

4-H TRIBUNE

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Are you a Leader in the Carroll County 4-H Program?

The Ambassador Program is looking for Leaders!

We are looking for youth who are willing to promote the Carroll County 4-H Youth Program to Carroll County. 4-H is the premier youth development program in the United States, and we need to get that word out to others in our community. The Ambassador Program will be re-focusing and re-defining goals and activities in order to achieve that mission. When you leave the Carroll County 4-H Program, we want you to be THE leader in whatever project/activity you choose to tackle next!

Seniors will be sent an Ambassador application by mail. It will also be posted on our website and will be available in the office. The Junior Ambassador application is being revised and will be sent out in the near future.

If you are willing to work to achieve Carroll County 4-H becoming THE PREMIER Youth Group in Carroll County and the State, WE WANT YOU!!

If you have any questions, please call Kathy at 410-386-2760 or email kgordon1@umd.edu.

Market Swine, Lamb or Goat Weigh-In and Tagging Therapeutic Riding Barn

Market Swine: Friday, May 4th, 5-9pm

Market Sheep and Market Goat: Friday, May 11st, time 5-9pm

If you plan to exhibit one of the above at the county or state fair, it must have a CC ear tag and be weighed in here at Carroll County. **Registration forms will be in the March newsletter and will be online at our website. The Animal Science Code of Ethics will be on the reverse side, please sign and date.** Tags cost \$1 each and checks can be made payable to CCEAC. You must turn in a completed form with the number of tags you will need by **April 30th for Swine and May 4th for Lambs and Goats.** Anyone who does not turn in the registration form by the above deadlines will not be eligible for the fairs. **In addition, several youth show 4-H in one county and FFA in another: you must register, tag, and weigh-in the appropriate animal for that county!!** You may not weigh in your animals at another county and be eligible for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Questions?? Call 410-386-2760.

Castration Policy of the Maryland 4-H AnSc Program: All male steers, lambs, pigs, and goats must be neutered and healed prior to 4-H weigh-in and tagging. The only exception would be animals that have obvious signs they have been banded, however, their scrotal sac is still intact.

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming Jim Serfass, our Environmental Sciences FEA and Becky Ridgeway, our Human Sciences FEA to the UME Carroll County Extension Office! Jim will be starting on January 30th and Becky on February 6th. Stop by to meet and greet them. We will be planning a get together as soon as they get their feet wet!!

Jim Serfass

I was brought up on a dairy farm in Tioga County, Pennsylvania where I learned how to raise animals, drive tractors, and appreciate nature from an early age. I studied Environmental Science at Juniata College in Pennsylvania and began my career as an environmental educator a week after graduation. My work has taken me to some great places: the Hudson Valley, the mountains of southern California, and the San Francisco Bay area. After living in California for nearly five years, my wife and I made the move back East to her hometown of Westminster last June. Since moving to Carroll County I have worked as a camp counselor at Piney Run Park, an adventure guide at Terrapin Adventures, and a substitute teacher in Carroll County Public Schools. After a lengthy search for full-time employment, I am extremely excited to take on the role of Faculty Extension Assistant. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to do a job that combines the values and skills I learned from my upbringing with my experiences teaching youth in the outdoors.

Becky Ridgeway

Hi! My name is Becky Ridgeway and I have been involved with the Maryland 4-H program for many years. By being in the 4-H program I developed an interest in starting a flock of Tunis sheep, which I still maintain today. I graduated from West

Virginia University with my Bachelor's and Master Degree in Agriculture and Extension Education. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with everyone in the Carroll County 4-H program.

Achievement Program

Leaders: Next week you will be receiving in the mail the nomination form and the directions for the Achievement Program. It will also be on the website by February 1st.

The procedure will be the same as last year. Any questions, please call Kathy at 410/386-2760 or email kgordon1@umd.edu

UME Volunteer Leader Training

Would you like to be a **University of Maryland Extension Volunteer**? Are you helping out at club meetings with projects or activities? Do you have parents in your club who have expressed an interest in being a 4-H volunteer?

Please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 to register. When we have a good size group, we will hold a training.

DUE DATES

Club Planning, Secretary and Treasurer Books will be due by COB February 13, 2012. Please be reminded that every club needs to submit their Annual Financial Summary located in the Treasurer's Book.

Oh Look... It's Snowing!



