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Project Records Due

Projects records will be due to the Extension Office on **Monday, November 27th**. Check with your club leader to see when your records are due to them. RECORDS WILL NEED TO BE SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB LEADER BEFORE THEY ARE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE! If you participated in/exhibited in the following at the 2023 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, you **MUST** turn in a completed project record to be eligible for the 2024 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair: **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK, RABBIT, POULTRY, HORSE, PHOTOGRAPHY AND GARDEN**. See the attached *Tips for Project Records for 2023 (online)* for additional information. (**Note—Records that are submitted and are identical from the same households will be returned to 4-Hers to re-do.**)

Please follow this link to the Carroll County Extension website for the correct project records:

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

MD 4-H State Animal Science Award

If you show one of the following: beef cattle, camelids, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse/pony, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, small pets, swine, or have a veterinary science project, then don't miss out on the **Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project Record Award!** You must be 14 –18 years old as of January 1st to qualify. Many of our animal science 4-H members have great project records, so take a look at what is required. **To apply for the State Animal Science Award, submit materials through 4-H Online by November 15th.**

Fair Premium Check Reminder

All fair premium checks have been picked up by your club leaders or were directly mailed to your household. **Fair checks must be cashed within 60 days from the date written on the check.** Once you received your check, please make sure to double check your premiums. If you find a problem, send an email to entries@carrollcountyfair.com

Project Record—2023 Update of Requirement

In 2023, all project records that are completed will be held to meeting all standards, including the communication section. Remember that 4-Hers must present a speech or demonstration to 3 or more people not related to them to meet this requirement. *This is a speech or demonstration the youth has given, not something they attended.* The speech and/or demonstration MUST be related to the project. You cannot use a speech about Crafts for your Market Beef project record. **Don't forget that participating in programs such as Skillathon, bowls, and judging programs count toward this requirement.** If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

2024 Upcoming Programs

We're excited to be providing lots of new and returning programs for our members to kick off the 2024 program year! Keep these dates on your calendar and look for more information in the next *Tribune* on how to register!

****NEW CLOVER PROGRAM** - Clover 4-H Project Night**—Be on the lookout for Clover specific 4-H project nights on the 1st Friday of the month (January-April). We will be focusing on items that our Clover members will be able to enter at the fair! A small fee will be associated to help offset the cost of supplies.

Officer Training—The annual club officer training will be held on Friday, January 12th at 6 P.M. at the Extension Office.

Winter 4-H Project Day—New for 2024, we will be offering an all day 4-H Project Day on Friday, January 26, 2024. We will have fun activities planned for the day. School is out for CCPS students this day. **Note—This Project Day will be replacing the Beat the Mid-Winter Blah's.**

Leadership Day—Make plans to join the Ambassador Team as they have been working hard to put together a fun-filled day. Learn all about leadership development through interactive activities including: interviewing, professional dress, communication and much more!

2024 Camp Leaders Wanted

We're looking for Volunteer Youth Leaders for our 2024 Residential Camp Program. Returning and NEW youth leaders are welcome to apply for a spot to serve on the 4-H camp team. There are opportunities for the following age groups:

Leader-in-Training (LIT) - Ages 12+

Activity Leader (AL) - Ages 14+

Small Group Leader (SGL) - Ages 15+

All ages are as of June 2024. These are great opportunities to gain leadership, make friends and have fun! Mark your calendars now for the 2024 camp dates!

June 24-27, 2024—8-11 years olds July 8-12, 2024—10-16 year olds

To apply to be a camp leader, please complete the application at: <https://forms.gle/VoG2LfBZxnifAqMC8>
Deadline to apply is December 15, 2023.



