

Newsletter

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IT'S TIME FOR 4-H ENROLLMENT!!!!

Yes, it is that time of the year again! Organizational club leaders have your 2009 enrollment forms, and they should have been completed at your October or November club meeting. If you missed the meeting when these forms were completed, you **MUST** make arrangements with your leader, and **NOT** the 4-H Office to have these forms reviewed. This is very important because your leader must review the forms, before they are submitted to our office.

VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT ANNUAL REVIEW TIME!!!!

Enrollment and annual review forms have been given to Organizational Leaders. The 2009 forms should be returned to the office by Monday, December 1, 2008. If you are a general volunteer and not affiliated with a particular club, your form has been mailed to you. It is very important that these forms be completed and returned by the above due date. Volunteers whose forms are not returned will be placed in an inactive status, meaning you will stop receiving mailings including the *Cloverleaf*. **PLEASE BE PROMPT. We appreciate all of our volunteers. Thanks for all you do for our program!**

GOOD LUCK MEREDITH

The 4-H Department would like to announce that Meredith Myers left Maryland Cooperative Extension the end of October. We would like to thank Meredith for her service here at MCE and wish her all the best with her new endeavors.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The Howard County Office
of the Maryland
Cooperative Extension
wishes you and your family
a very safe and happy,
holiday season.



HOWARD COUNTY MCE OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Howard County
Cooperative Extension
Office will be closed on the
following dates:

November:

Thursday, November 27th
and Friday, November 28th
Thanksgiving Holiday

December:

Wednesday, December 24th
through Friday,
January 2nd, 2009.
We will reopen on Monday
January 5th, 2009!

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND VISUAL PRESENTATIONS

The 2009 Healthy Lifestyles and Visual Presentations will be held together again on Saturday, April 4th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Registration forms, Healthy Lifestyles posters, and menus are due Friday, March 20th. This is a great opportunity to come out and participate in a county event!

FASHION REVUE

The 2009 4-H Fashion Revue Planning meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds Dining Hall. Any 4-H'er carrying the Clothing or Fashion Revue projects can 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. So plan to come out and help plan the 2009 Fashion Revue. There will be sub-committees (Food, Narrations, Decorations, and Entertainment) that will need plenty of help to make this year's show the best yet! The 2009 Fashion Revue is scheduled for June 5th and 6th at the Glenwood Community Center, so keep these dates on your calendar.

COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

The 2009 Communications Contest is scheduled for March 7th. The location and time will be announced shortly. This is an excellent opportunity to come out and give a speech! There are four categories in which you can participate: Extemporaneous, Prepared, Radio Spot, and Interpretations. All first year 4-H'ers and Clovers are invited to come out and do the 4-H Pledge. Champions will go on to the State competition this year. Registration forms are due February 20th. Forms, rules, and guidelines will be available on our 4-H web site soon. Mark your calendars now!

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 January 10th. 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.agnr.umd.edu/Extension/4H/Programs/Portfolio%20Program/index.cfm> or on our web site at www.howard4-h.org.

RECORD BOOK INFORMATION!

CLOVER BOOKS - Clovers have a special Clover Report Form for their record book. All forms are on the web.

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE BOOKS - Information on how to do a book, complete the Summary Form and Project Records are on the web.

SENIOR BOOKS - All seniors will have to complete a resume and essay as part of their record book. All information is on the web.

Skill Level Books for all projects will be due to your club leader for all age levels, along with your record book and will be reviewed and returned immediately, so you may continue working from them.

Summary Report Form that goes into the record book is the same for Juniors and Seniors. This form is used to record all years in 4-H. All of your past summary records not on the present form are to be placed in the book so we can see your progress. These will also be available at the workshops.

Record books are due to the County Office no later than February 1st. Remember your book will need to be turned in to your club leader first so check with your club to verify the due date.



WINTER CRAFT DAY



Hey 4-H'ers, want to have some fun on a cold winter's day? Come to

the Winter Craft Day on Monday, December 29th, at the Howard County Fairgrounds in the Dining Hall. Enjoy having endless amount of fun and making creative crafts. This is a great way to complete a craft project for the Fair or just to let your artistic side shine. This is a full day event from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Registration will be due by December 15th. Check out the registration form inside the Cloverleaf.



STATE 4-H ARCHERY MATCH RESULTS

Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who participated in the October 18th State 4-H Archery Match. Below are the results of this year's contest. Job well done!

