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4-H Engineering Events

Do you enjoy working with tractors, lawn mowers, or bicycles? If so, you might want to participate in one of the engineering events. There are five separate events: Bicycle, Small Engines, Electricity, Tractor, and Lawn & Garden Tractor. Each of the contests have various components such as driving, parts identification, and visual presentations. You may enter as many of the contests as you like. If you should have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office. The following will be held at the **GEARS** Building in Accident:

July 10, 2025

- •9am to 11:30am Bicycle (Bring your own bicycle & helmet)
- •11:30am to 12:00pm Lunch Break (Bring packed lunch or purchase at a nearby restaurant)
- •12:00pm to 2:00pm Electricity
- •2:00pm to 4:00pm Small Engines

Lawn Tractor and Farm Tractor Events are held during the fair.

Registration: Please call the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 prior to July 1, 2025.

If you compete in at least three (3) contests, you will qualify for the overall engineering event trophy. The Maryland State Fair hosts the statewide contests. Individuals must enter through the online registration system at www.marylandstatefair.com by July 15th for small engine events. For bicycle, lawn tractor and tractor event entries are made by the 4-H Educator for the county first place members.

Mandatory 4-H/FFA Livestock Fair Exhibitor Registration

The Garrett County Fair Board announces they will have online entry available for all 4-H/FFA and open exhibitor categories. They anticipate the system will be online and available soon. Please be aware that the launch date and availability of online registration are subject to change. They will post any changes to the launch of online entries, availability of online entries, and subsequent deadlines to register via their website, Facebook, and available 4-H communication.

The deadline for online entries is midnight July 14th, 2025. Online entry site: https://garrettcountyfair.org/exhibitor-entries/



Calendar of Events

June

DUE: Horse ID Cards, Dog ID Cards & Breeding Animal Leases

2 **DUE**: Broiler Show Records to 4-H Office by noon

4 Broiler Show~4-H Office @ 6:00 pm

22-26 4-H Camp Algawa

July

1 **DUE**: Quality Assurance Online Training

7 Poultry Testing-GC Fairgrounds

- 10 Engineering Events~GEARS, Accident, MD
- 14 **DUE**: Garrett County 4-H/FFA Livestock Online Registration
- 15 **DUE:** State Fair Online Registration
- 23 Make-up Meeting Opportunity~Fair Clean Up @ 1:00 pm GC Fairgrounds
- 23 Livestock Orientation (First-time Market Animal Exhibitors)6:00 pm at Outdoor Stage

7/26-8/2 Garrett County Fair

27 Livestock Orientation 5:30 pm-Show Ring

2025 Maryland State Fair Dates August 21-24 ~ August 28-September 1 ~ September 4-7

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact us at least two weeks prior to the event at 301-334-6960.

Broiler Show

The Broiler Show will be held Wednesday, June 4, 2025 starting at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. We have 17 participants this year. We will be selecting a Champion and Reserve Champion in each age division as well as an overall Grand and Reserve Champion. Youth are required to be present at the event to receive an award.

4-H Entries for State Fair- Entry Deadline Date is July 15, 2025The Maryland State Fair is scheduled for August 22-September 8, 2024 and will span three weekends. The Maryland State Fair schedule is now posted on the State Fair website on the Exhibitor's page for 4-H/FFA at http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4hffa. A few 4-H events that will be held on the third weekend of the State Fair are listed

- below (See the schedule for details): 4-H/FFA Alpaca/Llama Show
- 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show
- 4-H Dog Show
- 4-H Engineering Events (Bicycles, Lawn Tractors, Small Engines)
- Exhibits at 4H/FFA Home Arts Bldg. (Exhibits remain on display for all three weeks)

4-H/FFA Department information will be coming soon!



Animal Quality Assurance Is Open!



All 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, llamas, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to have completed the on-line training prior to July 1st to be eligible to exhibit their project animals at the 2024 Garrett County Agriculture Fair or the Maryland State Fair.

The 2024 program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome or Safari web browsers. The program is not supported by Internet Explorer. The program contains two levels, a Junior-aged Level and an Intermediate/Senior-aged Level. The program automatically directs members to the correct level based on their birthdate.

4-Hers are required to complete the on-line training program:

- •If this is their first year as a 4-H member
- •When they reach each 4-H age division (juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) as of January 1 of the current year)
- When an Intermediate or Senior 4-H member chooses to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division they must return to the program and complete it for the new species area

(The Junior program does not have species specific sections as the Intermediate/Senior program does). Passcodes issued in 2018-2024 should still be viable for returning members. Members with passcodes issued prior to 2015 must register to receive a new passcode. Members may access the AH&QA program at: https://ahqa.umd.edu/. A guidebook has been created for more help. You can view it on our website at: https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/events under the Weigh-In/Shows/Fairs tab.

2025 Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our fairs and shows. With an increased potential of disease transmissions occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland fairs and shows. As an exhibitor, you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species-specific health requirements. Please read the requirements here: https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx



Master Showman Contest

The Master Showman Contest will be held on Friday, August 1, 2025. Interviews will start at 8 am. Master Showmanship will begin at 9:30 am. Contact the Extension Office to register for the contest by July 22nd.

Spring Weigh-In & Western Maryland District Livestock Show

Spring Weigh-In and District Livestock Show was a success on the weekend of May 9-10. Market livestock projects continue to be among the most popular in our county. The number of animals weighed and tagged by species: Goats-61, Sheep-92, Swine-162. Best of luck to all exhibitor's as you care for and work with your animals. Thank you to ALL of our volunteers.









Maryland 4-H State Public Speaking Contest Results The Maryland 4-H State Public Speaking Contest was held at the University of Maryland,

The Maryland 4-H State Public Speaking Contest was held at the University of Maryland, College Park on Saturday, April 26th. There were 131 participants representing 21 counties for this event. Garrett County participants fared well at the event. Results are below.

Julia Ramsey, Participation-Radio Spot

Amelia Teets, Participation-Visual Presentation

Elisa Frazee, 2nd Place-Visual Presentation

Kylie Bates, 3rd Place-Prepared

Dustin DeBerry, Participation-Extemporaneous

Congratulations to all!

Fashion Revue

The Fashion Revue will be held on Monday, July 28, 2025. Interview judging will begin at 4:30 pm and the show will be held at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Building/Outdoor Stage. Information has been sent to all members enrolled in sewing projects but everyone is welcome to participate. Call the Extension Office for additional information if you would like to participate.





Sweet Rewards Essay Scholarship Award Competition

Sweet Rewards Farm (Don and Pam Adams) will be offering again this year their annual scholarship award competition. Information was emailed to all 4-H members that had goat listed as a project. This award is based on essay entry, participation during fair week in the barn and evaluated on how you help others with their goats. Essay entries must be submitted to the 4-H Office at the fairgrounds by 10:00 am Monday, July 28th or at the Extension Office prior to the fair.



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