4-H Project Night—Holiday Craft

Let's kick off the Winter Holiday Season with an evening of crafts, cookie decorating, games and more! Join us on Friday, December 1 at the Extension Office from 6:00-8:30pm. We will be making a variety of fun crafts that can be used for gifts and fair entries, getting a jump start on cookie decorating, as well as enjoying getting to know other youth from across the county. This is an evening that will definitely get you into the holiday spirit! There will be a participation fee of \$10. All supplies will be provided. This event is open to all 4-H members, ages 5 and older. If you have any questions, please email Jennie Chamelin at jchameli@umd.edu. Registration deadline is Wednesday, November 22. Register at: <https://forms.gle/PxyKSM6nyPA9wS1D6>

Record Books

It's a great time to start thinking about your 2023 record books! Record books are a great way to keep track of your 4-H career and highlight your accomplishments. The record book includes a junior summary, project records (which you already do), a 4-H story and a few more items. Record Book covers are available at the Extension Office for free. Record Books are due **Monday, February 5, 2024**. More information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

Clover Memory Books

Clover members are able to put together a Clover Memory Book (scrapbook) of their year in 4-H. Clover Memory Books highlight everything Clover members did throughout the year including pictures, ribbons, judging score sheets, etc. Guidelines for memory books can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books> at the bottom of the page. Memory Books are due **Monday, February 5, 2023**.

All About 4-H! (New 4-H Family Series)

Join the 4-H Team as we provide an introduction into the 4-H Program. We know it can be confusing when first joining, so this is your opportunity to come out and learn more about all of the opportunities that 4-H has to offer! Five workshops will be offered throughout this series. You're welcome to attend as many as you'd like. We will be highlighting several different areas of the program:

January 19—Introduction to 4-H (What is 4-H? How do we join? Opportunities, etc.)

February 16—All About Animal Science (Learn about different opportunities relating to our animal science program including small animals, dogs, horses and livestock)

March 15—Hands-on with Everything 4-H (including information on summer camps and our environmental science programs)

All parts of this series will occur on Friday nights starting at 6:30pm at the Carroll County Extension Office. This is a great opportunity to learn more about 4-H or if you want more information on the program before committing to becoming a member.

If you have questions, please email Becky Ridgeway at bridgewa@umd.edu

Register at: <https://forms.gle/E5WGBcYRjEnrrZ1CA>



Market Beef, Dairy Steer and Commercial Heifer

We have scheduled steer weigh-in for **Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the Ag Center TRP Building beginning at 8 AM until 11 AM**. Because of the location, all steers/heifers must be on a halter and reasonably broken! Market Animal Registration forms and AnSc Code of Ethics can be picked up at the Extension Office, from your club leader or email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) to have forms mailed to you. **Remember, the registration form is a 2-part form. You must turn in the form intact. Remember to sign the front, back and inside of the form (3 signatures for the 4-Her and 3 signatures for the parent/guardian)**. Your copy will be given to you on the day of weigh-in. If you have questions, please call 410-386-2760. **Registration forms are due to the CC Extension Office by Tuesday, January 2nd. Tag cost is \$2 per steer/heifer.** Please make checks payable to CCEAB.

Castration Policy of the Maryland 4-H AnSc Program: All male steers, lambs, pigs and goats must be neutered and healed prior to 4-H weigh-in and tagging. The only exception would be animals that have obvious signs they have been banded, however, their scrotal sac is still intact.

Beef Workshop

Hold the date! The Beef Committee is planning to host a Beef Workshop on **Saturday, January 13th, 10am at the Extension Office**. Information will be covered from feeding, rate of gain, and health requirements to preparing to show and much more! This workshop will meet the livestock sale requirement for our junior and novice exhibitors to attend at least one livestock workshop. Make sure to register to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Register at: <https://forms.gle/>

Horse Bowl Practices

Dust off those study materials as a new year of horse bowl practices is about to begin! All juniors, intermediates and senior members are welcome to come out to weekly horse bowl practices starting January 3, 2024, 7pm at the Extension Office. You will learn lots of new and interesting facts about horses while having fun! Practices will be held weekly on Wednesday nights and will run through the state horse bowl contest, which typically takes place in March.

2023 Horse Bowl Clinic

The 2023 Horse Bowl Clinic will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Animal Science Bldg. on the UMD campus in College Park. This clinic will provide an opportunity for Maryland 4-H youth, volunteers, and UME faculty/staff to acquire skills and knowledge about the different aspects of Horse Bowl. Youth participants will play each other in a "mock contest" format and will learn about scoring, rules, and the type of questions to study for and expect in a real contest. Adult participants will learn tips and breakdowns of learning to teach, how to set up a successful practice schedule and more. Cost is \$10.00 which includes light refreshments and materials. Registration for the event will open soon!

Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project Update Webinar

Hold the date: The Maryland 4-H Program will be offering their annual animal science project updates for volunteers on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm via Zoom. This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program events and policy changes/updates for 2024. Registration details will be available soon.

National Leadership Trips

Let 4-H take you around the country! If you love to travel and meet new people, then applying for 4-H National Leadership Trips is the perfect opportunity for our senior 4-H members! All you have to do is complete your 4-H Resume, an Essay answering the 2024 Essay Question—"How has your involvement in 4-H changed your life?" and complete the application through 4-H Online. There is an interview part to the process too, but we hold interviews right here at the Extension Office on **Saturday, February 10th!** If you're a senior member as of January 1, 2024, you are eligible to apply. **All documents must be uploaded into 4-H Online by January 15, 2024.**

Reach out to Becky Ridgeway (bridgewa@umd.edu) if you would like help preparing your packet. We'd love to see lots of Carroll County 4-H members applying for these opportunities!

Canned Food Drive

As the holiday season approaches, the Ambassador Team is hosting a canned food competition between all of the Carroll County 4-H Clubs. All canned foods must be dropped off at the Extension Office with a note as to which club those cans belong to. A log will be kept and each can will count as one club credit. The club that donates the largest number of cans will win the first spot in the 2024 fair parade! This competition begins on November 1st and will conclude on December 15th. Good luck to all of the clubs, and thank you for your participation as we pledge our hands to larger service!



UME Volunteer Background Checks

All UME Volunteers received a letter in August 2023 informing them of needing to renew their Sterling Volunteer Background Checks from the University. This process will take place from September—November. Please keep an eye out for an email from advocates@sterlingvolunteers.com for your background check (look in your spam folder). Remember, background checks **MUST** be completed within 30 days. We are also trying to send reminders to everyone who will have received a background check from Becky, too.

UME Volunteer Training

If you aren't already a UME Volunteer, make plans to complete the training in 2023. Just email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and you can complete all of the required paperwork and training directly from your home. Trainings can be completed at anytime!

Fair Reminders

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29th, 7pm for the Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting.

Too many ribbons? Don't throw them away. If they are in good shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year.

Fair Pictures are available to view and purchase until November 15th at: <https://carrollcountyfair2023.smugmug.com/>

Get Involved!



Volunteers/Fair

Dates to Remember

November 3	Senior Portfolio Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 10	CC Extension Office, CLOSED, Veteran's Day
November 15	State Animal Science Project Record Awards Due on 4-H Online
November 17	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 23-24	CC Extension Office CLOSED, Happy Thanksgiving!
November 27	4-H Project Records due to Extension Office
December 1	4-H Holiday Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
December 2	Project Record Judging, CC Extension Office, 9am
December 25	CC Extension Office, CLOSED, Happy Holidays!
January 1	CC Extension Office, CLOSED, Happy New Year!
January 2	Market Beef, Dairy Steer, Commercial Heifer Registrations Due
January 5	Clover Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
January 6	Market Beef, Dairy Steer, Heifer Weigh-In/Tagging, TRP, 8-11am
January 12	Club Officer Training, CC Extension Office, 6pm
January 13	Beef Workshop, CC Extension Office, 10am



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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers. <http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact the Carroll County Extension Office at 410-386-2760, fax: 410-876-0132, at least two (2) weeks prior to the program.



CARROLL COUNTY 4-H
CANNED FOOD DRIVE
COMPETITION
NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 15, 2023

CANNED ITEMS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE,
INDICATING WHICH CLUB THE ITEMS ARE FROM; DONATIONS WILL BE
LOGGED, EACH CAN = 1 CLUB CREDIT

THE CLUB THAT DONATES THE MOST ITEMS WILL WIN
FIRST SPOT IN THE 2024 FAIR PARADE!

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD IN
CANS.



EVERY DONATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HELP SOMEONE IN NEED!



Tips for Completing Project Records

Here are some tips and helpful hints as you work on your project records.

Don't forget that the following project records are required to show at the 2024 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair – ALL MARKET ANIMALS, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Garden and Photography
(Items in green are REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION)

Remember to EXPAND on all of your answers. The more detailed responses you give help the reviewers understand your projects and what you learned and achieved through them.