Intermediate Recurve

Richard He—1st place in FITA

Chris Cornell—1st place in 3-D

Matt Jones—3rd place in FITA
- 3rd place in 3-D

Junior Recurve

Ethan Trout

1st place in FITA

2nd place in 3-D

Senior Recurve

Matt Harrington

1st place in FITA

2nd place in 3-D

Junior Compound

Brian O'Malley

2nd place in FITA

2nd place in 3-D

Senior Compound

Nathan Stephenson

3rd place in FITA

2009 CALENDAR

The 4-H staff is in the process of confirming dates for the 2009 calendar. Once the calendar has been updated and finalized, every 4-H family will receive a printed copy with their January Cloverleaf. The new 2009 calendar will also be posted on our website once it is completed.



A special thank you goes out to the coaches Andy Grasko and John O'Malley.

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK VOLUNTEERS

It will soon be time to begin livestock skillathon practices. We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to teach our youth livestock information such as feed identification, breed identification, equipment identification, etc. If you have knowledge in one or several areas and would be interested in teaching, please contact Sheryl Bennett at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS

It is very important that you register at least **TWO** days prior to any workshop.

It is very difficult for the 4-H staff to prepare appropriately if the correct number of attendants is not known. Also, our general rule is to cancel a program if there are not at least **FIVE** people registered. Only those registered will be notified of any cancelations. Thank you for helping on this matter.

STATE 4-H SHOTGUN MATCH

Eighty-three youth ages 9 to 19 participated in the Maryland 4-H Shotgun Match held Saturday, November 8th at the Prince George's Trap & Skeet Center.

Tucker Howard placed 7th in the Senior Division

Ian Salazar placed 3rd in the Junior Division.

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

Whether you carry a livestock project or not, livestock skillathon is a great way to work with other 4-H'ers and learn valuable information. Livestock skillathon encompasses all aspects of livestock projects including: feed identification, equipment identification, breed identification, etc. Last year we had great attendance, and the 4-H'ers who participated had a lot of fun. Classes will be held in the Dining Hall at the fairgrounds every Wednesday night starting on January 7th—7:00 p.m.. Please register with Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or mgordon@umd.edu.



BEEF ID DAY

On Saturday, January 10, 2009, we will tag and weigh all beef and dairy steer projects. In December, a letter with detailed information will be mailed to all members enrolled in the beef or dairy steer project. If you know of a 4-H'er who will be carrying this project for the 1st time in 2009, please advise them to call the office for a packet.

MANDATORY OFFICER TRAINING

The 2009 Officer Training Workshop is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2009. Please keep this **mandatory** workshop date in mind. More information will be forthcoming on the exact time and location.



ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT REVIEW

What a night of celebration we had on October 3rd!!! It was a great evening spent with 4-H families and friends to celebrate the achievements of our 4-H program. Many thanks to all those who served on the Achievement Night Planning Committee and those who helped with the evening. We would like to express special thanks to the following people:

Mark Grutzmacher, The Messick Family, The Connor Family, Jandell Haines, The Loveless Family, Howard County Beef Club, Poplar 4-H Club, Howard County Goat Club, The Herriott Family, Darla Bouma Church, Darlene Bouma, and Carla and Bry Robinson

CALLING ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS! CHECK OUT THE NEW DATE

Have you thought about becoming a 4-H volunteer? If so, this is the workshop for you! The Howard County 4-H Staff will have a workshop for all interested volunteers on Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Ellicott City. Just a reminder-all 4-H volunteers **MUST** attend a training to become certified MCE volunteers. During this workshop you will receive instruction regarding the policies and procedures needed to become a certified MCE volunteer. To register contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by email at mgordon@umd.edu.



NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do you need a Nutrient Management Plan? Our office can assist in preparing a plan for free! All operations that make or exceed \$2,500 gross annual income OR who have 8 or more animal units (1 animal unit = 1,000 lbs. live weight) must have a current Nutrient Management Plan, as mandated by Maryland law. Contact Krista Mitchell, Nutrient Management Advisor, for more information: 410-313-2709 or via email kristaw@umd.edu.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

The 2008 National 4-H Week was a huge success this year!

Thanks to all the Howard County 4-H Clubs that went out that week and displayed 4-H proudly! Excellent work and congratulations to all the clubs that participated.



4-H SUNDAY

Howard County 4-H Sunday was held on Sunday, October 12th at Poplar Springs Methodist Church. A large number of 4-H youth and families were in attendance.

Many 4-H members participated in the service. Special thanks to the greeters, scripture readers, and acolyte. The Spur and Stirrup 4-H Club provided special music coordinated by Joan Bosmans. It was wonderful listening to our talented 4-H members sing special music.

After the service, attendees also enjoyed a delicious luncheon sponsored by the Howard County 4-H All Stars.