



# Montgomery County News And Notes December X-tra

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## Upcoming Events

Dec 23,24,25, 2009

**Montgomery County 4-H Office Closed**

Jan 1, 2010

**Montgomery County 4-H Office Closed**

Jan 4, 2010

**Presidential Service Award Applications Due to Montgomery County 4-H Office**

Jan 7-11, 2010

**4-H Record Books Accepted During Business Hours**

Jan 8, 2010

**Out-of-State Trip Applications Due to Montgomery County 4-H Office**

Jan 15,18 2010

**Montgomery County 4-H Office Closed**

Jan 23, 2010 - Jan 23, 2010

**Beekeeping 101**

Learn about bees in general, beekeeping equipment, how & where to set up and establish a hive, how to use a smoker and

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, I wanted to send out some last minute reminders and a few new items.

Enjoy the snow!

# Happy Holidays

*Dear 4-H Members, Families,  
Volunteers, Leaders, After-School  
Coordinators and Friends,  
Thank you for all you do.  
We wish you good health and peace in 2010.*

*Sincerely,  
Montgomery County 4-H Staff*

## Deadlines Approaching...

Deadlines for the following events are approaching. Don't wait until it is too late to register or apply. All published dealines and workshop participation limits will be enforced.

### January 2010 Deadlines

- 1/4 - Presidential Service Award Applications Due to 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m.
- 1/7-11 - Record Books and Project Record will be accepted at the 4-H Office from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 1/7-11 - Completed Diamond Clover Plans Due to the 4-H Office
- 1/8 - Out of State Trip Application packets due to the Montgomery County 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m.
- 1/15 - Last day to register for 2010 Healthy Lifestyles Workshop
- 1/22 - Last day to register for 4-H Day in Annapolis
- 1/22 - Last day to register for New Officer Training

### March 2010 Deadlines

how to have a package of bees.  
One Saturday per month thru  
April, with a final session in  
Sept. Deadline 1/15/2010.  
Time: 9:00 - Noon  
Location: Wye Research &  
Education Center Queenstown,  
MD  
Contact: Debby Dant  
410-827-8056 x115

Jan 25, 2010

**Montgomery County Healthy  
Lifestyles Workshop**

Location: Montgomery County  
4-H Office  
Contact: Mary Fendrick  
301-590-9638

Jan 27, 2010

**Montgomery County 4-H  
New Officer training**

Location: Montgomery County  
4-H Office  
Contact: Mary Fendrick  
301-590-9638

Feb 6, 2010

**Montgomery County  
Communications Workshop**

Location: Montgomery County  
4-H Office  
Contact: Mary Fendrick  
301-590-9638

Feb 13, 2010

**4-H Horse Bowl Contest**

Location: University of Maryland  
Plant Sciences Building  
Contact: Kristen Wilson  
301-596-9478

Feb 15, 2010

**Montgomery County Healthy  
Lifestyles Workshop**

Location: Montgomery County  
4-H Office  
Contact: Mary Fendrick  
301-590-9638

Feb 15, 2010

**Montgomery County 4-H  
Office Closed**

Mar 20, 2010

**Montgomery County  
Communications/ Public  
Speaking Contest (tentative)**

Location: Montgomery County  
4-H Office  
Contact: Mary Fendrick  
301-590-9638

Mar 6, 2010

**Livestock Skillathon**

Contact: David Gordon  
301-590.2813

Apr 16, 2010 - Apr 18, 2010

**Maryland 4-H Engineering  
Camp**

Location: Rocks 4-H Camp  
Contact: Dwayne Murphy  
410-666-1025

Apr 24, 2010

**Maryland Day and State  
Communications Contest**

Location: UMCP Campus  
Contact: Chris Anderson  
301-314-7187

May 1, 2010

**Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl**

Time: 8:30am  
Location: Animal and Avian  
Sciences Building, UMD, College  
Park  
Contact: Kiera Finucane  
301-405-1392

May 1, 2010

**Maryland Sheep and Wool  
Skillathon**

- 3/10 - Create a Dish Garden Workshop: Class size is limited to 12 youth aged 8-13, and 12 youth aged 14-18. The classes are starting to fill, so don't procrastinate!

Information about all these items can be found in the November issue of News and Notes or in this X-tra edition.

