



Montgomery County 4-H

February 3, 2025



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The next issue of The Montgomery County 4-H News & Notes will be published the first week of March 2025. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu by February 26, 2025.

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<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/montgomery-county/4-h-youth-development/news-notes/>

Positive Youth Development (PYD) Programs

“Together we help young people be ready for work and life.

The 4-H PYD - Positive Youth Development - Academy provides learning opportunities to equip 4-H and other educators with the essential knowledge and skills to plan implement and evaluate high-quality positive PYD programs that help youth thrive.

The 2025 4-H PYD Academy Beyond Ready series—an immersive virtual learning experience, is designed to strengthen your PYD practices, connect you with like-minded professionals, and empower youth to thrive. While Beyond Ready introduces innovative approaches to preparing youth for work and life, it is firmly rooted in the proven principles of high-quality PYD.

The multi-day conference is dedicated to understanding the developmental needs of youth and addressing retention challenges within 4-H programs. The Immersion series builds on the insights from the conference, offering actionable training tailored to 4-H professionals”.

Location: Virtual

Time: 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. EST

Dates of sessions are:

Feb. 4-6, 2025

March 5, 2025

April 2, 2025

May 7, 2025

Registration and information at <https://4-h.org/resources/professionals/4-h-pyd-academy/>

Valentine’s Day arts and crafts project

Join the MoCo 4-H Educators to make a fun Valentine's Day arts and crafts project! The event will be hosted on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at the 4-H Montgomery County Office (18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855). Stop by anytime between 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The event will end at 9:00 p.m. Register on 4-H Online.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11TH AT 7 P.M.

HAPPY
Valentine's
Day

JOIN US FOR A VALENTINE'S
DAY CRAFT NIGHT!

CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES
SNACKS
FREE OF CHARGE

RSVP ON 4H ONLINE

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

Maryland Horse Bowl Contest Registration is Open!

Registration for the 2025 Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Contest is now open in 4-H Online. Registrations will close at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Public Speaking Workshop 101

Join the Maryland 4-H Cluster for the Public Speaking 101 Workshop. The workshop will be at the Frederick County Extension, 330 Montevue Lane Frederick, MD, on Monday February 17, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

4-H's will learn how to plan a speech, how present themselves, how to maintain confidence, etc.

Livestock Workshops and Skillathon

The Livestock Workshops are on Thursday nights. These workshops will also serve as Livestock Skillathon practices. Youth can attend for just one or two nights, or every week. Participants are encouraged to compete in the State contest on Saturday, March 1, 2025. The remaining workshops are:

Date	Subject Matter
February 6	Hay Identification and Judging
February 13	Equipment Identification and Uses
February 20	Meat Identification and Judging
February 27	Review and Practice Skillathon

For questions, email Catherine Savage at Csavage9@umd.edu

Small Engine Workshop

The Small Engine Workshops are Wednesday nights. Please see the below schedule for the remaining workshops. You must be a registered participant.

Workshop Schedule

Feb. 5	Measurements, controls, throttle: fuel-smells, compression test, fuel safety
Feb.19	I.D. engine parts, intro driving course and safety
March 5	Disassemble parts
March 19	Disassemble and reassemble
April 2	Reassembling, test run, troubleshooting
April 16	Work session on county fair-related classes
April 30	Wrap up, Q & A, driving practice, mock test
May and June	TBD if needed
July	TBD to run through county contests

For questions, email Catherine Savage at Csavage9@umd.edu

2025 Inbound Opportunities

Are you interested in other countries? Would you like to welcome an international student into your home? Host families come in all shapes and sizes

and reflect the diversity of the United States. What they have in common is their eagerness to open their homes and hearts to a young person from another culture. Our families are warm, welcoming volunteers who are proud to share their American culture and lifestyle.

States' 4-H accepts applications from host families year-round for the month-long and yearlong programs.

For more information visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Terp Young Scholars

Applications opened January 7, 2025 and will close June 1, 2025

The Terp Young Scholars will take place in College Park from July 14 to August 1, 2025.

The program provide the participants the experience of learning how to navigate the college experience with the University of Maryland's Terp Young Scholars. The participants have the opportunity to take college courses in person or online. The students select one three-credit course (offered either in-person or 100% online). Classes are held weekdays, Monday - Friday, with meeting times varying according to the specific course.

Domestic Applicant Eligibility

- Applicants must be a rising high school sophomore, junior, senior, or graduating senior; and

- Applicants must have an unweighted academic average of 3.0 or better.
 - If there are extenuating circumstances that have negatively influenced an applicant's GPA, submit a GPA Exception Appeal prior to submitting the Terp Young Scholars application.

 - Submit Exception Appeal: Complete the [GPA Exception Appeal form](#). The form requires an upload of your high school transcript, a

letter of support from a high school teacher/administrator and a statement attesting to how you plan to succeed in the program.

Select Commuter or Online Option

Applicants who select a course offered through in-person instruction must participate via the Commuter Option. Terp Young Scholars does not offer a residential option.

- Applicants who select a course offered through 100% online instruction must participate via the Online Option.

Applications open January 7, 2025 and close June 1, 2025

For more information go to
<https://exst.umd.edu/pre-college-programs/terp-young-scholars/how-program-works>

Montgomery County Achievement Night

The Montgomery County 4-H Achievement Night will be held on Saturday February 22, 2025 in the Heritage Building at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Light Refreshments will be provided.

Join us to celebrate all of our wonderful youth and volunteers in Montgomery County 4-H! We will recognize our graduating seniors, cake auction bakers, teen leaders, Diamond Clover participants, and more! All youth in attendance will receive a free Montgomery County 4-H T-Shirt.

