Applications are due by July 15th and can be mailed in or filled out online. Have questions about working at the State Fair? Contact Amanda Clougherty at 301-314-7835 or akbrown@umd.edu

**Procedure for State Fair Exhibitor Release Form** – The state fair requires a signed exhibitor release form for all 4-H participants at the MD State Fair. The 2015 procedure is the same as prior years. The exhibitor will print out the form and mail it directly to the MD 4-H Center. 4-H Educators will not need to sign them.

**Educators will be reviewing and approving 4-H’er state fair eligibility online instead of signing the Exhibitor Release.** Eligibility includes completion of 4-H paperwork like Behavioral Expectations and Animal Science Code of Ethics, 4-H membership, online AH&QA completion, horsemanship standards, qualifying competition, etc.) If any of requirements are not fulfilled, the 4-H Office will deny your entry, so please complete all state fair requirements!

**State Fair Entries: Read the Rules!** The state fair has different rules and requirements for many entries including indoor entries. Please read the State Fair Book to make sure you are following the guidelines. Examples include: Art must be framed, Photos must be mounted, Farm Crops must have an crop identification card etc. Don’t have your entry denied or disqualified, read the rules carefully! Contact the 4-H Office if you have any questions.

**Indoor Entries Accepted up until Wednesday August 26th** – Interested in taking indoor exhibits to the state fair? Not sure how to get them there and back? Kent County 4-H will organize the taking and picking up of Projects. The Hill & Plummer families took the entries last year and the 4-H Office picked them up. If you would be interested in helping take entries on Wed. August 26th (leaving around lunch time) or picking up entries the morning of Tuesday Sept. 8th at the State Fairgrounds, contact Beth Hill at the 4-H Office.
MD State Fair - 4-H Presents! – MD 4-H is looking to fill the stage in the state fair indoor building with 4-H youth doing Demonstrations, Speeches, Talents etc. Please let the Kent 4-H Office know if you are interested. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase quality presentations and it is a great public speaking opportunity for 4’H’ers! All participants do receive a premium.

State Fair Indoor Tags – 2015 Distribution – state fair indoor division tags will be distributed to county offices in an effort to make the check in process more efficient. Tags will be sent and exhibitors can pick them up in county offices after the entry process is complete. Unclaimed tags will be mailed back to the state fair before August 26th.

Congratulations to:

Easter Shore Spring Show participants!
Jason Douthit - Sheep
Austin Hill – Dairy: Sr. F&S-5th, Fall Yearling-1 & Junior/Grand Champion
Sarah Hofstetter - Dog
Chloe Massey - Dog
Alexandra Miller – Dairy: Jr. F&S-5th, Ayr Unfresh 2 yr-1; Jersey Winter Calf-1, MS Spring Yearling-1
Ethan Miller – Dairy: Sweepstakes F&S, BS Unfresh 2 yr-1 & Sr./Grand Champion, Guer Fall Calf-1 & Jr. Champion
Parker Miller – Dairy: Jr. F&S-2nd, Ayr Unfresh 2 yr-2; BS Junior Yearling-1 & Jr. Champion
Paul Myers – Dairy: Guer. Winter Calf-1
Dutch Nickerson – Beef
Michael Nickerson - Beef
Kyle Plummer – Dairy: Sweepstakes F&S Champion (retired the silver bowl!), Hol Summer Year-1, Hol Jr. Yearling-1; Hol. Dry Cow-1
Casey Roberts – Rabbits & Sheep
Casey Turner - Dog
Natalie Whitehair – Dog

Brett Baldwin – who competed at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in Gran Island Nebraska the end of June. The team placed 12th overall. Brett did well placing 8th individually in Sporting Clays and 41st overall. Well done Brett!

4-H Project Updates and Reminders

What should you be doing now????

✓ Completing projects to enter in the fair! Look through the 2015 Fair Premium Guide, and pick projects to work on. Don’t wait until the last minute!

✓ Making sure public speaking is part of fair, a club meeting, etc. to fulfill the public speaking requirement. There will also be a 4-H Demonstration and Visual Presentation Day on Friday September 25th, 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.

Record Books Reminder - To complete a Kent 4-H Project Record you must DESC:

1. **D** - Do the project (You are working on this now in preparation for the Fair!)
2. **E** - Exhibit the project – at a fair (Kent County Fair!), show, school, gallery, bank, etc.
3. **S** - Speak about your project (Can do at the fair also!)
4. **C** - Complete the project record (Complete after the fair!)
2015 State Shooting Sports Events Eligibility - In order to be eligible for participation in a state 4-H shooting sports competitive event, the 4-H member must have been enrolled in and completed a basic beginner course taught by a 4-H certified shooting sports instructor of the appropriate discipline. Youth must be actively participating in a local program and the 4-H instructor will determine if the youth is adequately prepared to safely participate in the state event. Current state events 2015 enrollment (participation) dates.

