



Montgomery County 4-H

May 1, 2025



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If you need to reserve a room or need a special accommodation at the MoCo Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, MD for a 4-H program, please contact the Event and Sponsorship Coordinator, Ms. Monica Monroe at Monica@mcagfair.com.

The next issue of The Montgomery County 4-H News & Notes will be published the first week of June 2025. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu by May 23, 2025.

A PDF copy of this newsletter can be found, one week after publication, on the Montgomery County 4-H page.

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/montgomery-county/4-h-youth-development/news-notes/>

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Volunteer Survey

Dear Montgomery County 4-H Volunteer,

Thank you for the dedicated hard work that you provide for the 4-H youth in Montgomery County. We know from the research that young people significantly benefit from having caring adults in their lives and that your participation in this program is truly making a difference.

Within the next week, you will be receiving an email from our office that seeks to determine program priority areas, topics, partners and strategies that you consider most important for us to focus on within the county. Our county has experienced a lot of changes in the last several years. This is why we want to make sure that we take time to hear from you about what types of ideas and goals you have for Montgomery County 4-H and how we can accomplish those together.

The survey will only take about 5-10 minutes of your time. All those who participate will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$25 Tractor Supply gift card. You have the option to complete it online or via a hard copy. Your answers are confidential and, in no way, will your individual answers be identified with you.

By providing us with your feedback, we will be better able to strengthen 4-H programs in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

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Fair Chairpersons Meeting

Montgomery County 4-H will have a pre-fair, 4-H Indoor Building Chairpersons meeting on Tuesday, June 24 at the 4-H Office at 7:00 p.m. This in-person meeting will include judging updates, new Indoor Building floorplan, review of guidelines, supply needs, etc.

2025 Spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign - April 18 through May 5, 2025

It is paper clover time! Your donations will support scholarships for youth leadership activities and for 4-H camp scholarships for our youth. Please support Montgomery County 4-H youth by donating funds at Tractor Supply Co. no later than May 5, 2025.

DIY Duels: Kit Pick-Up! Updated Dates and Times

Montgomery County 4-H will have DIY Duels that will be just like the show “Chopped.” Youth will each get a free kit of surprise arts and crafts materials to make something to enter into the fair! Pick-up your kit and make your fair entry at home with this awesome DIY Duel Challenge! You can add any materials you want to make your arts and crafts entry, but you must use all of the items in the kit for an exciting challenge.

No need to pre-register to pick-up your kits! You can pick-up your free kit at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD, 20855) during the following dates and times:

5/5/2025 - 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.

5/6/2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

5/7/2025 - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

5/8/2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

5/9/2025 - 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In-person challenge! **June 5, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Along with the kit pick-up for DIY Duels, we also have an in-person DIY Duels Challenge! During this challenge, you will have your surprise materials revealed to you, and you will have a set amount of time to make your craft with a whole “craft store” of other items you can use to make your craft special. Then, we will have judges for who was the most creative! The competition will be held at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD, 20855). Sign-up for this in-person event on 4-H Online.

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DIY Duels

Pick-Up Your Kit or Register
for an In-Person Event!



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Montgomery Parks Homeschool Tailgate Date

Calling all homeschoolers! We are hosting a booth at the Montgomery Parks Homeschool Tailgate Day. There will be a variety of organizations represented! This event will be held on the Agricultural History Farm Park on May 9, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For a full list of organizations attending this event, and to register, please visit

https://montgomeryparks.org/events/homeschool-tailgate-day-homeschool-tailgate-day-a-fun-and-educational-event-for-all/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ0i45leHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETE5ZXZjeXQ3aTRoeWxiRWWh0AR6pM9-P0MSKdu91UHG-afGlaCvThooFIZHoVqmo2ORGIQP7yWiqZ0jn6htShw_aem_ZdqfJzROSJWRYGWWSxb3-A



Central Cluster Fashion Revue

Central Cluster Fashion Revue registration is now open! Get ready to dress your best and show off your talent! Judging and Fashion Show will both be held on May 17 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick, MD.

2025 approved Cloverbuds through Senior 4-H'ers are qualified to participate. Entries close on May 12.

Please complete a separate google form for each participant:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfLG2C29ND.../viewform...>

Let the fashion show begin!

Diamond Clover Level 6 Application Workshops

UPDATED REGISTRATION LINK!