1. **What goals did you set for your project this year and did you achieve them?**
 - a. Explain three different goals you had for your project and expand on how you did or didn't achieve them.
2. **What were four things you learned from completed this project this year?**
 - a. Juniors and Intermediates – You only need to list 2 things you learned from your project.
 - b. Seniors – Need to list 4 things you learned from your projects
3. **What is one thing you would like to improve or do differently with your project next year?**
 - a. What is something that you want to improve on your project next year? Give an example on what you want to do differently on with your project.
4. **What I learned as a result of using this life skill...**
 - a. Under each section (Head, Heart, Hand, Health) write the life skill you are using from the life skill wheel.
 - b. Juniors and Intermediates need to write 1 life skill for each section. You will have one life skill for Head, one for Heart, one for Hand and one for Health.
 - c. Seniors need to write 2 life skills for each section. You will have two life skills listed for Head, two for Heart, two for Hand and one for Health.
5. **Project Activities**
 - a. Everyone needs to list project activities in how they relate to your project. This can be attending the Mid-Winter Blahs, Livestock Workshops, Quality Assurance, County or State Fair.
6. **Project Communications**
 - a. Everyone **MUST** have some type of communication related to their project that you have given to at least 3 people who are not related to you.
 - b. Example – If you are filling out a project record for Photography your communication needs to be something relating to Photography and not a speech related to building a birdhouse.
7. **Project Exhibits**
 - a. Everyone must have exhibited their project at some event. This can include County or State Fair, a community or school event.
 - b. List all exhibits separately. This includes all classes to be listed separately (example – Market Hog – you would list, Market Hog, Showmanship and Rate of Gain on 3 separate lines, not all together).
8. **Project Financial Section (General Project Records)**
 - a. List all expenses related to your project and put a value on them, even if your parents paid for them, they still have a value associated to them.



- i. Even if you bred your own market livestock project, there is still an associated value to that animal. What would you have sold it for or what was market value at the time you would have bought a market project?
 - ii. Example – If you baked a cake, you would list your ingredients (Sugar, Flour, Chocolate, etc. and the cost \$13.50)
 - b. Income includes any premium checks you have received for your items. Remember to keep your copy of your premiums from the fair, this will tell you what your premiums were for each item you entered at the fair.
- 9. Supplemental Piece**
- a. If you are completing a General Project Record a supplemental piece can be included. This is one additional piece of paper (8x11) attached to the end of your record. This can be a picture with a couple sentences written about your project or a story, crossword puzzle, etc. It needs to be something that related to your project.
- 10. ANIMAL PROJECT RECORDS**
- a. **Market Livestock Project Record Forms**
 - i. Table 1 – Information of Project Animal – This is **REQUIRED** to be completed. Make sure to fill in all information related to your animals. All animals you tagged should be included on this table, even if you didn't show them. Remember to bring your totals down to the total line.
 - ii. Table 2 and 3 – Include information on what you fed your animals and the cost of feeding those animals, along with other expenses you have had with your project including bedding, equipment, etc.
 - iii. Table 4 – Health and Veterinary Expenses – Everyone should have something listed here. To show at the fair you had to have health papers, which would be listed on this table.
 - iv. Table 5 – Sale Animal Income – List the information related to any animals you sold. This can be from selling at the fair or private sales.
 - v. Table 6 – All Other Income – Include any other income from your animals. This could be premium monies, selling wool or hides, etc.
 - vi. Financial Summary – Add up all of your income and expenses to see you have a profit or loss from your project.
 - b. **Poultry/Rabbit/Horse/Dogs Project Records**
 - i. Make sure to fill out tables related to your animal information, along with each table that related to your project. If you didn't do something in the project (Example – Didn't sell eggs), just put N/A in that table, so the project record reviewers know you didn't just skip the table.
 - ii. Include a supplemental piece that showcase your project!

Make sure to have **ALL SIGNATURES** (4-H Member, Parent and Club Leader) a 4-H Educator will sign off on the forms when they are considered complete.

Also, if you have siblings that participate in the same projects, make sure your records are DIFFERENT. If they are the same, they will be returned to be redone.