

# 4-H PARTYLINE



## 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 more. 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 17, 2026

- 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 10, 2026.

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](http://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 24th, 2026. Online entry site: <https://garrettcountyfair.org/exhibitor-entries/>

For questions regarding online entries, please email: [entries@garrettcountyfair.org](mailto:entries@garrettcountyfair.org)

Coming Soon!

### 2026 GARRETT COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR

## AUGUST 1, 2026–AUGUST 8, 2026

**MANDATORY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
JULY 24, 2026 BY MIDNIGHT

**LIVESTOCK**

**VEGETABLES**

**FLOWERS**

**BAKED GOODS**

**WOODWORKING**

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**CRAFTS**

**CLOTHING**

**INDOOR EXHIBITS CAN BE REGISTERED WITH YOUR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES. WHILE NOT MANDATORY, REGISTERING ALL ENTRIES ONLINE WILL SAVE TIME ON ENTRY DAY**

### Calendar of Events

**June**

- 1 **DUE:** Rabbit & Poultry Registration Cards
- 1 **DUE:** Horse ID Cards, Dog ID Cards & Breeding Animal Leases
- 1 **DUE:** Broiler Show Records to 4-H Office by noon
- 3 **DUE:** Broiler Show~4-H Office @ 6:00 pm
- 28 4-H Camp Algawa begins

**July**

- 1 **DUE:** Quality Assurance Online Training
- 15 **DUE:** State Fair Online Registration
- 17 4-H Engineering Events~GEARS
- 20 Poultry Testing~Garrett County Fairgrounds
- 24 **DUE:** Garrett County Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Online Registration
- 29 Make-up Meeting Opportunity~Garrett County Fairgrounds 1:00 pm
- 29 Livestock Orientation (First-time Market Animal Exhibitors) 6:00 pm at Outdoor Stage

### August 1- August 8 Garrett County Fair

**August**

- 2 Livestock Orientation 5:30 pm~Show Ring

2026 Maryland State Fair Dates August 27-30 ~ September 3-7 ~ September 10-13

## Broiler Show

The Broiler Show will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. We have 20 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, 2026**

The Maryland State Fairs scheduled for August 27-September 13, 2026 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 are posted!**



## Required 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 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) – 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 2018-2025 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.

## 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. 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>

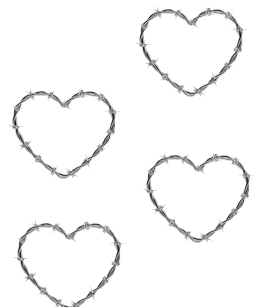


## Master Showman Contest

The Master Showman Contest will be held on Friday, August 7, 2026. Interviews will start at 8am. Master Showmanship will begin at 9:30am. Contact the Extension Office to register for the contest by July 29th.

## Spring Weigh-In & Western Maryland District Livestock Show

Spring Weigh-In and District Livestock Show was a success on the weekend of May 8-9. Market livestock projects continue to be among the most popular in our county. The number of animals weighed and tagged by species: Goats-56, Sheep-81, Swine-187. 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, College Park on Saturday, April 25th. There were 131 participants representing 21 counties for this event. Garrett County participants fared well at the event. Public speaking fosters creativity, critical thinking skills, leadership abilities, poise, and professionalism, valuable for the job market.

Results:  
 Kylie Bates, 2nd Place-Prepared  
 Dustin DeBerry, Participation-Extemporaneous

Congratulations to both competitors!



## Fashion Revue

The Fashion Revue will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026. 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 and forms if you would like to participate.