It may be snowing, but that means things at the Extension Office may be closing! If there is no school or there is early dismissal in Carroll County due to inclement weather, all 4-H events are to be cancelled. In addition, if the snow emergency plan is in effect by 6:00 pm, all 4-H events are to be cancelled for that evening. If you have any questions, call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

Record Book Judging Training

Looking for something to do on those cold winter nights?? On February 15th, we will be having our annual Record Book Judging and Training session. Come right after work at 5:30pm, get trained, (or start judging), have dinner, and judge some more!! We will do another training at 7pm, if you can't make the earlier time. Please call the CC Ext Office to sign up, so there is plenty of food for dinner! Hope to see you on the 15th!

Livestock Skillathon

The Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest will be held March 3rd in Hagerstown, Maryland. If you are interested in doing this, please let Kathy know by February 17th. Practices will be held on Tuesday nights during February. Kathy can be reached at kgordon1@umd.edu.

SKILLATHON!!

Do you have an interest in learning more about livestock? Dates have been set for Skillathon practices! All practices will start at 7pm. There will be a couple of practices done in coordination with other counties. Please check the schedule below. The state contest is the first weekend in March.

Feb 7	CC Ext Office
Feb 14	CC Ext Office
Feb 21	CC Ext Office
Feb 28	TBD

Hope to see you there!

HORSE AND PONY CARDS

All Horse and Pony ID cards and Performance Leases are due to the Extension Office by **May 1, 2012**. Passing of Horsemanship Levels 1 and 2 are required to show at County and State Fairs. Info on the Horsemanship Standards can be found at: www.4horse.edu under "Activities".

Public Speaking Day!

It may seem to be a bit early, but because we are using the Fair Online Registration system, it needs to close early for maintenance by the managing company. Public Speaking Day is scheduled for March 17th beginning at 9am. **Rules and Regs will be in this Tribune and can also be found on the Fair website along with the Registration Form!! So sign up today!!** **Deadline to register for Public Speaking is February 17th.**



Procedure will be the same as last year, no pre-scheduled times, but you must be present by 11am to deliver your speech. Any questions, contact the Extension Office or superintendent, Janie Dell, at 410-386-2760.

HORSE JUDGERS! HORSE BOWLERS!

This year the State 4-H Office has decided to host all 3 contests on the same weekend, April 21-22, 2012 at the University of Maryland's College Park Campus. Following are the list of dates for judging/bowl practices.

Feb 8	Judging
Feb 15	Bowl
Feb 22	Judging
Feb 29	Bowl
March 7	Judging
March 14	Bowl
March 21	Judging
March 28	Bowl
April 4	Judging
April 11	Bowl
April 18	Judging
April 21-22	Contests at UMCP

MANDATORY HORSE SAFETY CLASS FOR 1ST YEAR HORSE MEMBERS!!

All 1st year 4-H horse members will need to attend a **mandatory horse safety class** to be eligible to show at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. Dates for these classes are:

Monday, April 16th
Tuesday, June 19th

at 7pm here at the Carroll County Extension Office. This would also be a good refresher course for any and all!! For more information, contact Kathy Drzewianowski at 410-848-0731.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

If you are a new member or have moved to a new age group (Junior to Intermediate, Intermediate to Senior) you will be required to take the Online Quality Assurance Program this year.

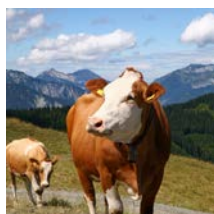
The program is online and required for **ALL 4-H Members** showing beef, dairy, hog, sheep, goats, horses/ponies, poultry, rabbits, and alpacas/llamas. The website to complete this program is <http://www.maryland4h.org/AHQA/>.

You must register and complete this program if you are going to show. The website will be open on March 1st and is available 24 hours a day. If you receive an error message while trying to complete it please let Kathy know.

The CC 4-H Extension Office has a "Computer Lab" which is available to all. Contact Kathy if you should need to use the computer lab. It can be used for both the QA training and for CC 4-H/FFA Fair Entries starting in May.

BEEF FIELD DAY

Put April 14th on your calendars. More information will be coming!



Swine Workshop.

The Swine Workshop will be held Sunday, April 1st from 2 - 4p.m. at the Extension Office.

Please RSVP to the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 by March 28th. Plan on attending if you are a novice or junior exhibitor.



If you have any questions, please call Vicki Wagner, Swine Superintendent, at 410-239-6750 or email at morningchoicefarm@verizon.net. If you are new to Swine exhibiting, please let Vicki Wagner know by emailing her at morningchoicefarm@verizon.net and she will add your email address to her address book of exhibitors so you receive important information and updates.

MARCH 24TH!!

Save the Date!! March 24th will be the **Home and Farm Safety Day Clinic** held at the Ag Center!! See the flyer in this *Tribune*. Registration deadline is March 1st! We have lots of interesting activities planned for this day!!