The Central Cluster is proud to present a series of Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposal Workshops! These four (4) workshops will prepare you to write a strong proposal and walk you through each component of the Diamond Clover Level 6 proposal. All workshops will be conducted virtually. You are welcome to register and attend one session, a few sessions, or all of them! These sessions

are meant to help you know what a strong project proposal is for a Diamond Clover Level 6 Project or any other large-scale project!

Deadline to register is May 16, 2025. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please complete this registration form before May 7, 2025 and specify that you are requesting a reasonable accommodation. You will be contacted by an educator afterwards to discuss your reasonable accommodation request.

A brief description of each workshop and their date/time are as follows:

Workshop 1: May 21, 2025, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

Description: During this workshop, we will introduce what a Diamond Clover Level 6 project is. We will have former 4-H'ers describe their successful projects and how completing the project benefitted them. Afterwards, we will have a brainstorming session for project ideas and go over two important components of the proposal: the timeline of your project, and the how to find your advisory committee.

Workshop 2: June 11, 2025, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

Description: During this workshop, we will explore the major detailed components of your proposal by going over letters of support, approvals/permits, action plan, resources, and fundraising.

Workshop 3: July 9, 2025, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

Description: During this workshop, we are now ready to complete the proposal by going over how to write overview and background summaries, creating sustainability in your project, and how to promote your project/educate others about your project. Lastly, we will talk about photo documentation and its' importance.

Workshop 4: July 30, 2025, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

Description: During this workshop, we will complete the series by having each participant present about their proposal and receive feedback from educators and their peers on their project proposal.

Please register

here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdj8rlxsitJYb4DIPBqkMeRmB2axQ2Zp_Gwthh9L-rHs7kjTg/viewform

Fair Workshops

May 19 and June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds

Interested in getting more involved in the Fair? Do not know where to start on your entries? Want to learn more about all the things you can do at Fair? There are going to be two informational sessions this Spring, all about the Fair. The following topics will be covered:

- Volunteer Opportunities (SSL and Fair hours)
- All about the indoor building: what you can enter, how to enter, things to do
- Club opportunities: parade, booth, demonstrations, banners
- Special contests to participate in
- And much more!

Flower Arrangement Workshop

Montgomery County 4-H Alumni, Jessica Corazza, will be leading a flower arrangement workshop on Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the 4-H Office. Jessica is currently the City Horticulturist for the City of Rockville and creates stunning arrangements for weddings, parties, and other events. Registration is live on 4H Online and will be open until all seats are filled or until May 23.

Terp Young Scholars

Applications close June 1, 2025

The Terp Young Scholars will take place in College Park from July 14 to August 1, 2025.

The program provides the participants the experience of learning how to navigate the college experience with the University of Maryland's Terp Young Scholars. The participants have the opportunity to take college courses in person or online. Students select one three-credit course (offered either in-person or 100% online). Classes are held weekdays, Monday - Friday, with meeting times varying according to the specific course.

Domestic Applicant Eligibility

- Applicants must be a rising high school sophomore, junior, senior, or graduating senior; and

- Applicants must have an unweighted academic average of 3.0 or better.
 - If there are extenuating circumstances that have negatively influenced an applicant's GPA, submit a GPA Exception Appeal prior to submitting the Terp Young Scholars application.
 - Submit Exception Appeal: Complete the GPA Exception Appeal form. The form requires an upload of your high school transcript, a letter of support from a high school teacher/administrator and a statement attesting to how you plan to succeed in the program.

Select Commuter or Online Option

Applicants who select a course offered through in-person instruction must participate via the Commuter Option. Terp Young Scholars does not offer a residential option.

- Applicants who select a course offered through 100% online instruction must participate via the Online Option.

For more information go to

<https://exst.umd.edu/pre-college-programs/terp-young-scholars/how-program-works>

Soccer Night

Come to the Montgomery County office where we can play some soccer and learn about how cool soccer is!

Soccer Night will be held at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD, 20855) on Monday, June 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Please register on 4-H Online by May 28.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please register at least 2 weeks before June 2, and specify that you are requesting a reasonable accommodation.



Robotics Workshop



Have you ever wanted to learn more about 4-H's very own robotics competition? Maybe you just want to learn more about robotics? This workshop is for you! On June 7, 2025 in the afternoon, Maryland 4-H will be hosting a robotics workshop at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD, 20855). This practical, hands-on experience will allow you to test if the robotics competition is right for you!

