

The Cloverleaf

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REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Over the past year, we have encountered difficulties with the number of members and volunteers who do not pre-register for meetings, workshops and trainings offered within our program. There are greater numbers of people who attend than are registered. This causes problems such as not enough materials, not enough instructors, longer training sessions, and the inability to notify people of cancellations. It is very important to register with the proper individuals prior to each workshop or training. We strive to give each 4-H member and their families adequate notification of such events. Events requiring registration must be pre-registered to ensure high quality and ample instruction. *If individuals do not register for such sessions, please be advised there is a great probability there will not be enough materials available and they may run the risk of not being admitted to the session. This could prove unfortunate, especially for the "one time only" or "mandatory" sessions.* If there are not at least 5 or more individuals registered, sessions will be cancelled and only those who registered will be notified. Our goal is to ensure each 4-H member and volunteer receives the very best education and training possible. Everyone here at the University of Maryland Extension Howard County office wants to make certain everyone has a successful and enjoyable experience with our 4-H program. We look forward to your cooperation regarding all requests for future registrations and would like to thank everyone for all that is done "To Make the Best Better" in our Howard County 4-H Program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE VOLUNTEER DINNER
SATURDAY, MAY 5TH!

COMING SOON!
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK!

The Howard County UME Office will be closed:
Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

SCHOOLS CLOSED

When schools are closed.

ALL 4-H programs are canceled. This includes closing early due to inclement weather.

SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN

If a Snow Emergency Plan for Howard County is in effect at 7:00 a.m. on either Saturday or Sunday, All programs and activities, 4-H, school and community will be canceled. Should the plan go into effect after 7:00 a.m., programs in progress may be completed at the discretion of the activity leader.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H ALL STAR 2012 BASKET BINGO

The Howard County 4-H All Stars are currently planning the 2012 Basket Bingo Fundraiser. It is scheduled for **Friday, March 23rd** at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building. 4-H All Stars sponsor many 4-H awards and activities throughout our county. If you would like to make a donation for the fundraiser or would like tickets, please contact
Marjie Eyler
301-829-1449 or
Martin Hamilton at
410-489-6258.

FASHION REVUE

The 2012 4-H Fashion Revue Planning Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will take place at the Glenwood Community Center. Any 4-H'er carrying the Clothing or Fashion Revue projects may participate in the Fashion Revue Show. There are several other opportunities for 4-H'ers carrying Theater Arts or Public Speaking to help out with the show. Sub-committees, such as *Food, Narrations, Decorations, and Entertainment* will be in need of assistance for the show's continued success. Be on the lookout for the location, date, and time of the 2012 Fashion Revue in future issues of the Cloverleaf.

VISUAL PRESENTATION/COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP AND CONTEST

To prepare for the **2012 Communications Contest**, Howard County 4-H will be hosting a series of workshops conducted by UME volunteer Joan Bosmans. These sessions will be held at our Extension office on **Saturday, January 21st and February 4th from 9:00a.m - 12:00p.m.** **The Contest will be held on March 10, 2012 at the Fairgrounds. Visual Presentation Day will be the same day in the afternoon.** This is an excellent opportunity, whether a 4-H'er carries a public speaking project or not, to receive valuable tips, and advice to enhance public speaking abilities and presentation. The categories for the Communications Contest are: Extemporaneous, Prepared, Radio Spot, and Interpretations. Champions will have the opportunity to move on to the State competition. Please register with Amy Brueckmann at amyb@umd.edu or 410-313-2707. When registering, please provide your name, your age, the name of your club, a contact phone number, and email.

SENIOR PORTFOLIOS

ATTENTION all senior 4-H'ers. It is time to begin thinking about applying for Out of State Trips. These are wonderful and rewarding opportunities for senior 4-H members. They are "once in a lifetime" experiences! Please consider submitting your senior portfolio by **Wednesday, January 11th** to our Howard County Extension Office.

Essay Theme: "If you are selected to represent Maryland on an Out of State Trip what would you do upon your return to promote Maryland 4-H?"

Criteria for the essay: 1.) Length - no more than two pages. 2.) Double spaced 3.) Margins no less than 1 inch 4.) Font Size no less than 12 pt. 5.) Font type - Times New Roman.

For some life skills suggestions please refer to the Targeting Life Skills Model. If you have questions, please contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu. Specific information about the portfolios can be found at <http://www.maryland4h.org/Faculty%20and%20Staff/Awards%20and%20Recognition/index.cfm> or on our web site at www.howard4-h.org.