## Coming Soon...

Look for information about the following events in your January edition of News and Notes:

- Communications Workshop
- Public Speaking Contest
- Livestock Skill-a-thon Team Practice Schedule
- Pepco Electric Workshop
- Dairy Bowl Team forming
- 4-H Recognition Night
- Spring Break Sewing Workshop
- Montgomery County 4-H Summer Camp 7/11-7/16

Remember, this will be our first email-mostly newsletter. If you haven't specifically requested a paper newsletter by sending an email or paper request to the 4-H Office, you will only receive an email newsletter. **If we don't have your email address, and you have not requested a paper copy, you will not receive an email copy of the newsletter.** The newsletter will be posted to the Montgomery County 4-H website as soon as it is available.

Information on how to register for an email newsletter, or a paper newsletter, can be found in the November issue of News and Notes.

## Winter Camp, January 16-18, 2010

Even though we may be dreaming of snow on the ground and a winter chill is in the air, we are busily preparing for the upcoming summer camp season. However, why wait for summer to attend camp? Make plans now to participate in Winter Camp, January 16-18 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center.

Teens - there is a LIT (Leader In Training) segment within the program. If you are interested in a summer volunteer position at camp, this is a great opportunity to receive additional training!

For more information and to register complete the **registration flyer** for the 4-H Winter Camp at the Patuxent River 4-H Center. This camping program is open to youth ages 8-15. Questions, contact the Patuxent River 4-H Center at 301-218-3080 or 301-218-3079.

## Science and Engineering Apprentices Program

Do you know a high school student who is interested in science and engineering and is looking for a summer job? If so, the Science and Engineering Apprentices Program (SEAP) may be just what they are looking for!

Applications are currently being accepted for the summer 2010 Science and Engineering Apprentices Program (SEAP). SEAP is an Office of Naval Research (ONR) sponsored program that encourages high school students to pursue science and engineering careers. The program provides students exposure to scientific and

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Fairgrounds  
Contact: Chris Anderson  
301-314-7187

May 1, 2010 - May 2, 2010  
**Maryland Sheep and Wool  
Festival**

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engineering careers. The program provides students exposure to scientific and engineering personnel not available in their school environment and acquaints qualified students with DOD laboratories. Students selected for the program will be placed with Carderock Division scientists and engineers for an 8 week apprenticeship.

Students will receive a stipend for the 8 week apprenticeship, which runs from June 21, 2010 - August 13, 2010. The stipend amount for 1st year students is \$3000 and \$3500 for returning students and will be paid in two installments.

Students who have completed at least grade 9; are at least 16 years old (by the start of the program on 21 June 2010) and US citizens, are eligible to apply. To apply and to get more program details, students must go to [www.asee.org/seap](http://www.asee.org/seap) <<http://www.asee.org/seap>> . The application deadline is 8 January 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. A complete applicant package consists of the application form, a personal essay, a current transcript and 2 teacher recommendations.

After the closing date of the application process, applicants will be rated and ranked according to academic grades; participation in school and community activities; work/volunteer experience; interest in and experience with math, science and computers such as participation in Science competitions/fairs; personal attributes, such as leadership, initiative, and interest in pursuing a math or science based career.

Top-ranking applicants will be available for an interview and/or selection by Carderock Division mentors. A separate solicitation for mentors will be sent in early 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact your program coordinator Brandon Smith (West Bethesda) @ 301-227-2865 or Andrew Alderfer (Philadelphia) @ 215-897-1868.

\* Please pass the above information on to college undergraduate and graduate students who may have an interest in participating in the Summer 2010 Program.

The link for NREIP is: <http://nreip.asee.org/> - College Students

NREIP provides competitive research internships to approximately 200 college students (139 undergraduate students and 61 graduate students) each year. Participating students typically spend 10 weeks during the summer doing research. To participate, a student must be enrolled at an eligible college/university (comprising approximately 160 institutions; eligibility is determined by the Office of Naval Research) and have completed at least their sophomore year before beginning the internship.

For undergraduate students the stipend is \$7,500.00 and for graduate students \$10K. Stipends will be paid on the 15th of each month, June-August

The last day to submit an application will be January 8, 2010.

References and transcripts are due on January 11, 2010 by 5:30 PM Eastern Standard Time <<http://nreip.asee.org/>> =

## **4-H Day in Annapolis February 15, 2010**

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

- Tour historic Annapolis, our state capitol
- Meet with Maryland Legislators to share information about University of Maryland Extension and the 4-H Youth Development Program
- Meet new friends
- Learn how a bill becomes a law in Maryland
- Listen to various government officials describe their roles and learn how we, as citizens, can be involved in government

County 4-H groups will make appointments to meet with their own county delegation members after a brief overview and general program in the morning.

