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If you need to reserve a room or need a special accommodation at the MoCo Fairgrounds for a 4-H program, please follow the instructions that appear in this Newsletter.



The next issue of The Montgomery County 4-H News & Notes will be published on the first week of June 2024. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, [ahamann@umd.edu](mailto:ahamann@umd.edu) by April 25, 2024.

## **The Montgomery County 4-H celebrates Earth Day**

Every year on April 22, over 192 countries around the world celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day is a day to learn about and remember the importance of protecting our health and the environment.

At the MoCo Earth Day activities, the participants planted hummingbird and butterfly flower seeds in egg cartons, made wildflower seed bombs, and made a Bug Hotel to provide shelter for insects. They also chose Earth Day pages to color and take home with the other goodies they made.



## **4-H Free Use of the Agricultural Fairgrounds**

If you require the use of the Ag. fairgrounds for a 4-H event, please follow the following instructions:

- The Event and Sponsorship Coordinator at the Fairgrounds is Ms. Monica Monroe. Please contact Ms. Monroe at [Monica@mcagfair.com](mailto:Monica@mcagfair.com) regarding 4-H use of the Fairgrounds.
- Please cc Ms. Sheila Ford, 4-H Extension, at [sheilaf@umd.edu](mailto:sheilaf@umd.edu) in the email you send to the fairgrounds.
- For Emergency cancellation at the Fairgrounds (less than 24 hours before a scheduled event) – please text the Facility Maintenance Work Leader, Joe Jarvis at 301-300-4602.

## **Sheep and Goat Skillathon**

Sunday, May 5, 2024, Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds.  
Fee: \$5.00. The fee will help to defray the cost of refreshments, awards, and supplies.  
Registration closes, May 1, 2024.

The Sheep & Goat Skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Youth will compete according to their age on 1 January 2024 (4-H age). Individuals from any county, state or province may compete. Pre-registration is required. Participants should bring clipboards and pencils to use during the contest.

A skillathon tests the youth's broad knowledge of a topic. At the sheep and goat skillathon, all stations will pertain to sheep and goats. Stations in the past have included breed ID, feed/forage ID, meat ID and judging, equipment ID, hay judging, fleece (wool) judging, sheep judging (wool or dual-purpose breed), and fiber ID. There have also been stations pertaining to animal health (general disease and parasites).

Please register for the skillathon by 1 May. The registration link is <https://2024skillathon.eventbrite.com/> For more information contact Ashley Travis at [ashley90@umd.edu](mailto:ashley90@umd.edu) or Susan Schoenian at [sschoen@umd.edu](mailto:sschoen@umd.edu). A series of online quizzes have been developed to help youth study for the sheep and goat skillathon at <https://www.sheepandgoat.com/online-quizzes>.

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

**Session 1, May 4, 2024, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Shore Higher Education, Wye Mills, MD.  
Registration for Session 1 must be submitted no later than by 1:59 p.m., May 1, 2024.**

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

This event will be held in two locations, with the same program delivered at both locations. Some workshop elements may be delivered virtually; and most elements will be delivered in-person

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.

## **Central Cluster Fashion Revue**

The 2024 Central Cluster Fashion Revue Registration is now open! Judging will take place on May 15 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Extension Office. The Show will be on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. Registration will close on May 8. For any questions, please reach out to your Montgomery County 4-H Team. Please see the registration link below and we look forward to seeing all your creativity!

<https://forms.gle/cgp16rbSfnaazdCL6>

## **Livestock Registrations Due Date**

Registration forms, ID Cards, and Lease paperwork are due to Catherine Savage at the Montgomery County 4-H Office by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024**. Ms. Savage will accept the forms by mail, hand delivery, or scanned and emailed to her. Please **DO NOT** take a picture of the form and email it to her. Pictures of forms can be difficult to read. If you choose to mail the forms, remember to allow a few extra days for the forms to arrive at the office. Forms that arrive after 11:59 pm on Friday, May 24, 2024 will not be accepted.

Attached you will find the various forms and ID Cards for your respective species. You will also find instructions for filling out the registration forms as well. Please be sure to fill out as much information on the

forms as possible, especially any ID and tag information. Leave the 4-H Tag Number column and the tag day weight column blank, as these will be filled out at Weigh-ins on 1 June. As a reminder, there are places for signatures on both sides of the form, be sure to sign both sides! There are also several places to sign on the lease forms as well.

Beef Steers: Ms. Savage already has received your forms.

For commercial livestock, please fill out a registration form for your commercial animals as well so they can be tagged with a Maryland 4-H Tag.

You can find the Lease Release, Livestock Registration, Livestock Registration Instructions, Poultry and Rabbit Registration, Dog ID Card, Horse and Pony ID Cards, Breeding and Animal Lease, and Performance Animal Lease forms at the University of Maryland Extension's Animal Sciences web page at

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/>

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Catherine Savage at [Csavage9@umd.edu](mailto:Csavage9@umd.edu), or your club leaders.

## **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. However, the events require separate registration.

Saturday, June 8, 2024, Howard County Fairgrounds  
Entry Fee: \$7.00  
Registration Closes May 13, 2024

### **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.

Contestants aged 11 or older who have NEVER competed in 4-H or youth Horse Judging may enter the Novice division in their age group.

### **State 4-H Hippology Contest**

The Hippology Contest is an event in which individuals compete (no teams). There is no limit on the number of entries from a county/city 4-H program.

