

CHARLES COUNTY 4-H VOICE

WINTER 2025

Upcoming Events

All dates are subject to change, registration required for all events!

January 2025

01/11.....	Dog Training Class	
01/13.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
01/18.....	Public Speaking Workshop.....	9am
01/14.....	Clover Night.....	5-6pm
01/15.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
01/18.....	Dog Training Class	
01/20.....	Office Closed, Holiday	
01/21.....	Officers Training.....	6pm
01/22.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
01/23.....	New Volunteer Training, <i>In-Person</i>	6-8pm
01/25.....	Dog Training Class	
01/25.....	Volunteer Professional Development.....	9am
	“Neurodiversity” Hybrid	
01/26.....	Poultry/ Rabbit Interest Meeting.....	4-6pm
01/27.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
01/29.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
TBD.....	Air Rifle Begins	
TBD.....	Archery Begins	

February 2025

02/01.....	Dog Training Class (Make-up Day)	
02/03.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
02/05.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
02/06.....	Sewing Workshop.....	4pm
02/07.....	Public Speaking Contest.....	6:30pm
02/10.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
02/12.....	Clover Night.....	5-6pm
02/12.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
02/13.....	Sewing Workshop.....	4pm
02/16.....	State 4-H Awards Recognition Event	
02/17.....	Office Closed, Holiday	
02/18.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
02/19.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
02/19.....	New Volunteer Training, <i>Virtual</i>	6:30-8:30pm
02/20.....	Sewing Workshop.....	4pm
02/24.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
02/25.....	Broiler Quality Assurance.....	6pm
02/26.....	Skillathon Practice.....	5-7pm
TBD.....	Air Rifle	
TBD.....	Archery	

March 2025

03/05.....	Sewing Workshop.....	4pm
03/06.....	Vet Science (ages 13-18).....	5:30-7:30pm
03/10.....	Teen Training.....	6pm
03/12.....	Sewing Workshop.....	4pm
03/13.....	Vet Science (ages 13-18).....	5:30-7:30pm
03/15.....	Project Day.....	9:30-11:45pm
03/17.....	Beef & Swine Quality Assurance.....	6pm
03/18.....	New Volunteer Training, <i>In-Person</i>	6-8pm
03/19.....	Sewing Workshop.....	4pm
03/20.....	Vet Science (ages 13-18).....	5:30-7:30pm
03/24.....	Clover Night.....	5-6pm
03/27.....	Vet Science (ages 13-18).....	5:30-7:30pm
03/31.....	STEM Night.....	5pm
TBD.....	Air Rifle	
TBD.....	Archery	
TBD.....	Broiler Chick Pick Up	

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Reminders

- **When Schools are closed due to inclement weather, 4-H programs are also cancelled.**
- Facebook Group: Charles County 4-H**
- *Our Facebook group is a closed group designed to keep enrolled 4-Hers, parents, and volunteers up to date with things going on in the program. Updates will be posted as available. **When requesting membership, please answer all prompts or your request may be denied.**
- FOR WEEKLY UPDATES: JOIN OUR ONE-LIST:**
- Email Bonnie at bboyden@umd.edu to be added to the list.

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Looking Forward

As we move into 2025, the 4-H team would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers who worked so hard over the last year to provide a positive learning environment for all of our youth! Your dedication, passion, and commitment truly make a difference in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow. We are grateful for the time and effort you've invested to ensure that each young person involved in 4-H has had the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

We look forward to 2025 with excitement and anticipation, ready to continue building on the successes of this past year. Together, we will create even more opportunities for our youth to engage, discover their potential, and make lasting memories. Thank you for being a vital part of the 4-H community!



4-H Volunteer Corner

Interested in sharing your skills and abilities with 4-Hers in different program areas? Consider becoming a 4-H volunteer!

To become a 4-H volunteer you **MUST** have:

- Completed the Volunteer packet in 4-H Online (application, references, position/job description, confidentiality statement, and appointment agreement.)
- Attended Volunteer Training at the Charles County 4-H office.
- Completed an interview and have been appointed.

Please Note: You are only required to complete the volunteer packet and training process the first year you become a volunteer.

Continuing volunteers must submit an online enrollment each year.

Upcoming New Volunteer Trainings

Attend one of our upcoming new volunteer trainings after having completed the new volunteer packet. Please email Kelly kmbryant@umd.edu to confirm your attendance.

- January 23rd, In-Person 6-8PM
- February 19th, Virtual 6:30- 8:30PM
- March 18, In-Person 6-8PM

Volunteer Enrichment Opportunity

What is neurodiversity? How do we work with youth who are neurodiverse and neurotypical? We will be offering a professional development opportunity on Saturday, **January 25 at 9 AM** for our volunteers to learn more about this subject. This will be a hybrid training, meaning you may attend in-person at the 4-H office or online via Zoom. Please email Kelly by January 22 to register kmbryant@umd.edu and mention if you will be attending in-person or online.

4-H Online Enrollment

4-H Online Enrollment & Re-Enrollment

The Maryland 4-H Online Enrollment System is open for new enrollments and re-enrollments. Returning members and UME adult volunteers will re-enroll by logging into the website using the family email address and password that they used to set up their initial profile. If you have forgotten your password, there is an option to request a new one. **If you have forgotten your email address, you must contact Donna Mohler at dmohler@umd.edu.**

To enroll please visit: www.Maryland.4honline.com For detailed instructions or assistance with the process, call 301-226-7501 or email Donna Mohler.

