

# 4-H PARTYLINE



## 4-H Achievement Program

The annual 4-H Achievement Program was held on March 29th at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The program is held annually to recognize the successful completion of projects by 4-H youth and a celebration of the work of volunteer leaders. There were 255 record books that were completed by members for 2025. In addition to project awards, youth are recognized for service hours earned and received special awards for achievement.

Special thanks is extended to Garrett County Commissioner, Larry Tichnell, Garrett County Farm Queen, Molly Magruder, Stage Helpers, Cassidy Ashby & Julia Ramsey, Emcee, Jasmine Ramsey, photographers, Emily Pysell & Kenzie Mousch, and Garrett County Fair Board Coordinator, Mike Kepple for their help at our program. Pictured below are some of the award winners.



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## KIDS FITNESS & SMOOTHIES CLASS

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## Calendar of Events

### May 2026

- 1 **Entry Deadline:** Spring Weigh In & District Show
- 8 SpringWeigh-In noon - 8 pm
- 9 Western Maryland District Show starting at 9:00 am
- 9 Make-up Meeting Opportunities (see page 2)

### June 2026

- 1 **DUE:** Horse ID Cards, Dog ID Cards & Breeding Animal Leases
- 1 **DUE:** Rabbit & Poultry Registration Cards
- 1 **DUE:** Broiler Show Records to 4-H Office by noon
- 3 Broiler Show-4-H Office @ 6:00 pm
- 13 Maryland 4-H Hippology & Horse Judging Contest- Howard County
- 15 **DUE:** Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application
- 28 4-H Camp ALGAWA begins

### July 2026

- 1 **DUE:** Quality Assurance Training (see Page 2)
- 17 4-H Engineering Events-GEARS
- 20 Poultry Testing~Garrett County Fairgrounds
- 29 Make-up Meeting Opportunity (see page 2)

August 1 to August 8 ~ Garrett County Agriculture Fair

## GCLA Update

The Garrett County Livestock Association allows a member to attend two make-up meetings. There are four opportunities that can count as a make-up meeting, three of which are upcoming:

1. Attendance to help set up for Spring Weigh-In and District Show-April 30th @ 6 pm at GC Fairgrounds
2. Showing a market animal at the Garrett County District Livestock Show~May 9, 2026
3. Fair clean-up and preparation~July 29, 2026 @1 pm at GC Fairgrounds

**Poultry Exhibitors—Testing Date:** All poultry, both in state and out of state poultry, must be tested for Avian Influenza within **21 days** prior to entry or originate from a NPIP Avian Influenza Clean or Monitored flock (or 14 days for out of state birds). Avian Influenza testing will require 10 birds or all birds in the flock if fewer than 10 birds from the exhibitors flock. Those individuals planning to bring poultry to the Garrett County Agriculture Fair are reminded that all poultry for exhibition must meet the Maryland Department of Agriculture requirements. To assist with this process, arrangements will be made for the testing to be done on **July 20th from 4:00pm—7:00 pm at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in the rabbit barn**. Cost for the testing is \$35.00 per child or \$50.00 per family to be paid at the time of the testing.

Information needed:

**1.)** Source of birds-hatchery, raised or other. **2.)** The age of the birds. **3.)** The number of birds in your flock. Leg bands will be affixed upon testing. Please call 301 334-6960 to register for the testing by **June 10, 2026 so we have enough testing supplies**.

**Animal Leasing:** Any member wanting to lease an animal for a 4-H project this year, please contact Lacie Ashby at 301-334-6960 or by email at [lashby@umd.edu](mailto:lashby@umd.edu). Leases are due June 1st to the Garrett County 4-H Office.

## Livestock Entries for State Fair:

If you are planning to take a market animal to the State Fair, the animal must be tagged at the May 8th weigh-in. Contact the UME Office at 301-334-6960 to obtain your State Fair Animal ID card to bring with your animal to weigh-in. Animals must also be registered using the online state fair entry form.

The guidelines and the 2026 Online Entry Systems are available at <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h>.

Notice that the deadline for State Fair entries is July 15, 2026.

## 2026 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. MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows.

For up to date information visit <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>

## Animal Quality Assurance Coming Soon

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 2026 Garrett County Agriculture Fair or the Maryland State Fair.

The 2026 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) – all 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 like the Intermediate/Senior program does). Passcodes issued in 2018-2025 should still be viable for returning members. Passcodes may be retrieved by clicking on the "Forgot Your Passcode" link on the AH&QA homepage. 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. **We will notify you by email once the program is open.**

## Poultry and Rabbit Cards

Exhibitors planning to bring meat rabbits (pen of three) or broiler chickens (pen of two) to the fair are required to complete a livestock card by June 1 to be eligible for the livestock sale at the fair. Cards were mailed to all poultry and rabbit exhibitors in March. Cards can be dropped off to the UME 4-H Office.

