



Happy October! Just a reminder, this publication is a forum for you, our 4-Hers, Clubs, and Volunteers! We encourage you to submit pictures and articles highlighting your activities, ideas, and outstanding accomplishments! To be included in our next issue, please email all submissions no later than 11/5/25 to Marylisa Schaedel at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).

## **Kickball Tournament 2025**



**Congratulations to our reigning champions,  
Cloverettes and Friends!**

All of our teams had a great time playing Kickball at the 4-H Camp! For more pictures, see page 28!



# UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



Mark your calendar to join us for **Demonstration Day** scheduled for 11/8 from 12-4 pm at the Extension Office. Please use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAAAC29ABFBC61-58547987-demonstration>



It is not too early to plan your dish for **Meal Appeal!** The contest will be held on March 14th at DCO. Once your club registers to participate, we will share the mystery list! Contact Karen for the registration form: [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu).



Save the Date! Clubs are encouraged to participate in the 2nd Annual Deck the Stalls event at the Harford County Fairgrounds on 11/29 from 12-8 pm. Trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses will be judged for the silent auction benefiting the Farm Fair.



## APPLICATION National 4-H Conference

Applications are now being accepted for senior 4-Hers to serve as Maryland 4-H Delegates to the 2026 National 4-H Conference which will be held on April 10-15, 2026 in Arlington, VA. To be considered, please submit your 4-H portfolio through 4-H Online by 11/15. The Essay topic for this delegation is *"When faced with the potential of limited funding, how would you advocate to your community the value of funding the 4-H and Youth Development program?"*



Applications for the 2025 Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program will be accepted in 4-H Online now through November 16, 2025. Senior age 4-H members may apply. The guidelines for the 2025 Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program, a submission help sheet, and the essay scoresheet can be found on the Maryland 4-H website at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences> under the Animal Science Resources / Animal Science Project Records heading. **If you plan to enter, PLEASE contact our office for the MD State 4-H Summary Record.**







## *4-H Teen Council Community Service Challenge*

The Harford County 4-H Teen Council challenges your club to help fill the shelves at the Harford Family House and Welcome One Shelter! World Homelessness Day (10/10) falls during National 4-H Week and we couldn't think of a better way to use our hands for larger service! The items below are the most sought after for the shelter residents. We challenge you to participate, collect as many items as you can and return them to our office on or before 12/5. All participating clubs, no matter how many items are collected, will be added to a drawing for a club treat!

**Black Horse and Trailblazers:** Non-Perishable Dinner Items for the Food Pantry- spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, baked beans, stuffing mix, canned meat, etc.

**Blue Ribbon and Paws and Claws:** Non-Perishable Breakfast and Lunch Items- pop tarts, cereal, applesauce or fruit cups, granola bars, etc.

**Cloverettes & Friends and Clover Community:** Meal Service Items- 10" paper plates, paper bowls, plastic cups, plastic cutlery

**Dog Club and Hand Me Down Clovers:** Chapstick, handwarmers, deodorant, body wash, body lotion

**Harford Stockyards, Harford Robotics and Pioneers:** Paper towels, napkins, Ziploc bags, toilet paper

**Churchville Champions, Harford Youth Shooters, Horse Power:** Hats, gloves and socks

**Livestock, Udder Chaos and Rabbit Breeders:** Toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap

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# **Harford County Farm Fair Fall Fest**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

**4-8 pm**

**Looking for Clubs to support Trunk or Treat! Come and spread the word about 4-H while participating in the Trunk Decorating Contest!**

**Animals Needed for the Petting Zoo!**

**If you would like to come out and support the event, join us for the costume contest, bonfire, games and more....\$10 per car.**

**If you would like to participate or have questions, contact Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).**





# FALL

## 4-H Cloverbud Activities

**Sept 12th - Making Healthy Food Choices & a Snack**

**Oct 17th - Fall Leaf Fun**



**Nov 13th - A Long Winter's Nap -  
Learn about Hibernation**



**6:30 - 7:30pm**

*Ages: 5-7 yrs, 4-H Clovers & Bring a friend!*

*Location: Harford County Extension Office*



Register for one or more activity

<https://bit.ly/3SKGRTx>

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please call our office at 410-638-3255 two weeks in advance.



