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If you need to reserve a room or need a special accommodation at the MoCo Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, MD for a 4-H program, please contact the Event and Sponsorship Coordinator, Ms. Monica Monro at [Monica@mcaqfair.com](mailto:Monica@mcaqfair.com).

The next issue of The Montgomery County 4-H News & Notes will be published on the first week of July 2024. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, [ahamann@umd.edu](mailto:ahamann@umd.edu) by June 24, 2024.

## **The Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance (AHQA)**

The Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance (AHQA) system is now open for 2024! Members must be current on their AHQA to be eligible to exhibit animals at the 2024 MD 4-H Shows. The system can be accessed at: <https://ahqa.umd.edu/>. The link can also be found on the Animal Science Program Area page of the Maryland 4-H website.

The 2024 Maryland 4-H AHQA Information Sheet can be found at

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The sheet contains specific requirements, tips for navigating the program, and any other relevant information. 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 before July 15** to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in 2024 Montgomery County 4-H Shows.

The 2024 program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome, Edge, or Safari web browsers. Internet Explorer does not support this program. The narrated 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 when they reach each 4-H age division (juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year) OR 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 like the Intermediate/Senior program does). Passcodes issued to members between 2015-2023 should still be viable for returning members.

If you have questions, please reach out to Catherine Savage at [Csavage9@umd.edu](mailto:C savage9@umd.edu).



## 2024 MD Youth Power

**Registration closes June 7. Registration fee \$75.00**

[https://2024-md-youthpower.4honline.com/#/public/ins\\_u/evt\\_11i](https://2024-md-youthpower.4honline.com/#/public/ins_u/evt_11i)

Youth Power is a dynamic platform empowering youth to address pressing global issues. Become a change maker in tackling global issues: Climate Change.

Transportation Howard County Fairground to and from Horn Point (Dorchester County)

Youth do not have to be a 4-H'er to participate.



## Central Maryland 4-H/FAA Spring Livestock Show

The Central Maryland Livestock Spring Show is open to ALL 4-H and FFA members in Maryland to learn and practice exhibiting their livestock projects. The two day event will be held June 8 and 9, 2024 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

Full schedule, classes and rules can be found online at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KqhYZbxMAAmV6icBUM45QnggHsukb-yr/view>

**Registration for the event closes TUESDAY June 4, 2024.**

## 2024 Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Contest and the 2024 Maryland 4-H Hippology Contest

These two events are held on the same day and portions of the contests occur simultaneously.

**Saturday, June 8, 2024, Howard County Fairgrounds**

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The Horse Judging Contest is an event in which teams and individuals compete. Each county/city 4-H program may enter up to 10 youth contestants in each age division: a team of 3 or 4 youth members and 6 individual contestants.

State 4-H Hippology Contest

The Hippology Contest is an event in which individuals compete (no teams).

## The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application for academic year 2024-2025 is open.

**Registration must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., June 15, 2024.**

The Maryland 4-H Foundation opportunity for academic scholarships to Maryland 4-H members and Maryland 4-H alum pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university or post-secondary technical training program. The Maryland 4-H Foundation awards an average of \$50,000 in scholarships annually.

Applicants must be a currently enrolled Maryland 4-H member or a Maryland 4-H Alumni in good standing who has completed at least two (2) years of membership in Maryland 4-H. They must be planning to enroll in an accredited college, university or post-secondary technical training program for both the fall and spring semesters of the 2024-2025 academic year.



\*Students completing their post-secondary education in December of 2024 are ineligible to apply.

For more information including a complete list of scholarships, eligibility requirements, the application and instructions, visit

<https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Mohler, Executive Director, Maryland 4-H Foundation.

## **Maryland 4-H Mechanical Science Day**

**Registration Closes: June 15, 2024**

Date: June 29, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Queen Anne's County 4-H Park, 100 Dulin Clark Rd, Centreville, MD 21617

NOTE: This event is subject to cancellation if a minimum of 15 registrations are not received by the due date.

### Eligibility

4-H Youth Members ages 8-18

FFA Youth Members Ages 13-18

Complete information and rules can be found on the [Maryland 4-H website](#)

This event will provide an introduction to several agricultural and mechanical science-related 4-H/FFA project areas. Participants will learn general knowledge, safety, and requirements for 4-H/FFA Maryland State Fair competitive events in these projects.