For more information about this unique opportunity, contact the Montgomery County 4-H Office by phone (301.590.9638) or by email ([fendrick@umd.edu](mailto:fendrick@umd.edu)).

Registration for this event closes on Friday, January 22, 2010.

## How do you win a 4-H Achievement Award Anyway?

Did you ever wonder why someone has won an award at the 4-H Recognition Program? Well, the answer is "They were nominated".

Every year club leaders are asked to submit nominations for the awards given during the Recognition Program.

Here is a list of the awards. If you think you or someone you know deserves to be nominated, let your 4-H Club Leader know. Write them a paragraph on why that person deserves to be nominated.

Remember, just because someone is nominated doesn't mean that they will win the award, but you can't win if you are not nominated!

### **SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS** - Senior 4-H'ers (Ages 14-18)

- All Star Service Award - Recognition for the many small achievements and contributions that often go unnoticed.
- "I Dare You" Award - Recognition for excellence in character and well balanced personal development and demonstrates qualities of constructive leadership.
- Lawson King Award - Recognition for outstanding leadership with the 4-H Club, in countywide activities, community service and interest in the total 4-H program.

### **SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS** - Junior 4-H'ers (Ages 8-13)

- Service Award - Recognition for the outstanding 4-H'er who is always willing to serve in their club, community, or at county 4-H functions.
- Leadership Award - Recognition for the junior 4-H member who shows leadership qualities. Helping other 4-H'ers within the club.
- Community Service/Citizenship Award - The 4-H'er who takes an outstanding part in their Club's community service projects. Shows the ability to be an all around "good 4-H citizen".

**Project Awards** - These awards are based on overall participation and leadership within the project area. They are available to juniors and seniors in the following project areas:

- Livestock (Beef, Sheep & Swine)
- Dairy (Cattle & Goats)
- Horse
- Small Animals (poultry, rabbits, dog, cat & other pets)
- Mechanical Science
- Creative, Performing and Visual Arts
- Environmental Science/Natural Resources - There will be three awards (one of each age category). The awards will be based on work completed during the past year in the areas of Conservation, Safety and Citizenship and Natural Resources)
- Homemaker Award - Given to one Junior and one Senior 4-H member who has made outstanding achievements in home economics related 4-H projects.

Special Awards can only be won once for each age category:

- A Friend of 4-H Award - This award will be given to an adult or group/organization, not a 4-H Leader or Volunteer, who has worked on the county level to assist 4-H members in an "above and beyond the call of duty" way.

The [nomination form](#) can be found on the 4-H Website.

## **Montgomery County Livestock Skill-a-thon Team Forming Now**

*by David Gordon*

Interested in learning about cattle, sheep, swine and goats? Think you might be interested in being a veterinarian? Regardless of whether you own your own or simply have a desire to learn we want you! The livestock skill-a-thon team is getting ready to start practices. You will learn everything including feeds and meats to animal identification and equipment, and everything in between. If you are interested please contact David Gordon at (301) 590-2813, email at [dgordon3@umd.edu](mailto:dgordon3@umd.edu) or simply come to the first meeting at 7:00pm on January 6th at the extension office. Most practices will be on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office. [Click here for the full practice schedule.](#) The state skill-a-thon contest will be held in connection with the Maryland Cattleman's convention on March 6, 2010 in Hagerstown, MD. All youth are eligible to participate. Please call if you have any additional questions.

## **Apply Now for the 4-H Interstate Exchange Program**

The Montgomery County Interstate Exchange Program committee is currently accepting applications for the 2010 program.

If you are a Montgomery County 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18, you are eligible to apply.

Accepted applicants will travel with a chaperone to visit and stay with 4-H members in another state. The following summer, those 4-H members will travel to Montgomery County and stay with you!

Two summers ago, 14 4-H'ers from Montgomery County traveled to Colorado. They had a great time and made new friends. The location for this year's exchange hasn't been finalized yet, but will take place during late June and early July. Apply now! Space is limited!

[Click here for the application.](#) The due date is January 18, 2010.

## **4-H Animal Science Leaders Forum, February 20, 2010**

We will be holding the 4-H Animal Science Leaders Forum on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD. We would like to invite volunteers, teens (13 years of age and older) and UME Faculty/Staff to attend. [Click here to see the attached flyer for more details.](#) Registration materials and the full agenda will be posted the first week of January.

It is important to us to offer topics that you are interested in. Therefore, please take a moment to fill out a short survey to let us know what might interest you by going

to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/animalscienceleadersforum>

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