Dairy Lease/Own

The 4-H AnSc committee is doing a 2-year trial, where Dairy Steer owners may lease a Dairy Heifer. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact Kathy at 410-386-2760.

All leases are due to the 4-H Office by May 1, 2012.

Dairy Bowl Practice Dates!!

Yes, it will soon be time to start those Dairy Bowl practices again!! Here are the dates. All begin at 7:30 at the Extension Office.

Thursday Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Thursday March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Thursday April 5, 12

Contact Gary Brauning at 443-375-6963 for more information.

CLUB LEADERS!!

Please remember to submit the following forms to the 4-H Office by February 1st. Public Relations Efforts by 4H Clubs (AA-4-H4) and Affirmative Action Update (AA-AF13). If you need another copy of either one of these forms, we have extras in the office. Thanks!

Also, we have not received insurance payments and/or participation fees from the following clubs:

CC Rabbit – Participation Fees
CC Teen Council – Both
Deer Park – both
Finksburg Funnies – both
Flaming Arrows – both
High Ridge – Participation Fees
Hoofbeat – Participation Fees
Horse Force – Participation Fees
Pleasant Valley – Participation Fees
SC Tree of Life – both
SPARKS – both

Please take care of this at your earliest convenience.



FASHION REVUE

Our meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7pm, at the CC Ext Office. The next meeting is **Feb 15th @ 7pm**. All youth wishing to help in planning next year's events are welcome to attend!! See you there!

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDER NOW!!

SPRING FUNDAY MARCH 3rd
FASHION REVUE MAY 12th



Spring FunDay - March 3!!

While it's not really spring yet, we have run out of dates to hold this, so we will be early this year with Spring!!

The registration form is in this *Tribune* and due to the CC Ext Office by Feb 24th. Activities are still being planned, but plan to come at 9am and stay until 2pm!

Unit Completions

Unit Completions are available for pick-up at the Extension Office. Incomplete units have been sent back to 4-Her's. **All Livestock Sale Participants, if your unit was incomplete, you must make the corrections and re-submit to the 4-H Ext. Office by Tuesday, February 10th! If your unit is not recorded as complete, you will not be eligible for the 2012 CC 4-H/FFA Fair Livestock Sale!**

VETERINARY SCIENCE

Do you have an interest in becoming a veterinarian or a veterinarian's lab technician? Or do you just want to learn more about animals? **There will be an introductory meeting on February 1st, 7pm at the CC Extension Office.** We will start with the basics and over a 3-year session move through all the curricula. We will be meeting 2 times each month until May. On Feb 1st, plan on being here until about 8:30pm.

Avian Bowl

Avian Bowl practices are going to be starting soon. No previous experience is necessary. Anyone interested in participating, wanting more information or would just like to see what a bowl competition is like, please call Karl Johnsson, 410-833-5508, or Joe Hiltz, 410-549-1438 or Darlene Welsh, 410-861-5634. State competition is June 23, 2012.

BROILER CHICKS

If you are interested in purchasing broiler chicks this year, you may do so through the Frederick County 4-H office. The form is available on our website. You will need to send your check payable to Frederick County EAC, along with your completed order form to the Frederick office by **March 9, 2012.**

May 1st deadline to be enrolled in 4-H!!

Just a reminder to all club leaders
and 4-Her's:

May 1st is the deadline to be enrolled in 4-H in Carroll County to be eligible to show at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair!! Join before that date!!

4-H Legislative Day in Annapolis is scheduled for President's Day, February 20, 2012. The flyer is in this month's *Tribune*. Call the 4-H Office if you have an interest in attending.

Animal Health Certificates

Update: There are no changes to the health certificates required for show animals for the 2012 show season. Remember prior to attending a show or field day, a CVI must be obtained by your veterinarian and stamped at the Frederick Health Lab prior to attending the event. In addition, the self-certification form must be completed while loading your animals for the show. There are currently only two labs open at this time due to budget cuts. The Frederick Lab is open, but is the only lab for western MD. Please leave adequate time when needing paperwork or lab work completed due to the increase in clients using the Frederick Lab on Rosemont Avenue.

The **Maryland-Delaware Sheep Shearing School** is holding a class for beginning shearers. More information with the registration form is located on our website.

American Youth Horse Council's 35th Annual Symposium – Hosted by Virginia Tech University March 23-25, 2012 in Herndon, VA. For more information and the registration form see the flyer in the January *Tribune*.

2012 Camp Program



Mark the dates on your calendar now for the 2012 Carroll County 4-H Camps. Applications are included in this issue of the *Tribune*. They will also be available in the office or on

our website.