UME certified volunteers who are serving as coaches are welcome to register as well.

The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Maryland 4-H Foundation is proud to offer the opportunity for academic scholarships to Maryland 4-H members and Maryland 4-H alum pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university or post-secondary technical training program. The Maryland 4-H Foundation awards an average of \$50,000 in scholarships annually.

The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application for the academic year 2025-2026 is open. The deadline to apply is June 15, 2025, by 11:59 p.m.

Applicants must be a currently enrolled Maryland 4-H member or a Maryland 4-H Alumni in good standing who has completed at least two (2) years of membership in Maryland 4-H. They must be planning to enroll in an accredited college, university, or post-secondary technical training program for both the fall and spring semesters of the 2025-2026 academic year.

**Students completing their post-secondary education in December of 2025 are ineligible to apply.*

For more information, including a complete list of scholarships, eligibility requirements, the application, and instructions, visit <https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>

Montgomery County 4-H Fair Challenges

New to the 4-H Indoor Building this year! Are you up to the Challenge?

The Montgomery County 4-H Team invites our 4-H members to develop new skills and knowledge through participation in any, all, or a combination of Indoor Challenges. Each Challenge category is unique. Youth who complete any of these challenges will receive an extra premium, and tailor made Challenge Rosette.

You do not need to do anything extra to participate. Make sure you enter your entries into ShoWorks with the Montgomery County Ag Fair by July 20. Our chairpersons, superintendents, and educators will work to determine who has completed the challenges. Same as last year, you are not required to pre-enter your flower specimens and veggies. More information to come in this year's Fair Book.

Challenge Requirements

ARTS & CRAFTS CHALLENGE

- 1 entry in Oil/Acrylic (Div 1)
- 1 entry in miscellaneous (Div 3)
- 1 entry in design (Div4)
- 1 entry in creative (Div. 5)
- 1 entry in handicrafts (Div. 6)

STEM CHALLENGE

- 1 entry in education/collections (Div. 7)
- 1 entry in aerospace/robotics (Div. 8)
- 1 entry in electricity/small engine (Div. 9)
- 1 entry in computer tech (Div. 11)

HORTICULTURE CHALLENGE

- 3 entries in Veggies (Div. 13)
- 3 entries in flower specimens (Div. 14)

MINI BAKER'S DOZEN CHALLENGE

- 1 entry in Cake (Div.16)
- 1 entry in Decorated Delights (Div. 16A)
- 1 entry in Cookies (Div.17)
- 1 entry in Pie (Div. 18)
- 1 entry in Quick Breads (Div. 19)
- 1 entry in Yeast Bread (Div. 20)

MEAL CHALLENGE

2 entries in Main Dish (Div. 21)

2 entries in Salad (Div. 22)

CANDY CHALLENGE

4 entries in Candies (Div. 23)

FOOD PRESERVATION CHALLENGE

5 entries in Food Preservation (Div. 26)

HOME LIFE CHALLENGE

1 entry in Clothing (Div. 27)

1 entry in Family Life (Div. 28)

1 entry in Table Settings (Div. 31)

1 entry in Room Accessory (Div. 32)

FLOWER CHALLENGE

3 entries in Arrangements (Div. 29)

- 1 from classes 1-8
- 1 from classes 9-14
- 1 from classes 15-20

1 entry in houseplants (Div. 30)

PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

6 entries in Black and White Photography (Div. 33)

OR

6 entries in Color Photography (Division 34)

2025 UMD Summer Camps

By Karen Shih '09

Feb 13, 2025

The University of Maryland offers a summer bounty of camps for children of all ages, ranging from six weeks of campus adventures for your youngest tots to research-based programs for aspiring scientists and engineers. Whether your kid loves playing music, creating code or challenging a massive climbing wall and ropes course, you will find great options at UMD.

Some popular camps fill up fast, so mark them down for next year. You can find more information at

<https://today.umd.edu/2025-umd-summer-camps>

Advanced Physics Summer Program. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28-Aug. 8

Amazing Science Discovery Camp. Students entering grades 3-5. July 14-18

Brin Maryland Mathematics Camp. Students entering grades 10-12. June 16-27

Bug Camp: Insects, Science & Society. Ages 7-1.

