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Dear 4-H Families,

On behalf of the Montgomery County 4-H Office, we want to take this opportunity to thank our 4-H Youth and our many volunteers who helped make the 2009 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair a great success. Our 4-H youth did a great job with their many exhibits. Please remember to write your Thank-You notes to the donors of your trophies and awards. If you need an address, please call or email the 4-H Office and we will find it for you.


The 4-H Cake Auction and Bake Sale was successful again this year thanks to all of the 4-H youth who provided us with baked goods and to all of our wonderful buyers who purchased these items. Once again our county office will be able to provide scholarships, resource materials, awards and workshops for our 4-H Youth throughout the year with these funds.

Exhibit Release Day went very quickly this year thanks to all the volunteers that helped organize items and all exhibitors that picked up their items on time. There were a few items that were not picked up that are waiting in the 4-H Office for their owners to claim them.

Photographs from this year's fair and many fairs past are available for viewing. Visit the fair website at www.mcagfair.com. There is a link on the right-hand side of the page to view pictures from the fair. We'd like to thank Rex Reed our 4-H Photography Chairman for making these photographs available.

We would like to congratulate the recipients of this year's Montgomery County 4-H Scholarships. Andrew Dobos and Sophia Reeves each received a scholarship of \$1,000. Caitlin Perdue and Cameron Irons each received a scholarship of \$500. We wish them good luck in their future educational endeavors.

If your club is planning on using space in the 4-H building for meetings or other club activities, please remember to clean up afterwards. All the carpets in the building have recently been cleaned, so please keep food and drinks to non-carpeted areas. The Extension Office is officially closed at 5:00 p.m. All visitors will be asked to leave at that time so that the office wing can be locked. Please make sure to have all your business done by then.


Alganesh Piechocinski, CFLE
Extension Educator, 4-H


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Extension Educator, 4-H/Ag

Upcoming Events

Sep 22, 2009

Montgomery County Fair Indoor Superintendents Meeting

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Location: 18410 Muncaster
Road, Derwood

Contact: Mary Fendrick
301-590-9638 ext. 0

Sep 24, 2009

Montgomery County 4-H Open House

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 18410 Muncaster
Road, Derwood

Contact: Mary Fendrick
301-590-9638 ext. 0

Sep 26, 2009

AGNR & 4-H Tailgate

Join in pre-game festivities with AGNR Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Students, 4-H Alumni & friends of AGNR. FREE. Registration required - Phone or email. Celebration of Sheila A. Brown, AGNR Scholarship Coordinator as she retires for warmer days with family in Arizona.

Time: 3 hours before kick-off

Location: Campus Farm

Contact: Gail Yeiser
301-405-2434

Sep 30, 2009

Montgomery County 4-H Leader Update

Hear the latest 4-H news and pick up your re-enrollment packets.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 18410 Muncaster
Road, Derwood, MD 20855

Contact: Mary Fendrick
301-590-9638 ext. 0

Oct 1, 2009

Applic/Resume/Essay for Nat. I 4-H Conference Due

Applications due to the County 4-H Office

Contact: Mary Fendrick
301-590-9638 ext. 0

Oct 1, 2009

Registration for Video and/or woodworking programs Due

Applications due to the County 4-H Office

Contact: Mary Fendrick
301-590-9638 ext. 0

Oct 3, 2009

Youth Goat Skillathon Contest

Location: Washington Co. Ag.
Education Center

Contact: Susan Schoenian
301-432-2767

Oct 4, 2009

Maryland 4-H Gala

Montgomery County 4-H Open House

The Montgomery County 4-H Office will be holding its annual 4-H Open House and New Family Orientation on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Open House will be held at the Montgomery County 4-H Office, which is located at the Agricultural History Farm Park at 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855.

Presentations will be made by 4-H members and Club Leaders. Light refreshments will be served.

Interested youth and their families are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to 301.590.9638 ext. 0 or by email by September 18, 2009.

It is the policy of the University of Maryland Extension that no person shall be subject to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, disability, religion, age or national origin.

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Montgomery County 4-H Fall Leader Update and Dinner

The annual fall Leader Update and Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office. We encourage all of our club leaders and project leaders to attend. If you cannot attend, please send a designated volunteer from your club to represent you.

Club leaders or their representatives will be able to pick up their clubs Re-Enrollment Packet at the meeting.

Please RSVP to the 4-H Office by email or phone no later than September 25, 2009.