RECORD BOOK INFORMATION!

Record books for January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 are due in the 4-H Office by February 1, 2012. Records are judged on project achievements, leadership development, participation and growth. All record book forms are available on the 4-H website:

www.howard4-h.org

4-H'ers should have all the necessary project record sheets they need. If you do not, see your club leader. The leader has a list of the projects you need in the record book. Even if your club does not require record books and you choose not to do the record book, you still **MUST COMPLETE** project records for **ALL** projects carried in 2011. These need to be turned into the club leader and they will forward them to the 4-H Office with record books from the club by **February 1, 2012**.

Reminder:

Senior members who plan to submit their portfolio to be considered for National 4-H Club Congress and other trips need to submit their portfolios to the Extension Office by January 11, 2012



CLUB BOOKS

A **COPY** of each club's 2012 Program Planning Book, are due in the 4-H Office by February 1, 2012. This includes "Tentative Monthly Plans" and "Special Meetings Planned" for 2012. A club plan reflecting these plans should be given to each 4-H'er in your club.

A **COPY** of your **COMPLETE** planning book for 2011 is also due to the office by February 1, 2012.

Treasurer's Book - Submit the 4-H Club Audit Report, Treasurer's Book, and all financial records (bank statements, canceled checks etc.) by February 15, 2012. This is available on the web at www.howard4-h.org

FAIR SPECIAL AWARDS

The Howard County 4-H Program is looking for sponsors of Special Awards for the 2012 Fair. Please visit our website at www.howard4-h.org, to view our current list of available trophies.

If you are interested in picking up any of these awards, please contact Rick Hodiak at 410-313-1914 or hodiak@umd.edu.

WHERE'S THE ANSWER??

General Enrollment:
Rick Hodiak

Workshop Registrations:
Amy Brueckmann

Animal Science:
Sheryl Bennett

Human Science:
Chris Rein

Camp:
Chris Rein

Cloverleaf:
Amy Brueckmann

Changes to Enrollments:
Rick Hodiak

Calendar:
Amy Brueckmann

2012 4-H CALENDAR

The 4-H Calendar for 2012 is available at the 4-H web site at

www.howard4-h.org

Please remember there will be changes and additions throughout the year. If you do not have internet access and need a printed copy, please contact Amy Brueckmann at 410-313-1906 or amyb@umd.edu.



ATTENTION LIVESTOCK VOLUNTEERS

Sheryl is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping teach at the Livestock Skillathon practices. If you are interested in teaching any of the following topics, please let Sheryl know ASAP. She can be reached at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.

TOPICS:

Feed Identification
Breed Identification
Equipment Identification
Wool Judging
Hay Judging
Quality Assurance

LIVESTOCK RATE OF GAIN REQUIREMENTS

Beef Steers, Market Lambs, and Market Pigs will have minimum "rate-of-gain" required to show in 2012. This means that market animals will have to gain a certain amount per day from Tag-In Day to the County Fair:

SHEEP

.40 lbs. per day

SWINE

1.50 lbs. per day

BEEF

2.00 lbs. per day

MARKET GOAT

.20 lbs. per day

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON PRACTICES

Whether you carry a livestock project or not, *Livestock Skillathon* is a great way to work with other 4-H'ers and learn information about livestock. Practices will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The **2012 practices will be scheduled for every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. beginning on January 4th through February 29th (with no practice on January 11th).**

All 4-H'ers who wish to further the experience, are invited to compete at the state contest on **Saturday, March 3rd**. Please register with Amy Brueckmann at 410-313-2707 or amyb@umd.edu to ensure your spot in these sessions.

STEER REGISTRATIONS

All beef and dairy steer exhibitors should have received a steer registration packet for 2012. The ownership deadline for all steers is January 1, 2012. **The registration form needs to be received in the Extension Office by Tuesday, January 3rd.** The Steer I.D. Day is **scheduled for Saturday, January 7th between 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds at the Scales.** Due to the change in health paper regulations, no vet work will be done at the identification day. In the event of snow, after 5:00 a.m. there will be a message at 410-313-1912 regarding any changes. or cancellations.

BEEF FIELD DAY

Mark your calendar now! The Howard County 4-H Beef Field Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28th**. It will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds at the Scales, Barns, and Show Ring. It is mandatory that all 4-H'ers carrying a beef project attend and exhibit one animal at this event. If you have a conflict, please contact Sheryl ASAP. She can be reached at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.