To register, use this link: <https://bit.ly/3SKGRTx>



# 4-H Record Book & Portfolio Workshop



Join us for a Record Book and Portfolio Workshop for new members or 4-H'ers seeking a refresher!

**Record Books will be required to participate in the 2026 Fair.**

We will be covering step by step instructions on how to complete a Record Book and reviewing the Portfolio process!

We hope to see you there!

When: Tuesday, October 14th at 7 pm

Where: The Harford County Extension Office

**Please specify record book or portfolio** when you RSVP to Marylisa at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) or call the office, 410-638-3255.

Hope to see you there!!

## Let's Talk About Leadership!

Join us for an informal discussion to learn all about

- ♦ Leadership Trips
  - ♦ State Council
  - ♦ Diamond Clover
  - ♦ Harford County 4-H Teen Council
- and other Leadership Opportunities!

Monday October 27, 2025 7 pm

RSVP by 10/24 to Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu)



### SAVE THE DATE!!

The Harford County 4-H Teen Council will  
be hosting an Easy Gifts Workshop on  
Wednesday, December 3rd from  
6:30-8:30 pm

Details will be forthcoming!

The 4-H Livestock Club will once again sponsor the postage for **Military Mail**! If your club would like to participate, please drop all cards off to the 4-H Office by 12/1. No glitter/metallic decorations or envelopes. Please add a line of encouragement or thanks in each card, first name only and no identifying information, please.







# Culinary Classes



Prepare a healthy snack and practice culinary skills, such as proper knife skills, measuring, and using a cutting board. Also, identify and use basic equipment used in food preparation.

4-H members  
ages 8 - 14 years



<http://bit.ly/3TskDGk>

★ September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
★ October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
★ November 19<sup>th</sup>

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**HARFORD COUNTY AG  
CENTER**

**6:30 PM**

**COST: \$3.00 PER PERSON, PER CLASS,  
PAY AT THE DOOR**

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# Virtual Photography Contest



Get your cameras ready! We invite all of our 4-H youth to participate in our Virtual 4-H Fall Photography Contest! A prize will be awarded to the first place entry for each age group (Clover, Junior, Intermediate, Senior) and category (listed below). **Pictures must be uploaded and received by 11/4/25 for judging.**

*One entry per category, per 4-Her, please!*

## Categories: Nature, Animals, & People

All entries will be featured on our social media and in the December newsletter.

Please send your pictures along with your name, age and category with a brief description to Marylisa Schaedel [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).

# LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES



## *Livestock Judging Interest Meeting*

A couple weeks ago at the Maryland state fair, four Harford county senior 4-H'ers tried their hand at livestock judging, and they loved it! It has been a while since Harford county has had a judging team and we are going to try and bring it back. So, we will be offering a Livestock Judging Interest Meeting for the whole county. If anyone has any interest, or just wants to see what's involved, please come out and join us. We will be meeting at the Harford county Extension Office on October 24 at 7pm. Please call Jodi Troyer at 410-459-2048 with any questions.



It's **Livestock and Dairy Skillathon** practice time! We will be having our first meeting soon, please check out our facebook page for details and more information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4902473169821691/>

Please call Jodi Troyer (410-459-2048) or Tracy Brooks (410-937-0575) with any questions.



# *4-H Fashion Revue*

## *SHOPPING IN STYLE CLINIC*



A Fashion Revue Clinic will be held Saturday, November 1st, 9-11:30am at the Extension Office.

***No sewing experience needed***, as we are looking to increase this event to non-sewers with more emphasis on your shopping and budget skills.