## Sweet Rewards Essay Scholarship Award Competition

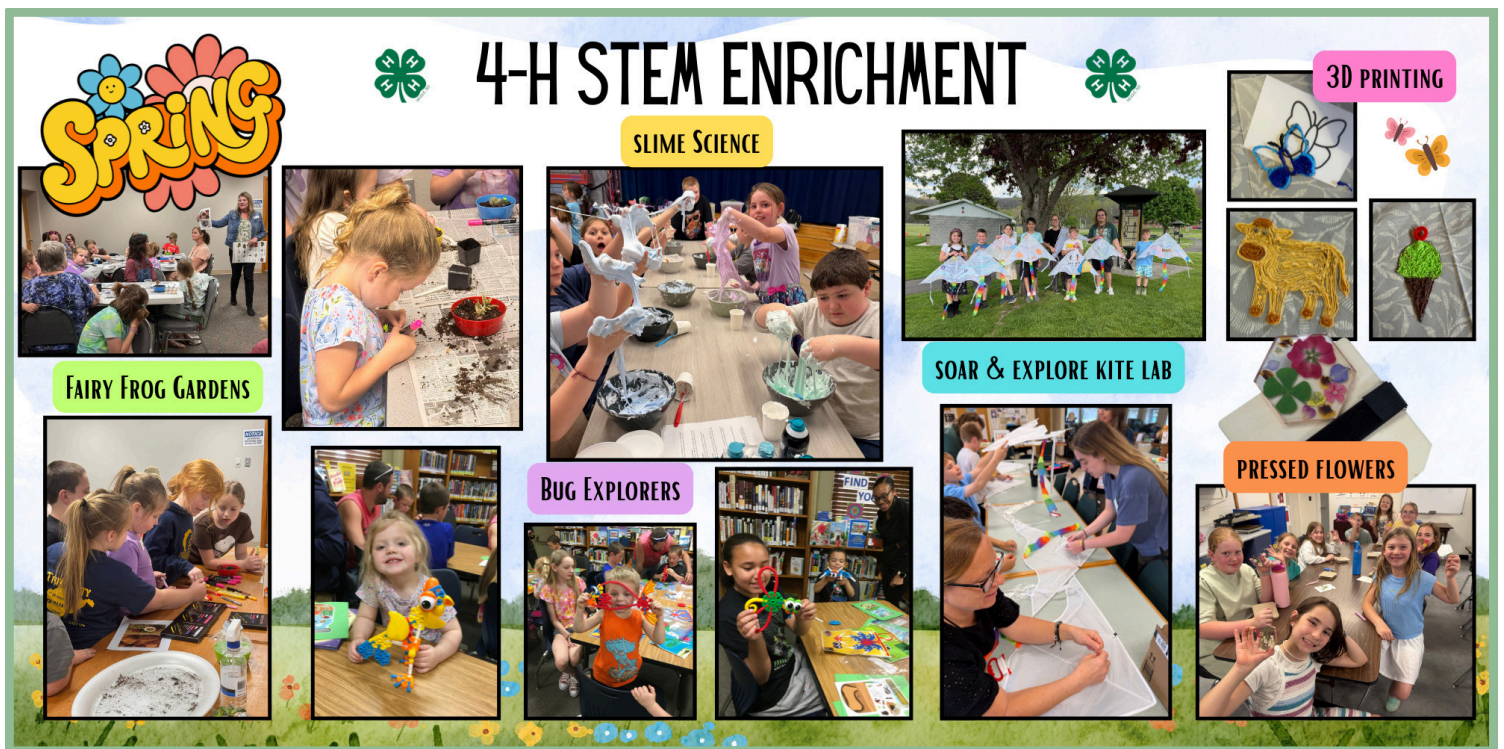
Sweet Rewards Farm (Don and Pam Adams) will be offering this year their annual scholarship award competition. Information was emailed to all 4-H members that had goat listed as a project. This award is based on essay entry, participation during fair week in the barn and evaluated on how you help others with their goats. Essay entries must be submitted to the 4-H Office at the fairgrounds by 10:00 am Monday, August 3rd or at the Extension Office prior to the fair.

## Spring 4-H STEM Enrichment Program Highlights

It was a busy spring for the Garrett County 4-H STEM Enrichment program. STEM Educator Karen Wood and Program Assistant Emily Pysell traveled throughout the county to present programs to In-School and After-School classrooms, 4-H Clubs and Libraries as part of the Student Discovery Series. Highlighted programs were:

- Fairy Frog Gardens & Lifecycles
- Slime Science & Non-Newtonian Fluids
- Bug Explorers & Entomology
- Soar and Explore Flight Lab & Kite Physics
- 3D Printing & Material Arts
- The Art of Leaf & Flower Pressing

These programs successfully sparked curiosity and enthusiasm for STEM among participants of all ages.



**ROV WORKSHOP!**  
REMOTELY OPERATED VEHICLE  
*Garrett County*

**FOR ALL YOUTH AGES 8-18**

**BUILD AND TAKE HOME AN UNDERWATER ROV**  
 No experience necessary- just curiosity and a sense of adventure  
**Allow 1 1/2 hours to build... Pick between 3 start times**  
 4:00pm - 4:45pm - 5:30pm

**Register by calling 301-334-6960**

**JUNE 16**  
**4-7PM**  
**UME OFFICE**

**PARENTS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**COMPETITION DISCUSSION WITH BE HELD AT 5:45PM**



Learn how you can be part of the exciting Maryland 4-H ROV Challenge competition this summer!!

## ROV Workshop Offered

Join us for an exciting ROV Workshop.

Pick between 3 start times from 4 pm and 7 pm on Tuesday, June 16th at the Garrett County Extension Office. Participants will have the chance to build and take home their very own ROV. The workshop will also share valuable information on how to get involved in the Maryland 4-H ROV Challenge competition taking place this summer.

Details about the competition will be held at 5:45 pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

To register, simply choose your preferred start time (allow yourself 1 1/2 hours to complete) and call the Garrett County Extension Office at 301-334-6960.

**Sign Up TODAY!**



**HAPPY FATHER'S day**

A 4-H dad's work is never done-but neither is their impact. Thank you for growing skills, character, and strong hearts.

**#1 Dad**



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