Younger Week – **June 25-28, 2012**

(Mon-Thurs) Hashawha Environmental Ctr.
Ages 8-11 (age based on Jan. 1, 2012)

Older Week – **July 16-20, 2012**

(Mon-Fri), Hashawha Environmental Ctr.
Ages 10-14 (age based on Jan. 1, 2012)

Please be aware that in order to go to camp this year you must have a zero balance from 2011 camp. If you are unsure if you still owe money, please call the office. **All camper applications and scholarship forms will be due by April 13th.** If you do not fill out the scholarship form, you will not be considered for a scholarship. All forms and money will be due into the office by May 18th. If **ALL** forms and money are not in by this time, you may forfeit your spot at camp.

Camp fills on a first come, first served basis, so get your application in soon!

Congratulations!

To all the Carroll County youth who were recognized at the MD 4-H Awards Gala on January 15th!! Members of our judging teams and National 4-H Congress attendees were announced! If you were unable to make it and got an invitation that you would be recognized, please come in and pick up your certificate at our office.

Club News

CC 4-H HOTSHOTS CLUB

Carroll County 4-H Hotshots will be holding a Purse and Basket Bingo on March 10, 2012 in Burns Hall at the CC Ag Center. The door opens at 5:30 pm and Bingo starts at 7:00 pm. We will also have a TV to raffle and door prizes. Lots of good food & desserts will be available.

Proceeds from this bingo will benefit CC 4-H Hotshots. We plan to use the proceeds to assist in sending our members to the 4-H National Shooting Sports Invitational in Nebraska this June, as well as sponsor members with a scholarship towards shooting camp or one of the state competitions we compete in. Contact Melinda Hunker @ 410-239-8900/ 443-536-6706 or Danette McThenia 410-549-2332/443-244-3272 for more information. Don't wait! Tickets sell out FAST!

CC Fair News

Mark your calendars!!

**2012 Carroll County 4-H
FFA Fair will be held
July 28th – August 3rd**



Too Many Ribbons?

Don't throw them away. Bring them to the Extension Office or a Fair Board Meeting. The Fair will recycle them for next year! So don't throw them out, let's recycle everything, including ribbons.

FAIR PHOTOS

Photo orders from the 2011 CC 4-H/FFA Fair are available for pickup in the Extension Office. We have pictures for:

Ethan Alster Kelly Garvick
Sue Grimm Michelle Laney
Karen Roberts

If you missed ordering the first time, you can still place an order for an additional fee.

Parents and Volunteers:

On April 21, 2012, the **Maryland Association of Agriculture Fairs and Shows (MAAFS)** will be holding the Spring Judges Workshop here at the Carroll County Extension Office. If you have always wanted to judge at Fairs, this is your opportunity!! Check the MAAFS website for more information and to register. <http://www.maafs.com/Judges-Program/>

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www.carroll.umd.edu/4h The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find *The Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

www.maryland4h.org The Maryland State 4-H Youth Development Website. News & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth and leaders.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Feb 1	Junior Record Books and Diamond Clovers due to the CC Ext. Office
	Vet Science Intro Meeting, 7pm, CC Ext Office
Feb 11	Out of State Trip Interviews, Carroll County Ext Office, 9-3pm
Feb 13	Club Planning, Secretary and Treasurer Books due to the CC Ext. Office
Feb 17	Deadline for Public Speaking Online Registration, 11:59pm
Feb 20	UME CC Ext Office Closed for President's Day
Feb 25	Demonstration Day, CC Ext Office
Mar 3	MD State Skillathon Contest, Washington County
	Spring FunDay, CC Ext Office, 9am-2pm
Mar 10	MD State Horse Clinic, CC Ext Office
Mar 17	Public Speaking Day, CC Ext Office
Mar 24	Home and Farm Safety Day, CC Ag Center & Extension Office, 9-2pm
Apr 1	Swine Workshop, CC Ext Office, 2-4pm
Apr 14	Beef Field Day, CC Ag Center, Details to follow
Apr 16	Mandatory horse safety class for 1 st year horse members, CC Ext Office – 7pm
April 20	CC 4-H Achievement Program
April 30	Swine paperwork due to CC Ext. Office
May 1	Horse and Pony ID cards and Performance Leases due to CC Ext Office
	Deadline to enroll in 4-H to be eligible to show at the CC Fair
May 4	Swine Weigh-in/Tagging, CC Ag Center, 5-9pm
	Sheep/Goat paperwork due to CC Ext. Office
May 11	Sheep/Goat Weigh-in/Tagging, CC Ag Center, 5-9pm
May 12	Fashion Revue, Time and Place to be determined
May 19	Wills Fair, Howard County Fairgrounds
June 19	Mandatory horse safety class for 1 st year horse members, CC Ext Office – 7 pm
June 25-28	CC 4-H Camp, Hashawha
July 13-15	State 4-H Horse Jamboree, Hashawha
July 16-20	CC 4-H Camp, Hashawha
July 28-Aug 3	Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair

Carroll County 4-H Dog Training Registration



Registration for Carroll County 4-H Dog Training Classes will be on **Tuesday, April 10th from 6:30 – 8pm** at the Carroll County Extension Office. Youth hoping to participate will need to call Robin Korotki at 410-239-6251 (leave message, please).