Session 1: June 23-27

Session 2: July 7-11

Camp Shule (Nyumburu Cultural Center). Registration information forthcoming. Students entering grades pre-K-12. June 16-Aug. 8

Center for Young Children. Ages 3 through kindergarten. June 23-Aug. 1

Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering Summer Program. Students in high school and community college. July 14-Aug. 15 (based in Rockville, Md.), Monday-Thursday

Data Detectives Camp. Students entering grades 6 or 7.

Session 1: July 7-11 in person in Atlanta, Ga. (at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters).

Session 2: Aug. 4-8 in person in College Park, Md.

Digital Story telling Camp. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28 - Aug. 1

Discovering Engineering Summer Program. Students entering grades 11-12.

Session 1: July 27-Aug. 1

Session 2: Aug. 3-8. Residential

ESTEEM/SER-Quest Summer Program. Students entering grade 12. July 7-Aug. 1.

Fire Protection Engineering Design Challenge. Students entering grades 11-12. July 7-11 (based at Mount St. Joseph's Catholic High School Monday-Thursday; students bussed to UMD on Friday)

Girls Talk Math. Students entering grades 9-12. July 7-18

Gymkana. Ages 5-15. June 23-Aug. 1

iDTech Camps. Ages 7-17. June 23-Aug. 8

Innovative Materials for Technologies. Students entering grades 10-12. July 28-30

LiFE Sports Summer Camp. Ages 9-14. June 23-July 17, weekdays

The Physics of Quidditch. Students entering grades 6-8. July 7-11

Pre-College Scholars Program. Students entering grades 11-12. July 7-25, weekdays

Promoting Meaningful Interaction and Social Engagement (PROMISE) summer program. Children ages 5-15. July 12-Aug. 16 (in Rockville, Md.)

Science and Math Innovators MaSTErMinds Camps: Math Mania and Rocket Science. Students entering grades K-3. June 23-27

Science and Math Innovators MaSTErMind Camps: LEGO Robotics. Students entering grades 4-9. June 30-July 3

Secure IT Summer Academy. Students entering grades 6-8

Session 1: July 7-11 (beginner/intermediate)

Session 2: July 14-18 (intermediate/advanced)

Shirley Povich Sports Journalism Summer Camp. Students entering grades 9-12. July 7-11

Summer Reading Camp. Students in grades K-8. July 7-24

Terp Quest. Ages 6-12. June 23-Aug. 8

Terp Quest Adventure Camp. Ages 10-12. Aug. 4-8

Terp Young Scholars. Students entering grades 10-12 (including graduating seniors). July 14-Aug. 1, weekdays

Terrapin Music Camp. Students entering grades 5-12

Band: July 13-18

Orchestra: July 20-25

Choir: July 20-25

Volcano Camp. Students entering grades 10-12 and UMD Terrapin Teachers. Dates TBA. Free, Prince George's County high school students and future STEM teachers from UMD's Terrapin Teachers program get to do hands-on volcanology research. Students learn how to identify and analyze crystals in volcanic ash, and visit the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

WIE Change the World! An Introduction to Maryland Engineering. Students entering grades 11-12. July 6-11

WIE Aspire! Explore Engineering. Students entering grades 9-10. July 14-18. For women but open to all.

WIE em Power! Students entering grades 7-8. June 23-27

WIE RISE! A Summer Research Program. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28-Aug. 1

SPORTS CAMPS

Field Hockey. Ages 12-18

Session1: July 27-29

Session2: Aug. 3-5

Nike Elite Golf Camps. Ages 12-17 (advanced skill levels). June 8-9, Aug. 3-4

Nike Junior Golf Camps. Ages 10-18 (all skill levels). June 15-18

Gymnastics. Girls ages 7-18. Two-day sessions from June 28-Aug. 5

Soccer Day Camp (boys). Ages 6-12. June 23-26

Soccer Elite Camp (boys). Students entering grades 6-12 (separate camps for middle and high schoolers). June 28-July 1; July 11-14

Soccer Day Camp (girls). Students entering grades K-8. June 16-19; June 23-26; July 21-24

Soccer Residential Camp (girls). Students entering grades 6-12. July 21-23

The Volleyball Academy (girls). Students entering grades 7-12. July 11-13

Wrestling. Ages 7-18. June 23-27; July 7-9 and July 7-11

CLOVER BY 4-H

Whether you are new to 4-H or you are a 3rd generation 4-H'er, you may not have heard of CLOVER by 4-H. This is different from a cloverbud or a clover program. Instead, CLOVER by 4-H is the National 4-H Council's catalog of interactive online classes! There are classes for ages 5-18 and on any topic you can imagine, from financial literacy, to agriculture, to cooking.