Learn Woodworking or Video Production Skills!

4-H Youth ages 12 to 18 will practice video production techniques and use of equipment, guided by professional Merrill Hessel, at the studios in Gaithersburg. This is a chance to learn and apply video program creation to develop productions that you can enter in the fair, use in school projects, provide to publicize events, or other uses. Meeting times will be decided by participant availability and studio availability.

There will be a beginning Woodworking program starting this winter at the Extension Office building. It is open to all 4-H Age youth. The workshop will meet twice monthly for about six months.

If you are interested in either of these programs, please register with the 4-H Office by email or phone no later than October 2, 2009.

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The 2009 Maryland 4-H Awards Gala will Sunday October 4, 2009 4-7pm at the Riggs Alumni Center in College Park. Please join us to celebrate service, dedication and accomplishments.

Time: Evening

Location: Riggs Alumni Center, College Park MD

Contact: Amanda Clougherty 301-314-7832

Oct 6, 2009

Woods in Your Backyard Workshop

Learn how to enhance or create natural areas and woodland on your property, you can enjoy recreation, aesthetics, wildlife and water quality. 2 night class, one week apart. 10/6/2009 and 10/13/2009

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: University of Maryland Extension, Harford County Office

Contact: Craig Highfield 410-267-5723

Oct 7, 2009

4-H National Youth Science Day

Contact: Denise Frebertshauser 301-314-7819

Oct 9, 2009

Applic/Resume/Essay for Nat. 4-H Conference Due

Applications due to the State 4-H Office

Contact: Cassandra Corridon 301-314-7363

Oct 10, 2009

AGNR Open House

Community open house to showcase research, Extension and academic activities of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Interactive exhibits, wagon tours, information and fun for all age groups.

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Central Maryland Research and Education Center - Clarksville Facility

Contact: Gail Yeiser 301-405-2434

Oct 10, 2009

State Dog Bowl Contest

Location: Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, MD

Contact: Cynthia Warner 410-638-3255

Oct 10, 2009 - Oct 11, 2009

State 4-H Archery Event

Location: Thendara 4-H Center

Contact: Conrad Arnold 410-228-8800

National 4-H Conference



The 2010 National 4-H Conference will be held at the **National 4-H Youth Conference Center** in Chevy Chase, MD from March 20 -25, 2010.

The National 4-H Conference expands on the 4-H essential elements of Independence, Belonging, Mastery and Generosity by allowing youth to master skills to make positive life choices; participate in decision-making

processes; act responsibly; positively influence their communities; and develop into informed, active, engaged citizens.

The conference program is designed to provide a meaningful personal and educational experience for conference delegates.

The Montgomery County 4-H Office can submit applications and portfolios from three of our 4-H Youth for possible selection to attend the National 4-H Conference. Part of the application involves writing an essay. The Topic for the 2010 Conference is

What are the three most important life skills you have developed through 4-H involvement and why?

All Resumes, Essays, and Applications for National 4-H Conference will be DUE October 9, 2009 to the State 4-H Office. This means that they are *DUE to the Montgomery County 4-H Office no later than Thursday, October 1, 2009.* The information is EASY to find on the Maryland 4-H website – Select Faculty and Staff or 4-H Youth and Families, and then click on Awards and Recognition Program. Click on 2010 Maryland 4-H Portfolio Program.doc and on that page everything you ever needed to know is right there – the process, the due dates and interview dates, and scroll on down to the resume information, the essay information, the scoring.

Contact Sandy (corridon@umd.edu) for any further information.

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Community Service Opportunities

We know that each of the four H's is about better living and service to our community. Here are some ways you can help your community either as a club, a family or an individual.

• **Close Encounter with Agriculture**

- Would you like to do something fun and meaningful at the same time? We are looking for volunteers to help with Close Encounters with Agriculture, an extension program for fourth grade students in Montgomery County. The program takes place during the last three weeks in October and runs from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch is served to volunteers after the close of the program each day.
- The goals of the program are to promote and increase the visibility of agricultural science and related fields, increase the understanding of agriculture with youth and their families and to involve volunteers in promoting agriculture and related fields.
- There are three areas of concentration; Agriculture, Environment,