This event is geared Clovers to Seniors and will have 3 mini workshops:

- \* Grooming (hair, skin and nail care)
- \* Modeling (poise, answering judges questions)
- \* Shopping & Consumerism (know your wardrobe, find your clothing style, being a smart shopper)

Please RSVP by 10/29/25 to Janine Ortt, [jcnortt@gmail.com](mailto:jcnortt@gmail.com)

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**Beyond  
Ready**



**Starts Oct 21st** at 6:30pm at  
Harford County Extension Office

# DOG BOWL STUDY

*Join us to learn about dogs! No Dog, No Problem!  
No previous knowledge is needed, just a good  
attitude and a desire to learn!*

Week 1	Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Characteristics of a Dog & Breeds
Week 2	Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	Anatomy, Physiology & Reproduction
Week 3	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nutrition
Week 4	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Health & Diseases
Week 5	Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Obedience & Rally
Week 6	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Conformation and Grooming
Week 7	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trivia
	Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dog Bowl Contest at UMD 12 pm

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT KAREN KBTAYLOR@UMD.EDU**

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# Harford County 4-H All Stars



The next meeting is October 22, 7pm at the Extension Office.

Agenda items include 2026 Learn By Doing Grant, start Scouting process, goals for 2026, Interstate conference 2027.

Camp 100th Anniversary - Silent Auction Thank you's

Thank you to everyone who supported the Silent Auction at the camp - both to donors and Bid Winners. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we should be able to raise just over \$1300 to benefit the camp, hopefully for the purchase of Adirondack Chairs and Pool Benches.

In particular, hearty thanks to Jane Burgess, Margie and Sam Fielder, Karen Holloway/The Mill, Huber Family/Huber Harvest Farm, Kefauver's, Margaret Scarborough, Cloverettes and Friends 4-H Club/Leaders: Mary Macarelli, Suzanne Stauffer, Jan Stewart, Theresa and John Lilienthal, Lisa Maxwell, Gail Thomas, Cindy Givans, Marta Kastner, Karen Taylor, and 4-H'er Josiah Nance.





# Want to be a Summer Camp Counselor?



JOINING OUR TEAM AS A  
YOUTH COUNSELOR FOR  
HARFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP  
IS A GREAT WAY TO GAIN  
LEADERSHIP SKILLS, GAIN  
COMMUNITY SERVICE, MAKE  
NEW FRIENDS AND MENTOR  
YOUTH AS YOU HELP  
CAMPERS MAKE MEMORIES  
THEY WILL REMEMBER  
FOREVER!

## HARFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP

### CAMP DATES

June 29 - July 3, 2026

**Counselor Training starts  
January 2026**

Age requirement:  
Counselor in Training (CIT) and  
Counselors 14-18 yrs

Questions? 410-638-3255

Applications Due  
12/12/2025

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities/>

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# Seeking 4-H Camp Volunteers



Resolve to making a lasting impact in our community by volunteering at the Harford County 4-H Camp!

Our 2026 camp will be held June 29 - July 3, 2026, and we need dedicated adult volunteers to help make this camp a success.

Adult volunteers are crucial to providing a safe, memorable experience for our campers. We can only accommodate youth campers based on the number of adult volunteers onsite during the daytime and overnight! Join us for a summer of fun, growth, and community impact.

## Requirements

- Must be 21+ yrs old
- Complete 4-H Online enrollment & CJIS background check
- Attend Camp Volunteer Training



For more information contact Karen Taylor  
410-638-3255 or [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)

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# State 4-H Opportunities



We are excited to announce the registration for the 2025 Volunteer and Teen Forum has opened. This year, the Volunteer and Teen Forum will be held from Friday, November 14, through Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Holiday Inn on 65th St. in Ocean City, MD. Log on to [4-H Online](#) to register!