Youth and parents need to come at 6:30pm to register and attend an initial program session. **DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG. YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR DOG'S RABIES CERTIFICATE AND COUNTY DOG LICENSE/TAG** to be left on file with the trainers. No dog without a valid rabies certificate or county dog license will be allowed to attend training classes. If the rabies expires during training, you must bring the new certificate with you at the next possible training date. If you think you might be substituting a dog within the training classes, bring those certificates and license/tags with you also. **Please take the time to register as many dogs as you think you may need through the training sessions.**

Additionally, on **Thursday, April 12th**, there will be an initial **DOG EVALUATION SESSION**. The dog (or dogs) the youth is registering to train with will need to come and be evaluated as to their suitability. If a dog is deemed to be not suitable for this kind of training, it will be dismissed. A youth may substitute another dog for training, but it must be there on the 12th for the evaluation. The minimum age for dogs participating in this program is at least 4 months of age by the April 12th date. In addition, this year, there will be no classes for Clover age youth.

Both meetings are mandatory!!

The training sessions will start on May 1st and run through July 24th.

Fees for this year are:

\$ 5.00 for current CC Dog Club members

\$20.00 for all other CC 4-H members.

Carroll County 4-H Dog Training Classes are open only to Carroll County 4-H members ages 8-18. Please call Kathy, 410-386-2760 if you have conflicts with these dates or need further information.

2012 Exhibitor Requirements for Animal Health

Livestock Exhibitors: (Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Alpacas)
CVI and Self Certification form

Equine Exhibitors:

Valid Coggins test within the last 12 months
Equine Self Certification Form

Poultry Exhibitors:

Proof of MD Poultry Premise ID number
Avian Influenza Test
Pullorum-Typhoid Test
Poultry Self Certification Form

Rabbit & Cavies Exhibitors:

Self Certification Form

*** A person may not show livestock at any petting zoo, unless all exhibited animals in the petting zoo, 105 days of age or older, are vaccinated against rabies as provided in COMAR 10.06.02, unless there is no rabies vaccine licensed and approved by the USDA for that animal species. Approved species are Cattle, Sheep, Horses, Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets.



**SPRING FUNDAY
Registration Form**

March 3, 2012

Complete the form & return to the 4-H office with registration fee by **February 24, 2012**

(Fee Schedule – 1 youth=\$15; 2 youth from same family=\$25; 3 or more youth from same family=\$30) Make your checks payable to Carroll County EAC. Mail to Extension Office, ATTN Fashion, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster MD 21157.

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

If there are items that are needed, you will be called and notified. Planning is still under way.

ADULTS – Yes, I would be willing to help at Spring FunDay as:

_____ Volunteer w/Crafts _____ Volunteer w/Simple Sewing Project
(with heavy duty sewing machine)

Adult Name _____ Phone: _____ UME Volunteer **Y N**

I, the undersigned, in consideration of my child's participation in the Carroll County 4-H Spring FunDay being conducted on March 3, 2012, do hereby release, discharge and forever hold harmless, University of MD Extension, all its employees, volunteers, and supporters thereof in connection with the aforementioned program, from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, liability, or suits at law or in equity, for personal injury, whether physical or mental, property damage, medical, dental, or hospital expenses of whatever kind, including death, which I may have had, now have, or may hereafter have, in any manner connected with, arising from or growing out of my child's participation in said program.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I sign this Release knowingly and intelligently and with full and complete knowledge of the purpose of said program and without any form of duress and/or intimidation whatsoever on the part of University of Maryland Extension.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation in Spring FunDay, please contact the Extension Office at 410/386-2760 by February 24, 2012.

Carroll County 4-H



Home and Farm Safety Day

Saturday March 24, 2012
Carroll County Ag Center
Starting at 9 A.M.

Youth age 8-14 who live in the city or on the farm and anywhere in between!
Registration is \$5 and due on March 1st.
Make checks payable to CCEAC.