Rifle—September 12 - On or before July 1
Archery—October 17 - On or before August 1
Shotgun—October 24 - On or before September 1

Once again, the Grand National Waterfowl Association will be selecting one 4-H member from Maryland to participate in the Grand National Waterfowl Hunt held in November 2015 in Dorchester County. This is a wonderful opportunity for 4-H youth. Please share with eligible youth in your 4-H shooting sports clubs.

To Be Eligible:

a) Be at least 14 years of age as of 1/1/2015
b) Not have passed your 18th birthday as of 1/1/2015
c) Have successfully completed a Maryland Hunter Safety Education Course
d) Be a current member of a Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Club, and
e) Be able and willing to participate in all three days of the hunt and related activities as described.

f) Send a complete application by 07/31/15 including most recent school grade transcript and personal photo. APPLICATION DEADLINE 07/31/15

Do you love science and fun science activities? 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is the world's largest youth-led science experiment. On October 7, 2015, millions of young people will take part in this year's NYSD experiment, Motion Commotion, to learn about physics, speed and safety! Kent’s event will be scheduled during National 4-H Week, on Monday October 6th. This may change based on time requirements of the experiment. Stay tuned!

A Potpourri of Summer Safety Tips – Have a Safe and Fun Summer

“In summer, the song sings itself.” ~William Carlos Williams

Mowing Lawns: With summer in full swing, it is a good time for reminders about mowing safety -- whether you are mowing lawns, roadways, ditches or other large areas. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 60,000 injuries are treated by hospital emergency rooms each year because of unsafe operation of power lawn mowers. Kids under the age of 15 are the most common victims. In fact, lawn mowing is the #1 cause of foot amputations in children. Several fact sheets about Outdoor Power Equipment are on line at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety site www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/tools.html. Individual fact sheets are available for: Riding Lawnmowers, Brush Cutters, Chain Saws, Pressure Washers, Weed Trimmers, and Power Lawnmowers.

Insect Bites and Stings: The Medline Plus site - www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/insectbitesandstings.html (from the US National Institutes of Health) offers numerous fact sheets for both adults and children covering all aspects of insect bites, stings, remedies, prevention etc. It includes pictures of various insects and the illnesses they may spread. Protect yourself at the fair as mosquitoes are present especially at dusk!
June/July Quotes:
"Accept the challenges, so you may feel the exhilaration of victory."  
George S. Patton
"I have done my best." That is about all the philosophy of living one needs.  
- Lin Yutang, Chinese writer, inventor (1895-1976)
"The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success."  
- Unknown
"When winning is the only goal, unsavory conduct is inevitable."  
- Aaron Cole, Aurora Sentinel(Colorado) managing editor
"The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become."  
~Harold Taylor
"We generally make too much of winning. Let’s face it: someone always has to win; that is the nature of competition. But the mere fact of winning doesn’t make you great.” ~ Wilt Chamberlain, basketball great (1936 – 1999)
"Mistakes are lessons of wisdom.”  ~ Hugh White

A note from the 4-H Office:

To all 4-H’ers, parents, volunteers, families and friends,

The Kent County Fair is almost here! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication in preparation for the fair! Club clean-ups and preparations are underway, with several clean-ups to go, the fairgrounds will be ready for our 33rd year at the Kent Ag Center. Thanks to everyone who lends a helping hand!

❖ To all Kent 4-H’ers, I look forward to seeing your project work and competition. I hope everyone is planning to participate in the Green & White Challenge events throughout the fair. And have fun!
❖ To the parents, you tirelessly drive kids to meetings, supply snacks, help leaders, and most importantly, encourage, teach and support your children in 4-H ~ Thank You!
❖ To all our wonderful 4-H Volunteers... You are the heart of the 4-H program, by giving selflessly of your time, expertise, and energy toward the improvement of our youth through quality educational programs. Thanks so much! I hope you visit the fair and see the exhibits prepared by the kids.
❖ To the families, grandparents and friends who support 4-H in many ways, we welcome you to another wonderful fair and thank you for your continued support.
❖ To the Ag Center Board of Directors – Thank you for your year-long dedication and preparation for the fair. Your support of 4-H events is invaluable!
❖ To the Donors, we couldn’t have the wonderful 4-H program, the Kent County Fair, the awards, the sales, etc. without your generous monetary and gift support. It humbles me time and time again, how very generous our supporters and donors continue to be. We shall endeavor to always be worthy of this generosity. Thank you!
❖ To the fair goers – thank you for your attendance and support of 4-H events and the community togetherness at the Kent County Fair!

The office is busy preparing for the fair, but Theresa, Verna, Cheryl and I are here to help you if you need us. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled 2015 Kent County Fair. Take time to enjoy some of the special events this year including the special music, many new events, the Green and White Challenges and of course, please plan to support the auctions! Thank you and best wishes to all participants.

Sincerely,
Beth Hill