Oct 11, 2009

Maryland Horsemen's Party

Time: 2 pm - 5 pm

Location: Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21020

Contact: Debbie Frey 301-314-7824

Oct 12, 2009 - Oct 30, 2009

Close Encounters With

Agriculture

Outreach Education for 3,000 Montgomery County 4th grade students

Time: 9am -2pm

Location: Montgomery County Office

Contact: Douglas Tregoning 301 590-2809

Oct 15, 2009 - Oct 16, 2009

Challenge Games In-Service

For Faculty and Staff

Contact: Chris Anderson 301-314-7187

Oct 17, 2009

Maryland Make It with Wool Contest

Location: Carroll County Ag Center

Contact: Cassandra Corridon 301-314-7363

Oct 17, 2009

State 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: Chris Anderson 301-314-7187

Oct 17, 2009

GPS and Robotics In-Service Training

Location: Carroll County Ag Center

Contact: Debbie Fry 301-314-7824

Oct 27, 2009

Beginner GPS Training

One-day course provides hands-on training on GPS receiver basics, waypoints and routes (in field), calculating area, finding locations, basic mapping, software and hardware. Garmin Map 76CSx units & laptops provided for use. \$55/person-call first limited

Time: 9:00 - 3:30

Location: Western MD Research & Education Center, Keedysville, MD

Contact: Pamela Thomas 301-432-2767 ext 315

Nov 2, 2009

Montgomery County 4-H Learning Day

A workshop on how to complete a record book, write

and Nutrition.

- o Any 4-H family, adults or teens would be welcome to help by volunteering your time and energy. Montgomery County Public School students cannot earn SSL hours during the hours of a regular school day.

- o If you are interested, please contact one of the following people:

Agriculture	Doug Tregoning	dwt@umd.edu	301.590.2813
Nutrition	Jackie Marsh	jmarsh@umd.edu	301.590.2829
Environment	J. G. Warfield	jgwarfield@md.usda.gov	301.590.2857

• **Montgomery County Community Service Day**

- o On October 24, 2009 Montgomery County will hold its 23rd Annual Community Service Day. This is an excellent opportunity to let the community know who you are and what you do all year long. It can help you establish relationships with new volunteers, businesses, and maybe some new club members too.
- o Check the Montgomery County, MD website in mid-September to check the list of organized opportunities and to register your group.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov then click on Volunteer.

• **Harvest Festival - Earn Student Service Learning Hours - Oct. 3rd and/or 4th**

- o Come one, come all 4-H'ers and friends! The Montgomery County Association for Family & Community Education (MCAFCE) needs youth volunteers to help with children's crafts and games at the Annual Harvest Festival at the Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. Helpers are needed on Oct. 3rd and Oct. 4th. Work one or both days! Work in the morning or the afternoon or stay all day! You'll be in the air conditioned multi-purpose room and we'll provide a delicious lunch for all volunteers. MCAFCE is an approved Student Service Learning (SSL) provider so you can earn SSL hours while having a great time with our young visitors and their families. Interested? Call Pat Kenney at (301) 460-5451 today!

Clean Your Closets! Community Service Ideas

The Montgomery County Association for Family & Community Education (MCAFCE) needs donations of acrylic yarn and kid's print fabrics, calico fabrics and polyester quilt batting for Project Linus (i.e., blankets are knitted, crocheted and sewn for sick children at area hospitals). They would also welcome donations of the following for their outreach to Veteran's and other hospitals, homeless shelters, transitional housing programs and more: canceled stamps (leave ¼" of envelope around stamp); soaps, shampoos & lotions from hotels; toothbrushes & toothpaste; new & unused perfumes, dusting powder & make-up; Box Tops for Education; soda can pop tops; new books for newborn babies; school supplies, new men & boy's socks and underwear, and empty printer toner cartridges. Donations may be left at the Extension office (please label for "MCAFCE").

a portfolio, organize a demonstration, and more...
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855
Contact: Mary Fendrick
301-590-9638 ext 0

Nov 5, 2009 - Nov 8, 2009
Eastern Nationals 4-H Horse Roundup Trip
Location: Louisville, KY
Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-590-9478

Nov 7, 2009 - Nov 20, 2009
North American International Livestock Exposition
Location: Louisville, KY
Contact: Chris Anderson
301-314-7187

Nov 10, 2009
Interviews for National 4-H Conference
Location: Maryland 4-H Council
Contact: Cassandra Corridon
301-314-7363

Nov 20, 2009
Susan Morris Retirement Luncheon
Please save the date - details to follow
Time: 12:30 - 3:00
Location: TBD
Contact: Cathy Yingling
301-590-2812