Participants will provide their own food and drinks. Water and light snacks will be provided. It is strongly recommended that participants bring their lunch, drinks, and snacks due to limited availability of local dining options. Refrigerators will be available.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own bicycles as well as a properly fitted bicycle helmet.

How to Register. Registration for this event is through 4-H Online. To access the registration, 4-H members can log in to their 4-H Online family profile and click on the Events tab. You can find an Event Registration "how to" guide on the [Maryland 4-H website](#).

FFA members who are not also enrolled in Maryland 4-H can register at <https://20244-MechSciencesDay.4honline.com>.

All event registrations must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2024. Registrations will be verified and approved by the State 4-H Event Manager. Contact your local 4-H office or visit the [Maryland 4-H website](#) for more information.

## **Maryland 4-H Robotics Workshops**

**Registration for Session 2 must be submitted no later than by 11:59 p.m., June 19, 2024.  
Session 2, June 22, 2024, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Frederick County 4-H Campgrounds, Frederick MD.**

Fee for youth participants \$10.00. No fee for adult Volunteer participants.

Each Session is limited to 30 4-H youth registrations. There is no limit on the number of 4-H Volunteers at each session.

The 2024 Maryland 4-H Robotics Workshops are intended for 4-H youth, and volunteer leaders/coaches who are considering or planning to participate in the annual Maryland 4-H Robotics Challenge at the 2024 Maryland State Fair.

The workshops will offer information about this year's robotics challenges, including the missions and specific rules relating to each challenge's theme. In addition, there will be breakout sessions focused on each of the two Maryland 4-H Robotics Challenges: the Lego Challenge and the Robotics Engineering Challenge (REC). Each breakout session will include challenge-specific rules, plus building and coding recommendations for teams that intend to compete. Finally, some general guidelines for coaches and teen leaders, including how to distribute team tasks, help teams manage their Engineering notebook, and how to prepare for their presentations, will be shared by event leaders and from members of teams who have competed in the past.

More information about the annual 4-H Robotics Challenges, including the 2024 manuals and build guides, can be found on the [Maryland 4-H STEM website](#).

Registration for this event is through 4-H Online. To access the registration, log in to your 4-H Online family profile and click on the Events tab. You can find an Event Registration "how to" guide on the [Maryland 4-H website](#).

## **In search of Agricultural Fair Division Co-chairs**

MoCo 4-H is in search of enthusiastic volunteers to fill vacant Co-chair positions at the fair on entry day.

What do Co-chairs do? Co-chairs work with the other Division Co-Chair to assist with the intake of exhibits and provide support to the Judges. At the end of judging, the Co-chair will help display the exhibits in the Division. The present Co-Chair will provide "On-the-job" training.

Commitment. Volunteer on either Wednesday and/or Saturday on entry day depending on the Division chosen. Attend two Zoom meetings in the year.

Dinner is provided on entry day.

The following Divisions need a Co-Chair

Division 1 & 2 - Original Oil Painting & Acrylic; Water Pastels & Tempera  
Division 3 - Miscellaneous Arts  
Division 5 - Creative Crafts  
Division 8 - Aerospace & Robotics  
Division 9 - Electricity & Small Engines  
Division 12 - Entomology  
Division 13 - Vegetables  
Division 15 - Honey & Eggs  
Division 24, 25, 26 - Food Preservation, Junior & Seniors  
Division 28 - Family Life

Division 31 - Table Setting  
Division 32 - Room Accessories

If you are interest in being a Co-chair, please send an email to Anna Hamann at [ahamann@umd.edu](mailto:ahamann@umd.edu).

## **4-H Lawn Tractor Contest Run-Through**

The 4-H Lawn Tractor Contest (former 4-H Compact Tractor Contest) will have a contest run-through following the Fair Work Day on Saturday, July 27, at 1:00 p.m. The run-through will take place on the upper grounds of the Montgomery County Fairgrounds (near the 4-H Building). Come learn what is expected before the actual contest in terms of parts ID, driving a lawn tractor and safety components.

Be sure to register for the contest at the fair when you send in your entry information due July 20. The fair contest (listed in the fair catalogue under 4-H Engineering Events) will be held on Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m. on the upper grounds of the fair.

If you are coming to the preliminary Lawn Tractor Contest Run-Through on July 27, please register at [joanneleatherman@hotmail.com](mailto:joanneleatherman@hotmail.com).