If your child is under 13 years old, a "parent account" is required to assist with monitoring your child's online activities.

Club Leaders can also sign up for CLOVER by 4-H and can view all of the content to find potential club activities and even manage multiple learner accounts for their clubs.

In addition, the very best part is that CLOVER by 4-H is free!

Enhance your 4-H experience by trying CLOVER by 4-H. You may just find your new passion!

To learn more about CLOVER by 4-H, and to create your free account, visit:

<https://4-h.org/clover/about/>

Are you interested in Teaching a Workshop?

The Montgomery County (MoCo) 4-H is looking for volunteers and people to spread their knowledge and passion in anything from sewing, to baking, to cake decorating, to computer technology. Contact any of the MoCo 4-H Team if you are interested in teaching in a workshop and passing on your passions to our 4-H Youth!

St. Mary's County Soil Conservation (MASCO) Coloring Contest

At the end of this newsletter, you can find this year's picture to be colored. Coloring must be done **ONLY** by the participating child. **Wax crayons** are the only medium that can be used - nothing else. Judging will be based on neatness, attention to detail and how well directions were followed.

The colored pictures are due to the Montgomery County Soil Conservation Office **by June 1**. Please double print the entry pages, staple the Coloring sheet with the entry information or with a card

The entry must have contestant's name, address, age, grade, class, county, and home phone number. Entries received that do not have all of the required information will be disqualified and not displayed for judging at MASCO.

Please send the entry to:

Montgomery County Soil Conservation Office
Attn: Karen Walker
18410 Muncaster Rd
Derwood, MD 20855

2025 Maryland 4-H Horse Judging/Hippology Contests

We are still actively recruiting volunteers for the 2025 Horse Judging/Hippology contest to be held on **June 14, 2025, at the Howard County Fairgrounds**. If you or someone you know would like to provide horses for classes or time and energy in coordinating the contests for the day, please reach out to Jim Barey, at jrbarey@umd.edu with contact information and questions.

Updated Rules & Regulations for 2025 Horse Judging/Hippology coming soon.

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Come join us to celebrate YOU! We appreciate all that you do for us as volunteers, and we want to give you a fun and relaxing afternoon to eat lunch together and play some games! We will be hosting the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on June 22, 2025 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Office: Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD, 20855). Please register on 4-HOnline for this event.

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Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

June 22, 2025
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Location: Montgomery County 4-H Office

18410 Muncaster Rd., Derwood, MD 20878

RSVP on 4-H Online



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2025 Maryland 4-H Visual Equine Art Contest

The 2025 Visual Equine Art Contest will be held by virtual submission beginning on July 1, 2025. More details and information to follow.

Camp Tawasentha

Registration is now open at

<https://forms.gle/93ijC9WRQZbC6AWM7>

SAVE THE DATES!!!! Camp Tawasentha will be July 20-25, 2025. The camp is ACA certified, and all adult volunteers are certified through the University of Maryland's Extension program.

Camp is open to all children ages 8-13 as of January 1, 2025. Those that are 14-18 years old as of January 1 must hold a teen leadership position. Youth ages 8-14 are welcome to register NOW for this year's camp. We have fun workshops and classes for all, including archery, rifle, arts and crafts, campfire cooking, and more! Youth can enjoy fun challenges, compete for the best kingdom, swim in the lake, and enjoy time with friends!

2026 Tentative date: July 12 -17

Alumni Survey

The Indoor Committee is looking to feature the amazing things that 4-H can do for you through a feature display on alumni of 4-H. Any 4-H Alumni is welcome to fill out a survey about their experiences and how 4-H got them to where they are today.

<https://forms.gle/y2ZzFTHxkyMPk5NY6>

4-H Fair Indoor Building Chairpersons Needed

Montgomery County 4-H is in search of enthusiastic volunteers to fill vacant Chairperson positions at the fair on entry day. If you are new to 4-H or never have volunteered at the fair, here is your opportunity to meet other 4-H members and make the Best Better! Do not worry; you will receive "on-the-job" training. What are the responsibilities of a 4-H Indoor Building Chairperson?