Nov 20, 2009 - Nov 22, 2009
Maryland 4-H Adult and Teen Volunteer Forum
Location: Ocean City, MD
Contact: Lisa Dennis
410-651-8330

Nov 22, 2009
Interviews for National 4-H Conference
Location: Ocean City, MD Volunteer Forum
Contact: Cassandra Corridon
301-314-7363

Nov 27, 2009 - Dec 1, 2009
National 4-H Congress
Location: Atlanta, GA
Contact: Cassandra Coridon
301-314-7363

Dec 1, 2009
4-H Animal Sciences Faculty/Staff In-Service
Location: Howard County Fairgrounds
Contact: Chris Anderson
301-314-7187

Who's Who in your County 4-H Office

Main Office Number
301.590.9638 ext. 0

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Scholarships and Community Service Awards Available

There are several scholarship and Community Service Award opportunities that we would like our 4-H Community to know about. If you are interested in applying for any of these scholarships, please contact the sponsors directly.

- **2009 Montgomery County Agricultural Center Scholarship**

- The Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc. is offering scholarships to 4-H youth of Agricultural Center members and Fair volunteers that are planning to further their education in agriculture, consumer affairs, economics, biology, biochemistry, microbiology, statistics, genetics, accounting, computer science, veterinary science, as well as trade schools.
- Applications are due to the Montgomery County Agricultural Center by October 9, 2009. The winners will be notified by mail in February, 2010. If you have any questions or would like the scholarship rules and application, you can visit the Montgomery County Agricultural Center Website at www.mcagfair.com , or contact Jeannine Shriver at 301.590.3210.

- **National Student Leadership Scholarship**

- This scholarship is for students that have applied or will be applying to North Carolina State University. It is awarded to an entering freshman, valued at \$10,000 per year, renewable upon satisfactory academic progress and leadership involvement. High school seniors should complete the application and mail it so that it arrives in the General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center office no later than 5:00 p.m. November 1 of each year.
- Interested students should visit the North Carolina State University Website for eligibility and selection criteria, as well as the application.

www.ncsu.edu/extension/sheltonleadership/leadership-scholarships/national-scholarships.php

- **Robert T. Mangum Memorial Scholarship**

- The Robert T. Mangum Memorial Scholarship is a \$2,000 annual award to encourage collegiate studies in the field of agriculture and related industries. The Scholarship honors the contributions of a lifelong Maryland resident, Director and Member of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, respected Montgomery County businessman, and pioneer in the national horticultural & landscape contracting industry. The Scholarship is administered by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau.
- For eligibility and an application, please visit the Robert T. Mangum Scholarship webpage, <http://site.mangumscholarship.com> , or send an email to info@MangumScholarship.com

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Maryland State 4-H Website

<http://www.maryland4h.org>

- **The Prudential Spirit of Community Award**

For Participants who demonstrate outstanding volunteer community service. The top volunteers in each state will receive a silver medallion, a \$1,000 award and a trip to Washington D.C. The top ten youth volunteers will receive a gold medallion and a \$5,000 award.

Our county can select one middle level volunteer (grades 5-8) and one high school level volunteer (grades 9-12) to submit to the state-level judging committee.

Applications must be completed and submitted to the 4-H office by November 2, 2009. The applications are available online at www.spirit.prudential.com. If you have any questions about this award, please call toll-free 877.525.8491.

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Maryland Agriculture Council, Inc. Grant Opportunity

Each year the Maryland Agriculture Council, Inc. offers an opportunity to various agencies and organizations to submit grant applications for the purpose of promoting Maryland agriculture.

Typical grant amounts awarded range from \$300 - \$800, not to exceed \$1,000. Please see the Maryland Agriculture Council Educational Grant Program cover letter, guidelines, and application in the document which you download **HERE**. The deadline for applications is October 30, 2009.

For more information contact the 2010 Grant Chairperson, Donna Myers, at 410-635-2028 or wmcows@qis.net.

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Harvest Festival Fun

by Mari-Therese Burton



Fall's coming, and it's time for the Harvest Festival at the Montgomery County Agricultural Farm Park! This year, the Back-in-Time 4-H Club will be serving at our traditional stations, such as corn grinding, goat and poultry education, pygmy goats in the garden, and egg gathering, along with two new interactive activities inside the farm house. The two new stations, based on activities from the early 1900's, will be an interpretation of a one room schoolhouse and a dancing doll craft. Visitors can see items from a typical schoolroom of 100 years ago, and make a simple toy to take home with them. The Harvest Festival runs from 11AM - 4 PM on both Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd and 4th. So, come on over to the Agricultural History Farm Park for "new" old-fashioned fun and games!