### **Both Contests**

Youth and adults must have an approved 2024 enrollment in 4-H Online to register.

Youth contestants must represent their family 4-H county in State 4-H Horse knowledge contests.

Contestants may "play up" to a higher age division but may not "play down" to a lower one.

Youth who enter both the Horse Judging and Hippology contests must register for the same age division in both contests.

## 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.

## 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 6 - Handicrafts  
Division 8 - Aerospace & Robotics  
Division 9 - Electricity & Small Engines  
Division 12 - Entomology





Division13 - Vegetables  
Division15 - Honey & Eggs  
Division16a - Decorated Cakes  
Division 24, 25, 26 - Food Preservation, Junior & Seniors  
Division 28 - Family Life  
Division 29 & 30 - Flowers/Arrangements & Houseplants  
Division 31 - Table Setting  
Division 32 - Room Accessories  
Division 33 & 34 - Photography B&W/Color

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

### **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.



### **Camp Tawasentha**

SAVE THE DATES!!!! Mark your calendars for July 7-12, 2024. Our camp is ACA certified, and all adult volunteers are certified thru the University of Maryland's Extension program.

Camp is open to all children ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2024. Those that are aged 14-18 as of January 1 must hold a teen leadership position.

To register for camp follow this link <https://2024camptawasentha.4honline.com>

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Clagett, [clagettmom@gmail.com](mailto:clagettmom@gmail.com)

## 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)

# 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

## Kids N Dogs Club Community Service Activity

By Mia Y.

Have you ever seen a dog show on TV, or seen the shows at the MoCo Ag. Fair, and thought about how cool it might be to participate in one? Look no further than the Kids N Dogs 4-H club. The club provides many different opportunities including various events, monthly meetings, weekly dog training classes, and showing every year at the fair. The members also perform many service activities to give back to the community. For example, they made leashes for the local non-profit Warrior Canine Connection at their March club meeting.

On Thursday, March 21, the club got crafty by making biothane leashes for the service dogs in training at the Warrior Canine Connection (WCC). WCC is a non-profit organization in Montgomery County that raises service dogs for veterans with PTSD and other disabilities. One of the club leaders, Molly, taught the members how to create the leashes properly with all of the parts provided. Club reporter/historian, Grace D., said, "It felt really rewarding to give back to the veterans that defend my country. I felt like I could have really made a difference in both a dog and a person's life." The club had lots of fun making the leashes, and they hope WCC enjoy the leashes!



Club officers Anabelle and Grace having fun with their leashes!



One of the club leaders, Molly, shows Lela how to screw the pieces together.

## Damascus Community 4-H Club

By Evelyn B.

During the April meeting, the Damascus Community 4-H Club held a talent show! They had two amazing performances from Joie H. and a duo of Anvita D. and Evelyn B. Joie showed off her wonderful Irish step-dancing routine, and Anvita and Evelyn performed a color guard routine to the song "All Star". The club also had people stepping up to do public speaking during the meeting. Joie H. did a pizzaz and taught the members many things about Irish step-dancing like soft shoes, hard shoes, and the different steps plus their Beats Per Minute (BPM). Katelyn H. did a demo about her chickens. Katelyn taught the members about what allergies chickens have, their predators, at what age they start laying eggs, and how she takes care of them.

Photos by Chace B.





## Potomac Community 4-H Club

By Zach H.

On April 21, 2024, the Potomac Community 4-H Club participated in the annual Rockville Science Day for the third time. Club members showcased a cybersecurity education poster board they had spent the previous month working on, educating the public on staying safe online. They also hosted a hands-on demonstration of Minecraft programming. Skyler X., a new member, introduced his research project, "Sleep and Teens Health." It was a day full of fun and learning for the club members and event participants.



Club members Tony S. and Eliana W. promoting cybersecurity to the public.



Club member Skyler X. with MCPS BoE member, Club Co-founder, and 4-H Volunteer Julie Yang in front of Skyler's poster "Sleep and Teens Health."

# Calendar

## MAY

- 4 Maryland Robotics Workshop, Session 1, Eastern Shore Higher Education, Wye Mills, MD
- 5 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds
- 5 Sheep & Goat Skillathon, Howard County Fairgrounds
- 7 4-H Learn 2 Earn: Small Engines Workshop
- 6 Horse Bowl Buzz-Off, MD 4-H Center, 9:30 am
- 11 Eastern Shore 4-H Spring Show, Queen Anne's County 4-H Park
- 11 Western Maryland District Show, Garrett County Fairgrounds
- 17 Fashion Revue
- 21 4-H Learn 2 Earn: Small Engines Workshop
- 24 Livestock registration due by 11:59 pm

## JUNE

- 1-2 Southern Maryland 4-H Spring Show, Charles County Fairgrounds

- 1-2 Breeder's Fair - Cecil County
- 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 4-H Semi-Annual All-Stars Conference, UME - Carrol County Office, Westminster, MD
- 22 Maryland Robotics Workshop, Session 2, Frederick County 4-H Campgrounds
- 30 End of 4-H Club/Unit Fiscal Year

## JULY

- 1 Start of the new 4-H Club/Unit Fiscal Year
- 1-19 MD 4-H Virtual Equine Art & Photography Contest
- 15 Maryland State Fair - Entry deadline
- 20 MoCo Agricultural Fair - Entry deadline

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