NATIONAL HORSE COMPETITION RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Beth Lemmon, Cyndi Koster and Alyssa Sumpter who participated at the National Horse Competitions! Alyssa Sumpter and Cyndi Koster participated on the National Horse Bowl Team. The team placed 2nd- overall at Round-up and 11th- overall at QH Congress.. Cyndi placed 7th- individually overall (Round-Up) and Alyssa placed 9th individually (QH Congress). Beth Lemmon participated on the National Horse Judging Team. At Round-up the team placed 3rd- overall, 2nd- in the Halter Class, 6th- overall in the Performance Class and 4th- Overall With Oral Reasons. Beth Placed 5th individually Confirmation class, 3rd individually- Performance class, 4th individually- Oral Reasons and 3rd individually overall. At QH Congress the team placed 12th overall, 9th in the halter class, 14th in the performance class and 9th for reasons. Beth placed 8th Individually in the Halter class and 12th place Individually overall.

BEEKEEPING CLASS

The opening session of the 2012 Beekeeping Class will be held at the Wye Research and Education Center, Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. Please contact Michael Embrey: 410-827-8056 ext. 148, mem-brey@umd.edu, for any program questions and contact Jean Hopkins 410.827-8056 ext. 114,

jhopkin2@umd.edu, for registration.

MARYLAND 4-H HORSE ART CONTEST

The **Maryland 4-H Horse Art Contest** will take place again this year during Maryland Horse World Expo on **January 20-22, 2012** in Timonium, MD. The registration materials are attached. Entries must be received by no later than January 9, 2012. Entries will be judged the first day of the expo (January 20th) by an Expo clinician and will be displayed throughout the expo. You can also visit our website at <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/artcontest.html> for contest information and rules.

AGSPLOURATION WINTER INSTITUTE

Are you interested in production agriculture, health and/or environmental issues as they relate to Maryland agriculture? Do you enjoy teaching others? Are you interested in meeting other 4-Hers from around the state? If so, then the AGsploration Winter Institute might be for you.

Who: We invite all 4-H youth ages 14-18 to become trained as a Teen Teacher

What: AGsploration Winter Institute

When: February 18-20, 2012

Where: Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro, MD

Cost: FREE!! (Travel to/from the center on your own)

What You Will Receive: Lots of GOODIES to teach the AGsploration curriculum, Door Prizes, and much more!!

What is Your Commitment? Fill out an application by December 31, 2011, attend the training in February and make a 30 hour commitment teaching the curriculum.

SHEEP AND GOAT WEBINAR

A series of webinars will be held on consecutive Thursday nights in January and February 2012.

January 12 - Digestive physiology	February 2 - Nutritional management
January 19 - Nutrients	February 9 - Rational balancing
January 26 - Feedstuffs	February 16 - Nutritional disorders

Each webinar will begin at 7:30 p.m. EST and last for approximately one hour. An hour of questions and answers will follow. Anyone with an internet connection may participate in the webinars. High speed access is recommended. The first 100 people who log onto <https://connect.moo.umd.edu/sschoen/> will be able to participate. All webinars will be recorded and available for later viewing at <http://www.sheepandgoat.com/recordings.html>.

MARYLAND 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE VOLUNTEER FORUM

The **Animal Science Leaders Forum** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 28, 2012** at Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD. This event is open to adult volunteers, teens (14 to 18 years of age), and UME staff working with all Animal Science project areas. If interested in attending, the registration form can be found on our county website at www.howard4-h.org.

POULTRY TESTING

All poultry to be shown at exhibition will need Pullorum Typhoid and Avian Influenza Testing in 2012. Contact the Animal Health Lab nearest you for testing. The phone number for the Frederick lab is 301- 694-1548 and the phone number for the College Park lab is 301-314-1870.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

Back another year by popular demand!! The process has begun again and we are in the process of planning for the 2012 4-H t-shirts all Howard County 4-H'ers receive to wear at the Howard County Fair. In this Cloverleaf, please find the sponsorship form. If you know of a business or organization that may be interested, please pass



along the letter and form enclosed. If additional forms are needed, they can be found on our website www.howard4-h.org. We are anticipating great success so all our 4-H'ers have a t-shirt at no cost!