Topics Will Include:

- Chemical Safety
- Outdoor Power Equipment Safety
- Tractor & Farm Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Companion Animal Safety
- Fire Safety

For More Information Call: 410-386-2760

Send Registration Form and \$5 to:
Carroll County Extension Office
Home and Farm Safety Day
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157

Home and Farm Safety Day Registration

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Announcing . . .



4-H Day in Annapolis

Monday, February 20, 2012

Annapolis, Maryland

If you are interested in learning more about Maryland State Government and your role as citizen and constituent, then this program is for YOU!

Come spend the day with other Maryland 4-H'ers and Volunteers as we:

- ★ Tour historic Annapolis, our State Capitol
- ★ Meet with Maryland Legislators to share information about University of Maryland Extension and 4-H
- ★ Listen to various government officials describe their role
- ★ Learn how a Bill becomes a Law



County 4-H Delegations will make appointments to meet with their own County Legislators in the afternoon following the general program in the morning.



To register your County Delegation and for more information about this unique citizenship opportunity, contact Harford County 4-H Office at 410-638-3255 by 2/13/12

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CARROLL CO. 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST - 2012

SUPERINTENDENT: Janie Dell (443-340-8082)

ASSISTANT: Amanda Dell (410-596-7223)

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE

*Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., February 17, 2012

*County Contest: Saturday, March 17, 2012, Carroll County Extension Office

RULES AND REGULATIONS –

1. The contest consists of the following categories: Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, Radio Spot Announcement, 4-H Pledge, Interpretations – Humorous, Poetry & Dramatic.
2. Contestants will participate in appropriate age category: Clovers = ages 5 – 7 years; Juniors = ages 8 – 10 years; Intermediates = ages 11 – 13 years; Seniors = ages 14 – 18 years. Ages are determined as of January 1st of the year in which the contest is held.
3. First-Year Juniors are 4-H members ages 8 – 10 years of age as of January 1 of the current year who have not participated or competed in either a county Demonstration Day or Public Speaking Contest.
4. First-Year Juniors may participate in Division C (Junior) OR Division B (First-Year Junior); BUT NOT BOTH.
5. Time limits: **Judges may deduct points for speeches not meeting or exceeding time limits.**
Prepared Speeches – Clovers = 2 to 4 minutes; Juniors = 3 to 5 minutes; Intermediates and Seniors = 4 to 6 minutes
Extemporaneous Speeches – Juniors and Intermediates = 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors – 3 to 5 minutes
Radio Spot Announcements - 30 seconds for all age groups
Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation – Clovers, Juniors, and Intermediates = 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors = 3 to 5 minutes
6. Visual aids, including posters, are not permitted. Appropriate gestures are encouraged. Dramatic Interpretation contestants may opt to sit for their presentation.

Prepared Speech

7. **Prepared Speech** contestants may speak on any topic. It may be wise to discuss topics that could be considered as controversial with your 4-H or Extension Educator before the contest. The speech may be written for a specific audience such as a 4-H club, PTA, or a community-service organization. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted. Only Juniors and Clovers may use a complete script.

8. Memorization is not encouraged; however, speaking from an outline is encouraged.

Extemporaneous Speech

9. **Extemporaneous Speech** contestants will draw three topics on the day of the contest. They will choose one topic to speak on. Juniors and Intermediates may have up to 30 minutes and Seniors may have up to 15 minutes to prepare their talk. Contestants may use one side of up to four or both sides of up to two 4" x 6" note cards to write their key word outline. No speech should be fully written on the cards.

Radio Spots

10. **Radio Spots** should be exactly 30 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but **MAY NOT INCLUDE** a spoken introduction or "tag" by anyone other than the contestant. If music or a sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device.

The contestant **MUST** provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound-effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 30-second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to 4-H, be original and be created by the contestant. With the speaker's permission, spots may be considered for promotional purposes.

11. Speakers may speak or interpret in a language of their choice. If using a language other than English, the participant must inform the Extension Office before the event so that judges may be acquired.

Interpretations

12. **Dramatic** – the memorized oral interpretation by an individual or a serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. The speaker shall memorize this oral interpretation. It shall be a serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. Monologues are acceptable. Mime (use of your body to create an interpretation) is also acceptable. Cuttings may incorporate characters, but monologues are acceptable. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.

13. **Poetry** – the memorized oral interpretation by the speaker. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.
14. **Humorous** – the memorized oral interpretation of a humorous selection by the speaker. Cuttings may be taken from published plays or prose. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.
15. Speakers in the Interpretation Classes (Dramatic, Poetry and Humorous) can speak or interpret in language of their choice. If using a language other than English, the participant must inform the Extension Office before the event so that judges may be acquired.