Promote Your 4-H Club at the Harvest Festival

The upcoming Montgomery County Harvest Festival is the perfect time to promote your 4-H club! Space is available inside the 4-H building for the first three clubs that register. The Montgomery County 4-H will provide a \$25 mini-grant to these three clubs to create promotional materials for the event.

To register your club for this event, Please call Alga Piechocinski at 301.590.2804.

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4-H National Youth Science Day- October 7th

On 4-H National Youth Science Day, October 7th, young people across the nation will get a chance to examine one of the most important issues facing our nation today—energy. Youth will discover, learn and have a blast exploring alternative fuels through Biofuel Blast, the National Science Experiment.

Developed in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension and Wisconsin 4-H, the experiment is designed to spark an early interest in the sciences—all part of 4-H's bold goal to engage a million new young people in science, engineering and technology programs by 2013.

You can find everything you need to participate in 4-H National Youth Science Day online at www.4-H.org/NYSD. The site has lots of useful information, including the experiment facilitator's guide, interactive tools, event planning kits and much more. Plus, new features, information and promotions will be added in the months and weeks leading up to October 7th—so make sure to register to receive event updates today.

Can't celebrate 4-H National Youth Science Day on October 7th? That's okay, you can conduct the experiment anytime that week or the month of October. Let us know how you plan to celebrate 4-H National Youth Science Day in your local communities. Please send an email to dfrebert@umd.edu including the location, date, time and specifics of your event.

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4-H at the Fair with "Very Important People"

by Joshua Alexander Reaves, Corresponding Secretary for the Back-in-Time 4-H Club

On Monday, August 17, 50 trained 4-H youth, between the ages of 12 and 18, volunteered at the annual V.I.P. Day at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. We had a blast hosting kids that have a disability, or some illness, and their families. This event is planned by Montgomery County's Agricultural Fair, 4-H, and Recreation Department, along with the City of Gaithersburg, and is run by Besilica Reaves, the 4-H representative, a former 4-H youth and V.I.P. host for eight years.

This year, we had about 23 V.I.P.'s to take around the fair. Normally, two 4-H youth are matched with a family. The 4-H youth give them a grand tour of the fair - from the agricultural side, to the carnival. Taking them around from barn to barn, we saw first-hand the joy and happiness that came from the ones that we served.

For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to participate in V.I.P. Day because my older sisters, Besilica and Sophia, loved being 4-H hosts. Last year, my V.I.P. was too sick to attend the fair; but, this year I was glad to be able to host a 6-year-old boy who was confined to a wheelchair, and on oxygen, along with his family. I enjoyed helping him have fun at the fair.

So, if YOU want to use your:

- *HEAD* to plan and guide a V.I.P. to activities around the fair;
- *HEART* to care for these special people;
- *HANDS* to push a wheelchair, or anything helpful that you can do;
- and your *HEALTH* by walking from barn to barn, and going on the rides,

I'll see you next year at the 2010 V.I.P. Day at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.

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The College in Your Backyard

Fall is a busy time, but we hope you will mark your calendars and make time to attend the University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' (AGNR) Open House. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 10:00 am. - 3:00 p.m., at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center - Clarksville Facility at 4240 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, in Howard County, Maryland. It's FREE and open to the public.

Come to our Open House at the farm and learn how our Academic, Research, and Extension programs benefit you. See the horses, cows, calves, and turtles . . . watch the insect races and beautiful butterflies . . . take a hay wagon farm tour . . . visit the educational and interactive displays and exhibits on everything from nutrition to rural enterprise development. . . participate in the numerous hands-on activities . . . talk with an AGNR recruiter . . . and get your plant questions answered by a Master Gardener!

From toddler to teenager, kindergarten student to college student, city dweller to farmer - there is something for everyone to see and do at the AGNR Open House. Visit <http://WWW.AGNROpenHouse.UMD.EDU> or call 301-596-9330 for more information. We hope to see you there!

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Montgomery County 4-H Learning Day



Are you a new Montgomery County 4-H Youth or have been in 4-H but would like some help on how to properly complete a 4-H Record Book? Are you a Senior 4-H Youth and would like to learn how to complete a portfolio that will help you be selected for an Out-of-State trip? Do you need some help organizing your demonstrations? Come to the Montgomery County 4-H Learning Day.

