



Newsletter

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4-H ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Mark your calendar!

Friday, October 3, 2008

The Howard County Annual 4-H Achievement Night is scheduled for Friday, October 3rd. It will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds Sheep/Goat Building. Light fare will be served during the social hour from 6:00pm -7:00 p.m. with the program beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. After the conclusion of the program, there will be a dance and karaoke for 4-H members and their families. Invitations have been mailed to each 4-H family. RSVP's were due by Friday, September 5th. Only those who replied and are in attendance will be presented awards.

We will recognize all 4-H'ers that had a blue award on their 2007 record book (submitted in February 2008). The individual accomplishments of our 4-H'ers in project areas will also be recognized on county, state, and national levels; as well as 2008 judging teams, public speaking, food and nutrition and visual presentation contests, fashion revue, bowl teams and horse programs. Clover record books and graduating clovers will be recognized.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS WANTED!!



Calling all 4-H'ers to become a part of a new and rewarding program! The Junior Master Gardener Program will teach 4-H'ers how to become good and creative gardeners, as well as positive and inspiring citizens. The Master Gardener Program is an outstanding volunteer program, within Maryland Cooperative Extension, that helps educate residents with landscaping while beautifying the community. Contact Meredith Myers at 410-313-2708 or by email at mmyers1@umd.edu to be a part of this terrific program.

Our office will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day.



Reminder!

FAIR ITEMS!!!!

Any entries that were not picked up during this year's Howard County Fair have been returned to the Extension Office. Please make arrangements to pick up these items as soon as possible.

Any of these remaining fair entries will be disposed of if they are not picked up by December 1st!

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.

VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT ANNUAL REVIEW TIME



Enrollment and annual review forms will have been given to Organizational Leaders. The 2009 forms should be returned to the office by 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 on 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!**

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 need to be completed at your October or November club meeting. If you miss the meeting when these forms are to be 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 first, before they are submitted to our office.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

The 2008 National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 5th–11th. As part of our celebration, 4-H Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 12th at Poplar Springs United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. We are looking for 4-H'ers to participate in the service. If interested, please contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by email at mgordon@umd.edu.

CALLING ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS!

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, November 13th 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.



FASHION REVUE PLANNING MEETING

Mark your calendars now!! The 2009 Fashion Revue is scheduled for June 5th and 6th. The first planning meeting will be held on January 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced. Any 4-H'er carrying the Clothing or Fashion Revue projects is welcome to come help plan the 2009 Fashion Revue.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS MEETING

The 4-H staff is currently planning a fun evening on Wednesday, October 22th for all Organizational Leaders to gather for a evening of networking with other leaders. (This date is a change from the original date printed in the calendar!) This meeting will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds in the Dining Hall at 7 p.m. A light dinner will be served. If you are an organizational leader and cannot attend, another volunteer from your club needs to attend. Please contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by email at mgordon@umd.edu.

RECORD BOOK TRAININGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED!

All of the trainings will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds.



Clovers - October 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
 Juniors/Intermediate - October 29, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
 1st Year Members (any age) - November 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Call Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or mgordon@umd.edu to register. Only those who register will be notified if the training is cancelled.

Also directions and forms will be available on the 4-H website - www.howard4-h.org after September 15, 2008.

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.

NATIONAL 4-H FORESTRY INVITATIONAL

The National 4-H Forestry Invitational will be held July 26-30, 2009 at the Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center in Weston, WV. This competition includes several categories such as Forest Evaluation, Topographic Map Use, Forest Insect and Disease Identification, Compass Orientation, and much more. Information is available for 4-H'ers interested by contacting Meredith Myers at 410-313-2708 or via email at mmyers1@umd.edu.

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS



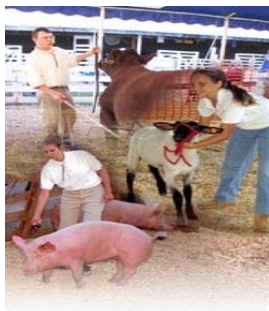
Reminder— Please cash your premium check from Howard County Fair. It may not be honored at the bank if you hold it longer than 90 days.

HOWARD COUNTY ENVIROTHON 4-H TEAM

The Howard Soil Conservation District is sponsoring the Howard County Envirothon. This program is designed to build team work, and foster an appreciation for all natural resources, local and beyond. We are putting together teams who will learn about forestry, aquatics, wildlife, and soil. Contests will be held at the Howard County Conservancy's Mount Pleasant Farm in Woodstock, Maryland. Winning teams will move on to Maryland State Envirothon, leading to a possible spot to compete in the National Envirothon. 4-H'ers must be in middle or high school to be a part of the Envirothon Team. Teams are forming NOW! If you would like to be a part of this team contact Meredith Myers at 410-313-2708 or by email at mmyers1@umd.edu.

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK VOLUNTEERS

It will soon be time to begin Livestock Skillathon practices. We are in need of volunteers 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 Burdette at 410-313-1912 or via email at sherylb@umd.edu.



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 lots of fun. Details about the orientation will be in next month's Cloverleaf.

VOICE MAIL AND E-MAIL

Just a friendly reminder of the voice mail and email addresses for the employees at the Howard County Extension Office. Please clip these for future reference. Our main phone number is the same at 410-313-2707 and our fax number is 410-313-2712. **PLEASE call the individual number directly for specific information.**

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2009 FAIR TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

Our Howard County 4-H Program is seeking sponsorship for several of our 2009 Fair Trophy Awards. This sponsorship is a wonderful way to show your support and continued appreciation for the exceptional performance of 4-H'ers with their fair projects. There are various departments sponsorships to choose from as well as numerous categories within these departments. Sponsors can be from 4-H family members as well as community members and businesses not directly involved with 4-H. Your backing of these awards is very much appreciated as well as recognized with our 4-H family members, the community, and in publications such as the Howard County Fair Book and more. If you or anyone you know would like to be a supporter of these much loved and appreciated annual awards, please contact Rick Hodiak at 410-313-1914 or by email at hodiak@umd.edu.

THANKS FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!



ATTENTION 4-H LIVESTOCK SALE PARTICIPANTS

Sale checks and pictures will be distributed on Wednesday, October 1st between 6:30 pm-8:30 pm in the Fair Office at the fairgrounds.

ROLLED SUGAR COOKIES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees

Stir together flour, baking powder and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Beat butter and shortening for 30 seconds; add sugar and beat till fluffy. Add egg, milk and vanilla; beat well. Add dry ingredients to beaten mixture, beating till well combined. Cover and chill for at least 3 hours. Working with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the dough at a time, on a lightly floured surface roll to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut into circles. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 8 minutes or till done. Use some spooky cookie cutters! Makes 36 to 48 cookies.

Have fun making cookies with some award winning 4-H cookie recipes!!



SPICE COOKIES WITH PUMPKIN DIP

- 1 1/2 cups softened butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon each ground ginger and clove
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Additional sugar

PUMPKIN DIP

- 8-ounce package softened cream cheese
- 18-ounce pumpkin pie mix
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger



In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add molasses; mix well. Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves and salt; add to creamed mixture and mix well. Chill overnight. Shape into 1/2 inch balls; roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 6 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool for 2 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

For dip, beat cream cheese in a mixing bowl until smooth. Add pumpkin pie mix; beat well. Add sugar, cinnamon and ginger; beat until smooth. Serve with cookies. Store leftover dip in the refrigerator.

Yield: about 20 dozen (3 cups dip).