4-H Pledge

16. **4-H Pledge class** is a non-competitive recitation of the 4-H Pledge. Participants will be evaluated as described on the score sheet. Judges may ask questions regarding the meaning of the Pledge and its significance to the participant.

Additional General Rules

17. Judges may ask questions of contestants in the Pledge, Prepared Speech, and Extemporaneous Speech, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation categories related to the presentation's topic. Due to time constraints, questioning should be limited to two or three minutes per speaker. Questions will not be asked in the Radio-Spot category.
18. At the State Contests, a contestant may only compete in one category. If a contestant wins more than one category at the County Contest, they must choose which category in which to compete at the State Contest. Only one Champion from the 3 Interpretive Presentations will go on to compete at the State Contest. Clover and Pledge classes will compete in Carroll County only.
19. The names of two ranked champions and two ranked alternates in each age group of each category will be selected to form a pool for possible representation at the State Contest. The highest ranked individual will represent Carroll County at the State Contest.
20. State Champions may not enter the same category and age group a second time. Previous year's local champion speeches may not be repeated.
21. Coaching during speech by family, friends, or others is not permitted.
22. All participants will be evaluated on the Danish System. Recognition and awards will occur at the conclusion of the contest. Premiums will be included with the premiums from the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. The following premiums are offered for Junior, Intermediate and Senior participants: Champion Award - \$4; Blue Award - \$3.50; Red Award - \$3; White Award - \$2.50; Clover and 1st Year Junior participants will receive \$1.

23. **Registration forms will be available on the Carroll County Fair website. There will be a link to direct you to the form. You will need to create a different login from the one you used for the fair. Registrations must be received by 11:59 p.m., February 17, 2012.** Food will be available for purchase in Burns Hall. **You will need to pre-register. The Contest will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be no assigned times for speeches. Report to the registration desk in Burns Hall no later than 11:00 a.m. to sign up for your room.** Remember to allow preparation time for your extemporaneous speech (15 minutes for seniors, 30 minutes for juniors and intermediates). **All judging will conclude at 2:00 p.m.**

CLASSES – DIVISION A – Clover (ages 5 – 7)

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | Prepared Speech |
| 2 | 4-H Pledge |
| 3 | Dramatic Interpretation |
| 4 | Poetry Interpretation |
| 5 | Humorous Interpretation |

CLASSES – DIVISION B – 1st Year Juniors (ages 8 – 10) [No previous participation in County Demonstration or Public Speaking Contests.]

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| 6 | 4-H Pledge |
| 7 | Dramatic Interpretation |
| 8 | Poetry Interpretation |
| 9 | Humorous Interpretation |

CLASSES – DIVISION C – Junior (ages 8 – 10)

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|----|-------------------------|
| 10 | Prepared Speech |
| 11 | Extemporaneous Speech |
| 12 | Radio Spot |
| 13 | Dramatic Interpretation |
| 14 | Poetry Interpretation |
| 15 | Humorous Interpretation |

CLASSES – DIVISION D – Intermediate (ages 11 – 13)

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| 16 | Prepared Speech |
| 17 | Extemporaneous Speech |
| 18 | Radio Spot |
| 19 | Dramatic Interpretation |
| 20 | Poetry Interpretation |
| 21 | Humorous Interpretation |

CLASSES – DIVISION E -- Senior (ages 14 – 18)

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| 22 | Prepared Speech |
| 23 | Extemporaneous Speech |
| 24 | Radio Spot |
| 25 | Dramatic Interpretation |
| 26 | Poetry Interpretation |
| 27 | Humorous Interpretation |



ONE APPLICATION PER CAMPER

**“Camp is a Zoo!”
CARROLL COUNTY 4-H RESIDENTIAL CAMP APPLICATION FORM – Youth ages 8 – 11**

***** PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR... a Camper Orientation for all first-time Carroll County campers and parents will be held June 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. *****

UME is collecting information in order to enroll you in the UME sponsored Carroll Co. 4-H Residential Camp. If you do not provide the requested information, your child may not be able to attend nor receive further information. The information you provide may be shared with UME and short-term appointed volunteers or instructors. Information provided to UME may also be shared among offices within the University and within the University System of Maryland and outside entities as necessary or appropriate in the conduct of legitimate University business and consistent with applicable law. Because the University is a State educational institution, such information may also be subject to disclosure under the MD Access to Public Records Act. Individuals may inspect and/or correct their personal information as provided by the “Public Records Act” and/or other applicable law or University policy.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Sex of Camper: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone No.(Home): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone No. (Work): _____

Is Camper a Carroll Co. 4-H member? _____ Grade completed at end of current school year: _____

Name of one or two friends Camper would like to share a cabin with: _____

RACE DATA

This information is requested on an optional basis. Your cooperation in providing it is appreciated. Please check the box that indicates your race which will be used only for reporting purposes.