On Monday, November 2, 2009 (a day off from school for Montgomery County Students), the Montgomery County 4-H Office will hold a 4-H Learning Day. Topics such as keeping track of your 4-H activities, what is required for a "project completion", organizing a demonstration, completing a record book, and creating a portfolio to apply for Out-of-State trips will be covered.

Lunch will be provided by the 4-H Office. RSVP to the 4-H office by email or telephone by October 27, 2009.

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Montgomery County 4-H Newsletter is Going Green

In an effort to conserve resources, both natural and monetary, the Montgomery County 4-H News & Notes newsletter will be migrating to an electronic-mostly version beginning in January, 2010. Six times a year we mail out almost 900 copies of our newsletter. In an effort to reduce costs, we will be emailing our newsletter and continuing to post it to the Montgomery County 4-H web page.

If you do not have access to email or the internet, please contact the 4-H Office by mail to request a paper copy.

If you haven't received emails directly from the 4-H Office in the recent past (not those forwarded from your cluster leaders or club leaders), that means we **NEED** your email address. Please make sure to fill in a legible email address on your Member or Volunteer enrollment forms when you receive them in October.

If you would like to register your email address electronically, please fill out this web form. <http://cgi.umd.edu/survey/display?MC4H/Newsletters>

Thanks for helping make Montgomery County 4-H **really** green!

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River of Words Poetry & Art Contest



The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced February 15, 2010 as the deadline for the River of Words International Poetry and Art Contest. This contest is open to youth in Grades K-12. This year's theme is Watersheds.

For River of Words' Contest Rules and Guidelines, including information on where to send entries, visit <http://riverofwords.org> or contact Joann Wheeler, MD River of Words Coordinator, 410-260-8809. A free teacher/facilitator's guide is available online; download **HERE!**

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Cooperative Games and Team Building Activities Training

Have you seen or experienced great teambuilding or cooperative games but then been unable to remember enough of the details necessary to use them later with the groups you work with? Would an economical "grab-and-go" supply kit filled with items needed to conduct these types of games be useful to you? Would you like to add to your team building skill set for your work with youth and volunteers or do you just have a passion for this type of interactive education?

If you answered yes to any of these questions there is an opportunity waiting for you on the 15th and 16th of October!

The Maryland 4-H Center is offering an in-service on cooperative games and teambuilding activities. The training will feature activities from the nation's leading innovators and resource people in using games to acquaint people with one another, build trust, encourage spontaneity, mix and blend groups, and help people become energized.

The first day of this two-day training will focus on learning and experiencing different games you can use for various settings and occasions. During the second day you will build your own games kit to take home with you. The training will be held at Thendara 4-H Center in Dorchester County. The registration cost is \$100 for both days and includes facility charges, meals, overnight accommodations in the camp cabins, and supplies to build your own games kit. The registration cost for persons interested in attending only the first-day's training activities is \$50 and includes facility charges and breaks and lunch on that day.

Registration information will soon be sent to the 4-H Team and posted on the Maryland 4-H website! Please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu for more information.

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Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum

Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum

November 20-22, 2009 - Carousel Hotel,

Ocean City, Maryland

We're looking forward to having you join us for this year's Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum held in Ocean City, MD.

The Carousel Resort Hotel is our host for the weekend. The Forum has saved a block of rooms for early bird registrants at an excellent rate of just \$68 /room per night (plus taxes). Most rooms have two double beds and feature a microwave and mini-refrigerator. Call the Carousel directly at 1-800-641-0011 to reserve your room by October 20, 2009 and be sure to mention the MD 4-H Forum for the special rate. Ocean front rooms and Condos are also available for slightly more. Family members are welcome to accompany Forum participants at no additional charge if they share the same room and are not attending conference meals or breaks. A family weekend in OC doesn't get any more affordable!

The Forum provides an excellent opportunity for teen and adult volunteers to learn the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve Maryland 4-H's three major goals - Strengthening Clubs, Enhancing Volunteer Development, and Reaching New and Underserved Audiences. And don't forget the Share Fair and Silent Auction. Register by October 1 to receive the "early bird" conference rate of \$65.00. The registration fee is \$90.00 for registrations postmarked after October 1. Registrations must be accompanied by a check and will only be accepted until October 30; don't delay, register today! And remember, you need to make your hotel reservation by October 20, 2009.