Do you know of a deserving volunteer? The State 4-H Volunteer Award nominations are being accepted now through 10/15! Use this google form to enter your nomination: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmVNtPWXncrhLE-YdQAU7T6WPA6HklegDoLI3hRW\\_UCiW\\_1w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmVNtPWXncrhLE-YdQAU7T6WPA6HklegDoLI3hRW_UCiW_1w/viewform). For more details, please visit <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/volunteers/>



# State 4-H Opportunities

## Global Food Champion Club

### 4-H Virtual Global Food Champion Club: Tackling Today's Largest Issues in Food Security

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the needs of this world and wondered what you can do to learn more and help be a part of the solution?

Then we invite you to join our **4-H Global Food Champions Club** to explore issues related to global food security (gender, nutrition, agriculture, etc), learn practical steps you can take to help, and get involved with a community of others who care. This virtual club is for 4-H youth in Maryland grades 9-12. We'll meet via Zoom on **Nov 17, Dec 1, and Dec 15 from 6:30–7:30 PM**, with an **optional in-person retreat on Dec 22**.

This club is not only a chance to connect with other teens passionate about solving real-world problems, but it is also a chance to strengthen your resume, earn cash prizes, gain access to exclusive internships around the world, and even compete for a trip to the [Global Youth Institute in Iowa](#). As this club wraps up, 4-H Educators will even help you write a "global challenge paper" - a paper that focuses in on one of the issues that matters most to you and outlines some of your ideas/solutions to solving that issue around the world. Once complete, the paper will serve as your **FREE** entry ticket to the Maryland Youth Institute on **April 25th, 2025**.

The [Maryland Youth Institute](#), held every spring at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore's main campus, is an all-day **FREE** event where teens present their global challenge research papers, meet with food security experts, and participate in a hunger-related service project together. Outstanding participants may earn cash prizes, recognition as Borlaug Scholars, and opportunities to attend the Global Youth Institute.

During both the virtual club meetings and the in-person institute event, you'll gain skills in research, presentation, and critical thinking, while learning how to make a real impact on food security. We hope you will join us! **Register to join the club here:** [Sign Up for the Virtual 4-H Club](#). If you have any questions, please contact Frederick County 4-H Educator Ms. Anna Glenn ([amglenn@umd.edu](mailto:amglenn@umd.edu)).



Congratulations to our Harford County 4-Hers  
who participated in the State shooting Sports  
Contests!! More details to come!

# 🍀 Featured 4-Hers! 🍀



On September 15th Emily Troyer, Maddi Thomas and Claire Minde competed in the All-American Dairy management contest in Harrisburg, PA. As a team they placed 2nd overall for 4-H and Claire was 1st place in the Nutrition Management division and in the overall contest Claire was 6th place. Great job Girls! ~submitted by Jodi Troyer



# 🍀 Featured 4-Hers! 🍀



Congratulations to our 4-Hers  
who participated in the MD State  
4-H Dairy Judging Contest! ~*picture*  
*submitted by Tracy Brooks*



# 🍀 Featured 4-Her! 🍀



Bella Smithson of Black horse club competed on the Maryland State Livestock B judging team on Oct 4th. The team placed 5th in small ruminates and 5th in beef cattle. Great job to all!! ~submitted by Jodi Troyer





# Club Notes



The Udder Chaos 4-H Club hosted a Dairy Interest Workshop at the Cooke Farm. They had a great turnout! If you are interested in learning more about this new club, please reach out the 4-H Office! ~submitted by Kellie Cooke







# Club Notes



Members of the Harford County 4-H Dog Club participated in the Dog Show at the Maryland State Fair. Congratulations to all!  
~submitted by Diana Gervasi





# Club Notes

At their September meeting, the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club participated in a “Fair Show & Tell” and enjoyed an ice cream sundae party. ~Submitted by Club Leader Jane Burgess







# Club Notes



For their September meeting, the Clover Community Club hosted their own “demonstration day.” They got to learn about Cooking, the 4-H Conference, Horticulture Judging, Dairy Cattle Genetics and Care, State Fair Top Chef Competition, and the differences in video game consoles. It was interesting and informative, and also yummy! ~submitted by Laura Grace Muir