A Chairperson in the 4-H Indoor Building ensures entries are registered into the appropriate class, and displays entries after judging for a pleasing display.

Specifically:

- A Chairperson must be available during registration on Wednesday for Non-Perishable Entries, or on Saturday for Perishable Entries, as appropriate, prior to the fair.
- A Chairperson ensure all entries are registered in the proper classes and ready for judging, reclassifying entries as needed.
- Communicate to the judges our judging philosophy and criteria and ensure that materials for the Division are complete.
- During the judging process, be available to resolve problems and address concerns, mediating and making decisions as needed, and consulting with the Superintendent when required.
- Ensure entry class changes are properly noted for updating in ShoWorks.
- Ensure all entries' awards are properly noted, ribbons are distributed, and special awards decided.

For more information, please email Sheila Ford at Sheilaf@umd.edu.

Montgomery County Fair Entry Deadline

We encourage all our 4-H members to participate and enter many exhibits at the 76th Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, August 8–16, 2025. 4-H Indoor and demonstration entry registrations must be entered online by July 20.

Maryland State Fair Entry Deadlines

The deadline for most Maryland State Fair is July 31, 2025. Some sections may have earlier deadlines, like July 15 for 4-H/FFA showmanship. For example, 4-H entries need to be made in 4-H Online by this date. Additionally, for some events, like the Mullet Madness Competition, the entry deadline is August 24, 2025.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- General Entry Deadline: July 31, 2025.

- 4-H/FFA Showmanship: Some showmanship classes may require entries to be submitted by July 15, 2025.
- 4-H Online Entries: Entries must be submitted using 4-H Online by July 31.
- [Mullet Madness](#) Competition: The entry deadline for this competition is August 24, 2025.
- Farm & Garden: Farm & Garden entries must be entered by July 31.
- First Week Baking Show: First Week Baking Show entries are made on August 18 and 19.

CLUB & MEMBER CORNER

Sewing Workshop

As part of her Diamond Clover Level 6 project, 4-H Member, Anvita Divvela, is hosting another sewing workshop on May 25 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD, 20855). Participants will learn how to sew using a sewing machine, and will ultimately make a pillowcase to donate! This is a great introductory workshop for those 4-H members who have always wanted to learn more about sewing. This workshop will be limited to 10 youth. Please register on 4-H Online!



Birdbox Building



Joseph M. Level 6 Diamond Clover Project with the Clarksburg Helping Hands 4-H Club, is building 20 bird boxes. The bird boxes are for support of local wildlife and community spaces. He currently has materials for 9 bird boxes, which will be assembled during an upcoming workshop.

Once completed, all the bird boxes will be donated to the Damascus Recreation Center to help provide safe nesting areas for birds, and promote environmental stewardship in the community. If you are interested in woodworking, please come and assist Joseph with his project!

Registration will be limited to 10 youth. Help Joseph complete his Diamond clover project for the Damascus Recreation Center, and learn the skills needed to create your own bird box at home! The workshop is on May 24 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD, 20855).

Lucky Clovers

By K.L.P-F

Lucky Clovers had another productive and fun year in 2024. Officers were Jazmin M. as President, Bo R. and Isaiah R-D. as Vice Presidents for Membership and Programming, Delina S. as Secretary, and Lydia S. as Treasurer. The club continued many annual service activities like assembly of healthy sandwiches, which the club traditionally bring to local housing-assisted people. The Club did this twice in 2024. Lucky Clovers packed 118 food pantry bags for their host venue, St.John's Lutheran in Aspen Hill, worked at Maryland Day, and served at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. They refresh the gardens in front of the Old Timers' Building in early summer, and they gather for a traditional night together at The Big Cheese. The club also celebrated Keiron F.'s blue ribbon cake which raised \$1400 at the Cake Auction for Montgomery County 4-H!

Among their programs, Mr. Ken Visser, well-known expert Fair Photographer, taught about photography. Parent club leader and local artist, Mrs. Shani H-M., presented the science within the art of slime, a very messily popular laboratory session, along with abstract paint art. She also ran the club's long engagement with Sandy Spring Museum bringing art to community kids for a few years on a special grant.

For an outdoor bonding activity, Lucky Clovers tried kayaking! Many families paddled together at Lake Needwood and played games for a picnic day in June.