## **Display your vintage fair entries during Fair Week**

Help us celebrate the 75th Jubilee of the Montgomery County Fair! We are looking for vintage clothing or other items you exhibited during your time in 4-H. Items must be at least 20 years old. The items will be displayed in the display case at the 4-H Indoor building.

If you would like to display your item, please send a description and a picture if the item to Anna Hamann at [ahamann@umd.edu](mailto:ahamann@umd.edu).

## **College Credits for High School Students**

Terp Young Scholars invites high school students (rising grade 10 to graduating grade 12) to a pre-college experience at the University of Maryland. From July 8-26, 2024, highly qualified students pursue academic interests, earn three university credits, and learn about the University of Maryland.

The program offers two learning options: in person or online. Students can commute from home or participate virtually. Both options deliver an academic experience that is at the forefront of theory, thought, and technology, with challenging courses and dynamic activities that provide a glimpse of UMD's rich campus life.

2024 Program Package Fees:

- Commuter: \$2,500
- Online: \$1,500

For more information, contact:  
Howard Ly, Program Coordinator  
University of Maryland  
Extended Studies  
Email: [tys@umd.edu](mailto:tys@umd.edu)

## **70 Days to the 75th Montgomery County Fair**

We encourage all our 4-H members to participate and enter many exhibits at the 75th Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, August 9–17, 2024. This is a reminder that we are introducing new Exhibitor classes.

The 2024 MoCo Fair Catalog can be found online at

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The following classes and information are new to the Fair Catalog.

#### DIVISION 4 DESIGNER CRAFTS

Bleach Art

Other, not listed in any other classes

#### DIVISION 5 CREATIVE CRAFTS

Duct Tape, any

Ceramics: glazed—Ready-To-Paint

Ceramics: painted—Ready-to-Paint

Ceramics:—original—pinch pot, coiled, or slab fire glazed or painted

Friendship bracelets

Soap carving

Other, not listed in any other classes

#### DIVISION 7 EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS AND COLLECTIONS

No item larger than 36" w x 24" d x 24" h will be accepted.

Lego®/K'Nex®, original design: single item

Bionicle, Kit

Bionicle, original design

#### DIVISION 8: AEROSPACE AND ROBOTICS

Robot of original design by individual. May include toy construction kits such as Lego® or Erector sets, etc.

#### DIVISION 10: WOODWORKING

Article made by group with photos to show what each member contributed

Refurnished article

Repurposed wood item

#### DIVISION 11: COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

There is no internet connection in the 4-H Building. If you are entering any internet or mobile applications, you must bring a laptop, the device, or detailed screen shots.

#### DIVISION 13: VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

As growing conditions affect when vegetables and fruits are at their prime, online pre-registration should include all vegetables and fruits you anticipate being ready by Fair entry day. Each vegetable and flower must have its own individual tag with the variety name according to the specimen entered online.

Berries (one pint)

Watermelons (one), any weight

Cantaloupes (one)

Stone fruit (five)

#### DIVISION 14: FLOWER SPECIMENS

Daisy (Shasta, Gerbera, Gaillardia, etc.)

#### DIVISION 16: CAKES

Devil's Food or Chocolate, iced (layered)

#### DIVISION 16A: DECORATED DELIGHTS

Decorated graham cracker house  
Social Media themed cake

#### FOOD PRESERVATION

Jellies, jams, and marmalades should have 1/8"–1/4" of headspace.  
Jar lids must be rust-free.

#### DIVISION 27: CLOTHING

Pajama pants  
Repurposed item

#### DIVISION 32: ROOM ACCESSORIES

Home Accessories (hot pads, appliances covers, doorstep, lunch bags, book covers, table runners, etc.)

Machine sewn blanket

#### DIVISION 33: BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

Selfies

Digital altered image—8"x10"

Picture with filters

#### DIVISION 34: COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Selfies

Digital altered image—8"x10"

Picture with filters

#### DIVISION 36: CITIZENSHIP and PROMOTION

Hand-made toy, doll, stuffed animal

Christmas ornaments (6)

## **Fair Tickets and New Parking Location**

As a 4-H'er, if you enter exhibits at the fair, you will get a free weekly pass!

As in the past, free and reduced-price entry tickets will be made available to 4-H members and their families. Purchasing can occur when you enter exhibits online or weekdays at the Fair Office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. after July 15 or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on one of the Volunteer Workdays on Saturday, July 20, 27, or August 3. After these dates, tickets are only available at the advertised price.