4-H Youth Membership Requirements

To become a member of 4-H, youth need to be 8 to 18 years old as of January 1. For 4-H Clovers, the age requirement is 5 to 7 years old as of January 1. To be a member in good standing, you must attend a percentage of club meetings established in your club by-laws to be eligible to participate in events, such as but not limited to, fairs (county and state), showing animal projects, participating in county and state contests.

Upcoming Events

Clover Night: We look forward to continuing to provide Clover Craft Nights each month. Please contact Mikayla mdiane@umd.edu for access to the tentative calendar for 2025 of all 4-H Clover events.

Upcoming Clover Craft Nights:

- Tuesday, January 14th 5-6PM
- Wednesday, February 12th 5-6PM
- Monday, March 24th 5-6PM



DIGGING UP DINOSAURS

CLOVER NIGHT

JANUARY 14
5-6 PM



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Poultry/Rabbit Interest Meeting:

January 12 4-6PM

Interested in learning about rabbits our poultry? Join us for an information meeting on January 12th from 4-6PM at the UME Office. Learn about how you can get involved in raising rabbits and poultry in 4-H!

To register for the meeting, please email Jeanne (jeanneh@umd.edu) or Kelly (kmbryant@umd.edu).

Officer Instillation

Elections and installation of club officers are right around the corner. The office has an officer installation kit available if your club needs to borrow it for installations. Please call ahead to reserve the kit. If your club would like us to attend your officer installation, please reach out so we can get it on our calendars.

Public Speaking Workshop

On Saturday, **January 18th, 2025**, there will be a Public Speaking Workshop from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. At this workshop you will learn about the different types of speeches you can present at the Public Speaking contest on February 7th. You will learn the basics of writing and giving a speech, too. **Please email Bonnie to register bboyden@umd.edu.**

Public Speaking Contest

The 2025 Public Speaking Contest will be on **February 7th at 6:30pm** at the First Baptist Church of La Plata. The registration and more information will be coming out in the near future.



Skillathon Practice

Skillathon practices will be starting on Monday, **January 13th** at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office twice a week during January and February. You can attend both or just one depending on your schedule. It is a great way to learn more about beef, sheep, beef, sheep, swine or goat and the types of feeds, meat, equipment and animal health. **You can email Bonnie to register at bboyden@umd.edu.**

The state contest will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Camp 2025

Camp is coming! Our dates for the 2025 Camping Season are:

- Day Camp: June 16- 20, 2025
- Overnight Camp: July 13-19, 2025



Christmas Crafting Fun!

In December, our 4-H'ers and their friends gathered for a fun-filled day of holiday crafts! The event was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get creative and spread holiday cheer. Participants enjoyed making festive decorations, ornaments, and gifts, all while learning new crafting skills. It was a joyous occasion that allowed both kids and adults to bond over shared activities and embrace the spirit of the season.



Teen Training

Are you interested in being a teen leader at one or both of our camps? You are **REQUIRED** to take our teen training classes. 32 hours of training are required for individuals that have never gone to a training before and 30 hours of training are required for our past leaders. **The first training will be March 10th for LITs ONLY, then the first training for all teen leaders will be April 13th, email Bonnie at bboyden@umd.edu to sign up for the training.**

Shooting Sports for 2025

If your child would like to participate in the shooting sports program, please email **Jeanne at jeanneh@umd.edu** and let her know what area your child is interested in participating.



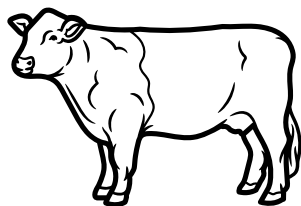
MANDATORY! QUALITY ASSURANCE

The 2025 dates for the mandatory quality assurance classes are as follow at 6:00 p.m.: Beef and Swine will be held on Monday, March 17th Goat and Sheep class will be Tuesday, April 8th 1st time showers will be on Wednesday, May 7th You **MUST** attend this workshop if you plan on showing in 2025. **To register email Bonnie at bboyden@ume.edu**

The 2025 dates for the mandatory quality assurance classes at 6 p.m. at the 4-H office are as follows:

- Beef and Swine - Monday, March 17th
- Goat and Sheep - Tuesday, April 8th
- 1st time showers - Wednesday, May 7th

You **MUST** attend one of these workshops if you plan on showing in 2025. **To register email Bonnie at bboyden@umd.edu.**



Give the Gift of Camp

Does your 4-H'er have a birthday coming up? Give the gift of 4-H camp! Head over to the 4-H office and grab a Camp Gift Card! Gift cards are available in amounts from \$5 to \$400 and can be applied toward the cost of camp.

Please note: A gift card purchase does not guarantee a spot at 4-H day or overnight camp. Timely registration is required when it becomes available.



Skillathon

CONGRATULATIONS to Robbie Abell and Blaine Boyden who represented Maryland at the National Skillathon Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. They were 8th place team in QA and 13th place overall. Great job! Thank you, Jeanne and Lauren, for coaching the team.

CONGRATULATIONS