# Club Notes



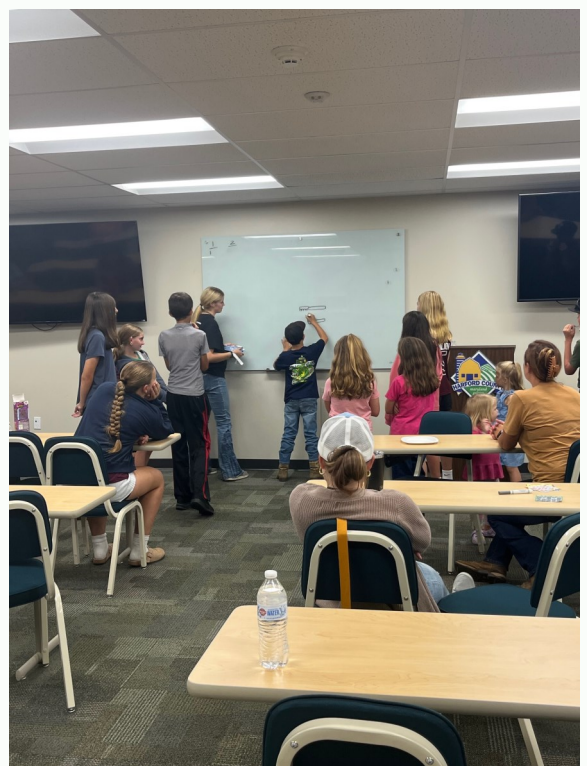
The Harford Stockyards Club spent their Saturday morning on October 14<sup>th</sup> volunteering at First Fruits Farm in Freeland, MD. They harvested the last of the corn crop of which this corn will help fight hunger in the community. Working side by side in the fields they learned the value of teamwork and giving back. The fresh corn was donated to local food banks and shelters. ~submitted by Club Leader, Kristin Grabowski





# Club Notes

At their September meeting, the Livestock Club held their end of summer party, enjoying games, pizza and ice cream with their members. ~submitted by Marylisa Schaedel, Club Leader





# Club Notes

In September, Blackhorse started winding down from the busy Fair season! Our club cleaned up the 4-H Camp flower bed for the anniversary event. We also participated in the Mason-Dixon Fall Fest by having a petting zoo & pulling the barrel train around. Also, several of our club members participated in the tractor pull, along with their parents. ~submitted by Ashley Kerns, Reporter







# Picture Pages



Members of our Teen Leadership Council enjoyed playing miniature golf!



# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
National 4-H Week						
	4-H Town Hall and Leaders Association Meeting 7 pm EO	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION		Beyond Ready		
12	13	14  Record Book and Portfolio Workshop 7 pm	15	16	17  Clover Fall Leaf Fun 6:30 pm EO	18
19	20	21  Dog Bowl Practice Be- gins Every Tuesday- 12/2 6:30 pm EO	22  4-H Cooking Class 6:30 pm All Stars Meeting 7 pm EO	23	24  Livestock Judging Interest Meeting 7 pm EO	25  Fall Fest HCFF 4-8 pm
26	27  Leadership Opportunities Workshop 7 pm EO	28	29	30  Vet Science Series #2 7 pm EO	31	

# November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>  Fashion Revue Workshop 9- 11:30 am E0
2	3	<b>4</b>  Photography Contest Entry Deadline	5	<b>6</b>  Teen Leader- ship Council Meeting 7 pm	7	<b>8</b>  Demonstration Day Registration Required
9	10	<b>11</b>  Office Closed	12	<b>13</b>  Clover Workshop 6:30 pm E0	14	<b>15</b> <div>Volunteer and Teen Forum</div>
<b>16</b> <div>Ocean City, MD</div>	17	18	<b>19</b>  Cooking Class 6:30 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	<b>27</b>  Office Closed	28	29
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