American Indian Black
 Oriental White
 Hispanic

Residence (choose one):

___ A – on a farm;
___ B – Rural area/town of 10,000 or less;
___ C – Town/city of 10,000-50,000;
___ D – Suburb of city over 50,000;
___ E – City over 50,000

When: June 25 - 28, 2012 (Monday - Thursday)
Where: Camp Hashawha, Carroll Co. Environmental Appreciation Center, 300 John Owings Rd., Westminster, MD
Who: Campers are youth ages 8 thru 11 as of January 1, 2012
Cost And Deadlines: Carroll Co. 4-H Members - \$205 - [paid in full by May 18]
Non CC 4-H Members - \$220 - [paid in full by May 18]
Asst. Directors & Small Group Leaders - \$145 - [paid in full by May 18]
Cabin, Recreation & Craft Leaders - \$145 [paid in full by May 18]
Leaders in Training - \$155 - [paid in full by May 18]
Refunds: NO REFUNDS will be made after May 21, 2012
Scholarships: Partial scholarships are available for campers in need of financial assistance. Call the Extension Office (410/386-2760) to request a scholarship application. *Scholarship Applications will only be accepted until April 13. YOU MUST SEND IN \$50.00 DEPOSIT FEE TO HOLD YOUR CHILD'S SPOT EVEN IF YOU REQUEST A SCHOLARSHIP.*
Theme: Group names for campers will relate to our 2012 camp theme. “Hands-on” educational programs and activities will be related to natural resources and the environment.



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- In order to better accommodate your child's needs, please list any medical concerns, disabilities, or special needs of camper.

44Please list any needed dietary accommodations, including vegetarianism.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES

- ___ **CARROLL CO. 4-H MEMBER** - Enclosed is my Camp Registration Fee **(\$205)** PAID IN FULL prior to **5/18**
- ___ **NON CARROLL CO. 4-H MEMBER** - Enclosed is my Camp Registration Fee **(\$220)** PAID IN FULL prior to **5/18**
- ___ **ASST. DIRECTORS, CABIN LEADERS & SMALL GROUP LEADERS** - Enclosed is my Camp Registration Fee **(\$145)** PAID IN FULL prior to **5/18**
- ___ **RECREATION & CRAFT LEADERS** - Enclosed is my Camp Registration Fee **(\$145)** PAID IN FULL prior to **5/18**
- ___ **LEADERS IN TRAINING** - Enclosed is my Camp Registration Fee **(\$155)** PAID IN FULL prior to **5/18**

_____ Enclosed is my **\$50 non-refundable deposit fee** to hold my spot in Camp. I will pay the balance by the **payment deadline - May 18, 2012. YOU MUST SEND IN \$50.00 DEPOSIT FEE TO HOLD YOUR CHILD'S SPOT EVEN IF YOU REQUEST A SCHOLARSHIP.**

\$ _____ Total amount enclosed. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CCEAC" and mail to:** Carroll County Extension (4-H) Office, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157.

\$ _____ Balance due by **May 18, 2012 (IF ALL FORMS AND MONEY ARE NOT IN BY THIS DATE, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR SPOT AT CAMP).**

- **Health statements**, details on arrival time, what to bring, etc., will be mailed after April 20, 2012.
- **RELEASE:** I, the undersigned, in consideration of my child's participation in Carroll County 4-H Residential Camp being conducted from June 25 - 28, 2012 (for staff beginning on June 24), do hereby release, discharge, and forever hold harmless, University of Maryland Extension, all its employees, volunteers, and supporters thereof in connection with the aforementioned program, from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, liability, or suits at law or in equity, for personal injury, whether physical or mental, property damage, medical, dental or hospital expenses or any other expenses of whatever kind, including death, which I may have had, now have, or may hereafter have, in any manner connected with, arising from or growing out of my participation in said program.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I sign this Release knowingly and intelligently and with full and complete knowledge of the purpose of said program and without any form of duress and/or intimidation whatsoever on the part of the University of Maryland Extension program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

- **I give permission** to the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of MD, to use and publish my photograph for educational and promotional purposes without compensation.

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

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DUE: April 13, 2012

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**“Camp Natural Wonder”
CARROLL COUNTY 4-H RESIDENTIAL CAMP APPLICATION FORM – Youth ages 10 - 14**

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