Past years have found the club camping in various parks about an hour drive from Montgomery County.

The National Youth STEM Day 4-H activity, last autumn, was Food For Thought. This year they kept it in-house. After packing food pantry bags, the club members dove into meaningful discussions playing the Food Insecurity game using the game materials to investigate and experiment with how communities can become more resilient against food insecurity.

In November, club member siblings Deric A., Maddie A., Daniel A. and Floyd A. shared their Native American heritage in an educational demonstration of their history and culture, with support from Mrs. Heather A. Bo R. gave a clarinet demo and recital. Alex H. delivered a visual presentation talk and fielded questions about President George H.W. Bush.

In January 2025, the club installed their new officers K.L. PF as President, Bo R. as VP Programming, Alex H. as VP Membership, Jazmin M. as Secretary, Ellie R. as Treasurer, Evie A. as Sunshine Chair, and Jack A. as Historian/Photographer. A hundred percent (100%) of youth members ran for and / or served as officer either last year or this year.

Ellie R.'s February demo led the club making paper crafts for Fair. Club leader Mrs. Cindy G. led flower starting in March so they could deliver blooms to seniors in the spring. In April, the members met an exchange student from France, and planned a fabric sewing craft for seniors and individual fair entries. K.L. gave a report and visual presentation of his States' 4-H trip to Japan and the program, and competed in Public Speaking. Lucky Clovers played games with and described 4-H to many visitors at Maryland Day 2025. Each month they hear about many 4-H'ers, and other things all the members do across "our community, our country and our world."



Damascus Community



By Chace B.

During the April monthly business meeting, the Damascus Community 4-H Club discussed what type of 4-H shirts the club should vote for to wear in 2025. It is not mandatory to purchase a Club shirt. The Club decided to vote for white T-shirts.

Afterwards, the members discussed the Senior Citizen Birthday Party that they will be hosting in July. The meeting was adjourned, and the members enjoyed some snacks and played board games.

4-H Calendar Due dates and Events

MAY

- 1 Terp Young Scholars Application due date
- 2-4 Engineering Camp
- 5 Mother's Day Craft Night
- 5 Spring Tractor Paper Clover Campaign end
- 5-9 DIY Duel supplies pick up
- 7 PYD virtual
- 9 Montgomery County Homeschool Tailgate Day
- 12 Central Cluster Fashion Revue registration due date
- 14 Diamond Clover Lv 6 Application Workshop
- 17 Central Cluster Fashion Revue
- 19 Fair Workshop
- 24 Birdhouse Building Workshop
- 25 Sewing Workshop
- 31 Flower Arrangement Workshop

JUNE

- 4 Diamond Clover Lv 6 Application Workshop
- 7 Robotics Workshop
- 9 Fair Workshop
- 11 Soil Conservation District Contest registration due date

- 14 State Horse Judging and Hippology Contests
- 15 Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship due date
- 22 Volunteer Appreciation Celebration
- 25 Diamond Clover Lv 6 Application Workshop

July

- 1 4-H Equine Visual Arts Contest
- 1 Start of the new 4-H Club/Unit Fiscal Year
- 20 MoCo Agricultural Fair - Entry deadline
- 31 Maryland State Fair - General Entry deadline

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4-H Central Cluster Fashion Revue

Date: May 17th

NOTE: Judging and Show are on SAME DAY

Time: 9am-2:00pm

time of show depends on number of participants
Exact times will be communicated to all those registered

Location: Trinity United Methodist Church
703 W Patrick St





Register by May 12th





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VOLUNTEER SURVEY

Dear Montgomery County 4-H Volunteer,

Thank you for the dedicated, hard work that you provide for the 4-H youth in Montgomery County. We know from the research that young people significantly benefit from having caring adults in their lives and that your participation in this program is truly making a difference.

Within the next week, you will be receiving an email from our office that seeks to determine program priority areas, topics, partners and strategies that you consider most important for us to focus on within the county. Our county has experienced a lot of changes in the last several years. This is why we want to make sure that we take time to hear from you about what types of ideas and goals you have for Montgomery County 4-H and how we can accomplish those together.

The survey will only take about 5-10 minutes of your time. All those who participate will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$25 Tractor Supply gift card. You have the option to complete it online or via a hard copy. Your answers are confidential and, in no way, will your individual answers be identified with you.