The following free tickets for Fair admission will be provided to 4-H'ers who enter exhibits:

- 4-H indoor exhibitors and those with poultry, rabbits, pet show, and dog show will be provided with 1 season pass that includes free parking at Perry Pkwy.
- 4-H exhibitors with horses, beef, dairy, swine, goats, and sheep will be provided with 1 season pass including free parking at all entrances.
- 4-H exhibitors with horses, beef, dairy, swine, goats, and sheep whose parents are not Life Members will be provided with an additional season pass including free parking at all entrances.

The following tickets are available for purchase by 4-H member families until 12:30 p.m. on the final Volunteer Saturday Workday.

- Season Pass that includes Free Parking at Perry Pkwy. only - \$50.00
- Season Pass – special pass for non-exhibitor sibling of a 4-H member (age 12-18) Perry Pkwy only - \$18.00
- 1 Day ticket – 4-H Family, Free Parking at Perry Pkwy. only - \$10.00
- 1 Day ticket – 4-H Family, entrance only, no parking - \$5.00



Free Shuttle Bus

**New this year**, Free Parking and Shuttle buses will be from **Montgomery College Rockville Campus**, located at 900 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850. Free Shuttle Buses will be available on August 10 starting at 11:30 a.m. From August 11-17, Free Shuttle Buses will be available starting at 8:00 a.m. The last bus leaves the Fairgrounds 30 minutes after the advertised closing time each day.

## SPOT LIGHT

The editor of the Newsletter is looking for articles, no longer than 300 words, to spotlight the remarkable Montgomery County 4-H members. The Spotlight section highlights special experience(s) or awards the members have had/received in the past several months.

Please send your articles to [ahamann@umd.edu](mailto:ahamann@umd.edu)

## CLUB CORNER

### Damascus Community 4-H Club

By Renee H.

The Damascus Community 4-H club's May meeting was a bit hectic. Half of the board members were not present due to the AP testing was three days away.

The main event in May was a trash pickup the club had organized. The members were very excited to pick up trash. However, there was a forecast of rain, which caused the pickup to be cancelled. The members were dissatisfied, even though the event was rescheduled!

The club has a new addition to their meeting this year called "Fast Facts about the Fair". In the Fast Facts about the Fair activity, a member presents one or two facts about the fair. The activity been a big help, since the club has many new and young members. Even the old members have been learning things, or at least the writer!



## Clarksburg Helping Hands 4-H Club

By Sonika K.

In May, the club dedicated time and effort to creating flag plaques for veterans, contributing to Diego's vision of honoring our service men and women – a continuation from last month where the club burned and painted parts of the flag plaques. Together, the members meticulously painted 246 wooden pieces, each representing a red stripe on the American flag. The enthusiasm and dedication shown by the club members truly made a difference in bringing Diego's project to life. Through the member's collective effort, they not only honored their veterans but also strengthened the bond within the club members. The members are proud to have played a part in Diego's Diamond Clover Project and are eager to continue their support for their veterans in the future!



# Calendar

## JUNE

- 1-2 Southern Maryland 4-H Spring Show, Charles County Fairgrounds
- 1-2 Breeder's Fair - Cecil County
- 4 Central Livestock Spring Show - Entry deadline
- 8 Maryland 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contests, Howard County Fairgrounds
- 8-9 Central Maryland 4-H/FFA Livestock Spring Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- 15-22 National Leadership Conference, Miniwanka. Participants selected through the Sr. Portfolio process
- 17-18 2024 MD Youth Power
- 17 4-H Semi-Annual All-Stars Conference, UME - Carrol County Office, Westminster, MD
- 22 Maryland Robotics Workshop, Session 2, Frederick County 4-H Campgrounds
- 29 4-H/FFA Mechanical Science Day
- 30 End of 4-H Club/Unit Fiscal Year

## JULY

- 1 Start of the new 4-H Club/Unit Fiscal Year
- 7-12 Camp Tawasentha
- 14 AHQA on-line training - Entry deadline
- 1-19 MD 4-H Virtual Equine Art & Photography Contest
- 15 Maryland State Fair - Entry deadline
- 20 MoCo Agricultural Fair - Entry deadline

20 Lawn Tractor Contest - Entry deadline  
20, 27 MoCo Agricultural Fair - Work days  
27 Tractor Contest run-through

## AUGUST

3 MoCo Agricultural Fair - Work day  
9-17 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair  
22-25 Maryland State Fair, Timonium  
29-Sept 2 Maryland State Fair, Timonium

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