



# Maryland 4-H Volunteer Voice

April 2017

## National Volunteer Week

April is National Volunteer Month and April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week. This is a perfect opportunity to show your appreciation for the volunteers that make a difference in your 4-H life. There are easy, low-cost ways to show you care, and research shows that some of the simplest gestures have the largest impact. Below are the top three most preferred modes of appreciation according to the Motivation and Recognition Preferences of 4-H Volunteers, 2000:

- Receiving a letter from a **4-H member**
- Having a **4-H member** visit them. *Bringing homemade cookies is an added bonus!*
- Receiving a phone call from a **4-H member**

Other thoughtful ideas include:

- Receiving a thank you note
- Receiving a picture from a **4-H member** taken from a memorable event
- Receiving an email

**Make a volunteer's day! Show them that you care and that they make a difference in your life.**



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## National 4-H Day of Service

April is **National 4-H Day of Service**. Celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Month (April) by igniting a Spirit of Service in your club, community and county! This national 4-H initiative encourages 4-H members, clubs and programs across the state to find a way to serve their community from April 1 to April 29.

Additional information, an event planning guide, toolkit and event registration are available at [4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service](http://4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service)

Share your passion for 4-H, serve your community and grow your world by being a part of the 2017 True Leaders in Service!



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## Maryland 4-H State Communication Contest

Adults interested in serving as judges for the **State Communication Contest** still have a chance! Contact Sandy Corridon at [corridon@umd.edu](mailto:corridon@umd.edu) to assist. Judges are needed for **four** categories including Radio Spot, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking and Interpretations .



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Maryland 4-H Aerospace Qualifiers, Workshop, and Challenge:

Currently seeking adults with a passion of S.T.E.M. and/or experience with rockets to assist with regional aerospace qualifiers in June and an aerospace workshop and challenge in July. If you are interested in learning more about any and all of these opportunities, email Jamie Morris at [jkenton@umd.edu](mailto:jkenton@umd.edu). Information will be posted on our website and distributed to all members in the near future.

### Other State Level Volunteer Opportunities may be found at:

<http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/volunteers/volunteer-opportunities>



### 2017 Training and Important Dates

**April 29, 2017**– Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Contest– University of Maryland, College Park

**October 5, 2017– 7:00-8:30 PM**– *National 4-H Volunteer eForum*

“Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders”

**November 2, 2017-7:00-8:30 PM**–*National 4-H Volunteer eForum*

““STEM”ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders”

**November 17-19, 2017**– *Maryland 4-H Teen and Volunteer Forum*—Frederick, Maryland

**“Know Your Impact on Today’s Youth and Tomorrow’s Leaders”**

**December 7, 2017 at 7:00-8:30 PM**–*National 4-H Volunteer eForum*–

“Helping 4-H’ers Grow in Life & Work”



### From the Heart

THANK YOU to all of our UME 4-H Volunteers and to anyone who “volunteers” in some capacity for our Maryland 4-H Program. As William Shakespeare said, *“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”*

**Thank you for helping us Make the Best Better!**



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