DESIGN CONTEST

Have you seen the last few designs our t-shirt winner created? Would you like to be one of them? Then you may want to read on. The 4-H team is looking for someone to design the front of the t-shirt. We are looking for a black and white computer generated design that includes the official clover. The person who designs the selected shirt design will be awarded \$50. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu. All t-shirt designs are due no later than **Friday, April 27th**.

SALE COMMITTEE 4-H YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES WANTED

The Howard County 4-H Livestock Sale Committee's role is to provide management of all aspects of the 4-H Livestock Sale held in conjunction with the Howard County Fair. The committee meets annually on the third Thursday of January, April, June, September and November. During these meetings, policies, procedures and decisions regarding the livestock sale are determined and implemented. In addition, committee members undertake tasks throughout the year to ensure a successful sale.

The Howard County 4-H Livestock Sale Committee is currently seeking senior age 4-H members to serve as youth representatives on the committee for 2012. This is the first time in the history of the Howard County 4-H Livestock Sale Committee that 4-H youth members will have a role on this committee. This is an exciting opportunity that offers 4-H members an opportunity to gain and extend your leadership skills. While the two youth appointed to this position will not have voting rights, they will represent and provide a voice for the 4-H youth selling animals in the 4-H Livestock Sale.

Application forms have been mailed to all eligible (those enrolled in market beef, sheep, swine and/or goat in 2012) 4-H members. The application is also available on our website at www.howard4-h.org. **All applications are due no later than Thursday, January 5, 2012.** If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl at sherylb@umd.edu or 410-313-1912.



4-H DAY IN ANNAPOLIS

Come spend this President's Day, **Monday, February 20th** with other Maryland 4-H'ers and volunteers as we tour our State Capitol. This annual event has you meeting with Maryland legislators who will share information about how a bill becomes law in Maryland while meeting new friends. Also, listen as various government officials describe their role and also how we as citizens can become more involved in our state government. If interested in learning more about Maryland and our state government, and your role as a citizen of Maryland, then this program is for YOU!

We will need an adult volunteer to chaperone for this event or it can not take place. If you would like to attend this tour, please contact Amy Brueckmann at amyb@umd.edu or 410-313-1906 no later than **Friday, February 3rd**.

Howard County 4-H



The Howard County 4-H program continues to be a strong youth development program that actively involves many youth throughout the county. The 2012 Howard County Fair, scheduled for Saturday, August 4th-11th, is an event where Howard County 4-Hers participate in events ranging from showing and selling livestock to entering baked goods to participating in a rocketry contest. The projects 4-Hers enter at the fair are a culmination of many hours of hard work.

In 2012, the 4-H team would like to continue a tradition started in 2006, by providing every Howard County 4-H member with a 4-H shirt especially made for them to wear at the fair. The goal is for every member to wear their shirt at the Fair on Sunday, August 7th and then periodically throughout the week. Fair attendees will easily recognize and identify 4-H members when they see the shirt. It is our hope that through this marketing tool, we can make the general public aware of the 4-H presence and high number of 4-H members in our county.

We are writing to ask your support of this project. It is our goal to have the total cost of the shirts donated so our 4-Hers will not incur a cost for their shirts. As a small token of our appreciation and to recognize our sponsors, all businesses that donate money towards this project will have their business name printed on the back of the shirt. This will be great publicity for your business as well as the 4-H program.

If you are interested in contributing, please detach the form below and return to the Howard County 4-H office.

Howard County 4-H T-Shirt Sponsorship Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Levels of Sponsorship

Head: \$250 and up

Heart: Up to \$250

Hands: Up to \$100

Health: Up to \$50

Amount Enclosed: _____

Print below the Person, Business or Organization Name to be printed on the t-shirt:

Please respond no later than May 1, 2012

Please make checks payable to:

Howard County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Attention: 4-H T Shirt Sponsorship

3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 240

Ellicott City, MD 21043



Basket Bingo



To benefit the Howard County 4-H All Stars

Friday, March 23, 2012

20 Regular Games, 4 Specials and 3 Raffles

ALL BASKETS WILL BE FILLED

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Bingo Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Food will be available!

Location:

Mt. Airy Fireman's Activity Building
Twin Arch Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Ticket prices: \$18 in advance

\$20 at the door

For Tickets Call:

Marjie at 301-829-1449

Martin at 443-472-8276

*Please notify us if you have special needs, when ordering tickets,
so we can do our best to accommodate you.*

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