The Montgomery County 4-H Office will provide scholarships for the first five Montgomery County 4-H families who are first time

participants. The scholarship will cover registration fees for all family members attending as well as one night's hotel stay. Additional scholarship funds are available if you have already attended the forum, so check with your 4-H Educator.

Address any questions to Forum Coordinators, Lisa Dennis at ldennis@umd.edu, 410-651-8330 or Cheryl Hill at chill1@umd.edu, 888-326-9645.

Registration forms and workshop information can be found on the Maryland 4-H Website at www.maryland4h.org

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Montgomery County 4-H Senior Council

Are you age 14 or older?

Senior Council is a 4-H club just for you! We meet once a month-the second Sunday-from 3-4pm at the Extension Office.

The first meeting this year will be October 18, 2009. At this meeting, we will be electing officers and making plans for the next year. If you would like more information or can't make this meeting but are interested in joining, please email Annette Plitman at aplitman@hotmail.com.

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State Fair Round-Up

We would like to thank Kelsey Watkins, Joyce Shorb, Julia Doody and Colleen Gannon for representing Montgomery County in the State Fashion Revue.



Congratulations to our 4-H livestock exhibitors for contributing towards the success of this year's livestock shows. Results from the various livestock shows held during the 2009 State Fair are being posted on the [Maryland State Fair website](http://www.marylandstatefair.com/)

on the Competition/4-H page as they become finalized.

(<http://www.marylandstatefair.com/index.cfm?page=competition&id=39>)

- **Rabbit Judging**

The Montgomery County 4-H Rabbit Club did very well at the State Rabbit Judging Contest. The Senior team (Colleen McIntyre, Kelsey Nelson, Diane Tait, Michelle Robinson, Elizabeth Carter and Joe Lehman won the team contest and Colleen McIntyre was the first place senior. Abby Noll won the Intermediate contest and Julia Beall won the junior contest. Results of the State Royalty are listed below.

Maryland State Royalty Winners 2009 are listed below. The top four senior team members qualified to represent Maryland in the Rabbit Judging Contest at the ARBA Convention in San Diego.

King – Joe Lehman – Montgomery County

Queen – Colleen McIntyre - Montgomery County

Duke – Chris Buckley – Howard County

Duchess – Abby Noll – Montgomery County

Lord – Cody Yinger – Frederick County
Lady – Julia Beall – Montgomery County

- **Livestock Judging**

We sent one intermediate team with members Savannah Cook, Jordan Gregory, Anna Linthicum, Chase Berman and Alternate Nick Bohrer. The team was 5th and Jordan finished 5th overall and Savannah was 7th overall.

We only had two seniors, Bobby Velisek and Michael Cropp. Bobby finished as the high individual in swine, 2nd overall and made the Maryland State A team that will judge at Eastern Nationals, Keystone and the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY. Michael was 12th overall and will represent Maryland on the State B Team at the Southeast Regional Contest in Raleigh, N.C.

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New Animal Science Livestock Advisory Round Table – October 17

Hold the Date! The first session of the new Maryland 4-H Livestock Advisory Round Table will be held on Saturday, October 17, 10:00am-2:00pm at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park. We invite 4-H youth and volunteers to come share and discuss ideas to strengthen Maryland 4-H Animal Science programming in the Livestock Project areas.

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GPS and Robotics In-Service Training for Teen and Adult Leaders

Attention 4-H employees, volunteers, teen leaders, and parents: Come join us at the Carroll County Agricultural Center on Saturday, October 17 for exciting 4-H technology training! The purposes of this workshop are (1) to help participants incorporate 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) into 4-H educational activities and (2) to familiarize participants with the basics of starting GPS/GIS and robotics programs in their home areas. Are you interested in BOTH afternoon sessions? Bring a friend, participate in different sessions, and share what you learned!

Learning Objectives

- Develop a better understand the components of 4-H Science, Engineering, Technology (SET) and how to incorporate SET into activities and programs.
- Understand the basics of working with robotics and GPS equipment/software.
- Identify real-life applications of robotics and GPS/GIS technologies.
- Prepare to set up and offer basic robotics and GPS activities, events, and clubs for youth in your county or city.

More information and registration information is available on the Montgomery County 4-H website

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Request For Paper Newsletter

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

____ Volunteer

____ Parent of a 4-H Youth (specify youth names)

____ Other (specify) _____

Please mail to the 4-H Office: 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855

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