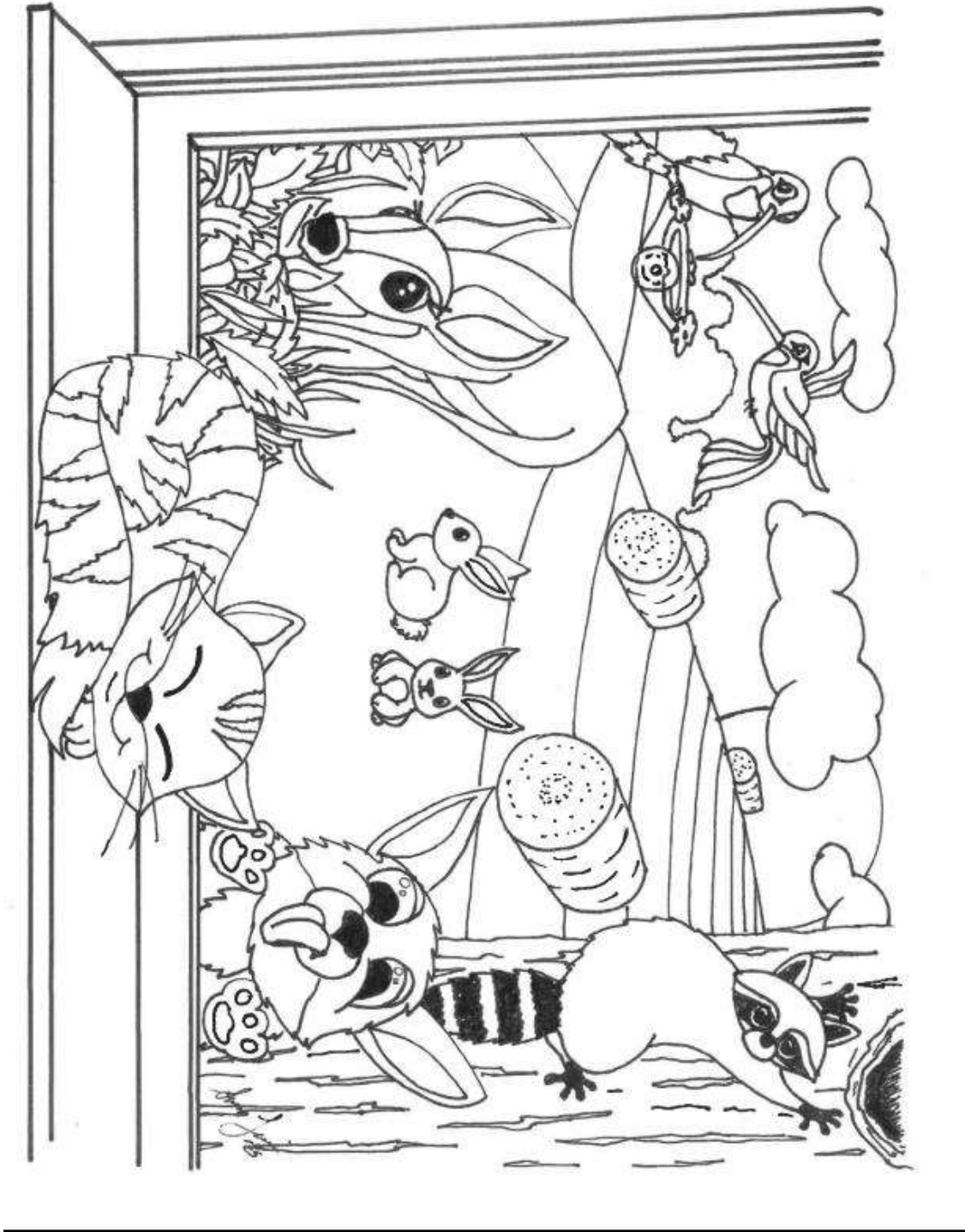
By providing us with your feedback, we will be better able to strengthen 4-H programs in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

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STUDENTS

NAME _____

MAILING

ADDRESS _____

HOME

PHONE# _____

AGE _____

NAME OF

SCHOOL _____

COUNTY _____

**CLASS (A, B OR
C)** _____

GRADE _____

(CLASS A -Kindergarten & 1st grades)

(CLASS B - 2nd & 3rd grades)

(CLASS C - 4th & 5th grades)

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