## Horse and Dog ID Cards

Horse & dog ID cards can be obtained from the 4-H office or can be found on the state website under the animal science resource tab at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences> and are due to the 4-H Office by June 1st.

## Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships for Academic Year 2026-2027

The Maryland 4-H Foundation offers 4-H members the opportunity to apply for academic scholarships. Each year scholarships are awarded to current Maryland 4-H members or alumni who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university or post-secondary technical training program for the fall and spring semesters of the upcoming academic year. The Maryland 4-H Foundation awards an average of \$50,000 in scholarships annually.

The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application for academic year 2026-2027 is open!

For more information including a complete list of scholarships, eligibility requirements, the application and instructions, visit:

<http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>. To be considered for any of the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships, a completed application must be submitted online before June 15, 2026.



# Garrett County 4-H All-Stars Financial Assistance



The primary purpose of the Garrett County 4-H All-Star Financial Assistance program is to provide supplemental funds to assist youth and volunteers of the Garrett County 4-H Program in attending State and National 4-H events as well as Diamond Clover Level 6 projects and 4-H Camp Algawa youth counselor scholarships. You'll need to apply before the event to be eligible. For further details, visit our website at:

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/events/>



## Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign April 17th-May 3rd, 2026

National 4-H Council announced the launch of the Spring 2026 4-H Paper Clover Campaign in partnership with Tractor Supply Company (TSC). Shoppers will have the opportunity to support the Maryland 4-H Program by choosing to donate at the checkout while at the store. The success of these campaigns has impacted many youth with opportunities to attend 4-H camp or leadership events. Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to prepare youth to be ready for work and life.

**Consider donating today!**



## 4-H Underwater ROV Challenge (NEW for 2026!)

The Maryland 4-H SAM ROV Challenge provides 4-H members with an opportunity to learn, build and compete with a simple underwater ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle). The SAM ROV was designed to have simple construction to represent the key features of a commercial ROV. The 4-H SAM ROV Kit contains everything that is needed to construct the ROV. The Challenge will feature six ROV activities that simulate real life oyster production activities. The teams will also provide a presentation that will focus on shellfish and aquaculture.

Interested teams should have one of their coaches complete the ROV Challenge Registration Form at <https://go.umd.edu/26ROVRegistration>. Completion of this form will be how teams sign-up to receive supplies to assemble their underwater ROV. Each team will receive 2 ROV kits and 1 shared controller for the Challenge. Teams must be registered no later than June 15, 2026.

If you have any questions about the Underwater ROV Challenge, please contact our office by calling 301-334-6960. We will help organize a Garrett County team if you do not have enough members.



Karen Wood recently presented the ROV Challenge "An Underwater Adventure" during the Maryland 4-H STEM In-Service to 4-H Educators and Volunteers

Maryland 4-H ROV Challenge Manual  
<https://go.umd.edu/26ROVChallengeManual>



**Sign up your 4-H Club Team Today!**

**Assemble Your Team**

3-8 youth  
2 UME Volunteer Coaches

**Register by**

June 15th

**Receive your kit**

Start preparing for the Challenge



Maryland 4-H ROV Challenge Registration

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## 4-H Fashion Revue: Walk The Runway!

Join us for the 4-H Fashion Revue, open to all ages, from Clovers to Seniors! Showcase your style on the Outdoor Stage at the Garrett County Fair on Monday, August 3rd.

This event is a wonderful chance to display your personal style in front of friends and family.

For questions or to obtain forms, please contact Karen Wood at [kwood125@umd.edu](mailto:kwood125@umd.edu).

# GARRETT COUNTY 4-H FASHION REVUE



**Garrett County Fair**  
**Outdoor Stage**  
**Monday August 3rd 6pm**

**Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026**  
**Interview Judging 4:30 pm**  
**Fashion Revue-Outdoor Stage 6:00 pm**

### Categories

- **Ready to Wear**  
You may enter the Ready to Wear category with a purchased outfit. Part of the judging for this class is how you provided yourself with a garment that met a need, but was economical.
- **Made by Member**  
You may enter the Made by Member category with an outfit you make yourself using a sewing machine, hand stitching, weaving, knitting, crocheting, etc.

### 4-H Age Divisions

- Clovers: 5-7 (participation only)
- Juniors: 8-10
- Intermediates: 11-13
- Seniors: 14-18

**Limit 2 Outfits per Participant (1 per category)**

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# Happy Mother's Day

The Garrett County 4-H staff celebrates the incredible mothers of our 4-H members for their vital role and support. Thank you for being the cornerstone of our 4-H community!

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