2025 Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon

The date for the 2025 Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon is Saturday, February 22 at the University of Maryland campus in College Park. Registration for the 2025 Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon Contest is now open in 4-H Online. Registrations will close at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, February 13, 2025.

Maryland Horse Bowl Contest

The primary objective of the Horse Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth involved in the 4-H Horse project to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of

friendliness and fairness prevail. This contest provides an educational experience for participants and spectators.

The contest will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The 2025 contest will be held in person at the Plant Sciences Building, Room 1140, Regents Drive, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Contest check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Contest matches for all age divisions will begin at 10:00 am and run concurrently.

Ignite by 4-H

March 12-16, 2025, Marriott Marquis, Washington D.C.

Join 4-H'ers from across the U.S. in Washington, D.C. for Ignite by 4-H! The four-day interactive summit helps teens find their spark through inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, off-site experiences, career exploration, and connecting with peers.

Ignite is a step forward in the journey of becoming beyond ready. At Ignite, teens collaborate, create, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds and their world—becoming resilient and READY for everything life has to offer. The possibilities are endless at Ignite by 4-H.

Registration is open at <https://ignite2025.powerappsportals.com/>

Central Cluster Public Speaking Contest

Central Cluster Public Speaking: March 15, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 W Patrick St., Frederick MD.

Montgomery County Fair Updates

Here are some changes to the Fair indoor entries this year. Division 15: Honey and Eggs is now "Agricultural Products". The Division includes hay and other agricultural products.

DIVISION 15: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
Chairperson: Meredith Null, meredith.myers22@gmail.com

PREMIUMS

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RULES

1. All exhibitors must comply with Building Rules and Regulations.
2. If quality warrants, five premiums will be awarded.
3. Exhibitor should have age appropriate knowledge of varieties, maturities, and harvest dates as applicable. The exhibitor must have raised, helped raise, and/or harvested the products exhibited.
4. Exhibits of hay and straw must be one flake and securely tied two ways. If exhibit is taken from a round or large square bale, exhibit must be compressed and securely tied four ways. Maximum size is 18"W x 18"D x 6"H.
5. Any exhibits containing mold will be removed before display.
6. For classes 9–25, a 3"x5"index card must be attached to exhibit with tape or string. The following information should be included on the card.
 - a) Crop variety
 - b) Intended use
 - c) Date of seeding
 - d) Harvest date
 - e) Date ensiled (if applicable)

CLASSES

1. Eggs, brown (one dozen)
2. Eggs, white (one dozen)
3. Eggs, other (one dozen)
4. Honey, dark comb (one pound)
5. Honey, light comb (one pound)
6. Honey, dark extracted (one pound)
7. Honey, light extracted (one pound)
8. Honey educational exhibit, size: 24"W x 12"D x 36"H
9. Baled hay, single legume variety, field cured
10. Baled hay, single variety—timothy, field cured
11. Baled hay, single variety—orchard grass, field cured
12. Baled hay, mix, field cured
13. Baled straw, any variety, field cured
14. Haylage, any variety, one-quart jar with lid, ensiled at least 7 weeks
15. Silage, any variety, one-quart jar with lid, ensiled at least 4 weeks
16. Corn, five stalks, green with ear attached—this year's crop only
17. Corn, Sweet, five ears with closed husk—this year's crop only
18. Corn, Indian or Popcorn variety, five ears—current or previous year's crop acceptable

19. Corn, any other variety, five ears—current or previous year’s crop acceptable
20. Corn, shelled, one-quart jar with lid—current or previous year’s crop acceptable
21. Soybeans, black or yellow variety, one quart jar with lid—current or previous year’s crop acceptable
22. Sorghum, one-quart jar with lid—current or previous year’ scrop acceptable
23. Wheat, one-quart jar with lid—this year’s crop only
24. Barley, one-quart jar with lid—this year’s crop only
25. Rye, one-quart jar with lid—this year’s crop only
26. Other farm product

CLOVER BY 4-H

Whether you are new to 4-H or you are a 3rd generation 4-H’er, you may not have heard of CLOVER by 4-H. This is different from a cloverbud or a clover program. Instead, CLOVER by 4-H is the National 4-H Council’s catalog of interactive online classes! There are classes for ages 5-18 and on any topic you can imagine from financial literacy to agriculture to cooking.

If your child is under 13 years old, a “parent account” is required to assist with monitoring your child’s online activities.

Club Leaders can also sign up for CLOVER by 4-H and can view all of the content to find potential club activities and even manage multiple learner accounts for their clubs.

In addition, the very best part is that CLOVER by 4-H is free!

Enhance your 4-H experience by trying CLOVER by 4-H. You may just find your new passion!

To learn more about CLOVER by 4-H, and to create your free account, visit: <https://4-h.org/clover/about/>

Camp Tawasentha

SAVE THE DATES!!!! Camp Tawasentha will be July 20-25, 2025. The camp is ACA certified, and all adult volunteers are certified through the University of Maryland’s Extension program.

Camp is open to all children ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2025. Those that are aged 14-18 as of January 1 must hold a teen leadership position.

CLUB CORNER

MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club

By Caitlin Y.

Derwood, MD – Members and volunteers of the MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club recently participated in an enlightening "Introduction to Small Engines" workshop at the Montgomery County 4H Office. The event provided a comprehensive overview of engine mechanics and maintenance, fostering both knowledge and camaraderie among participants.

During the workshop, two experienced coaches were introduced to the fundamental components and workings of small engines. The attendees learned to identify various engine parts, understand how an engine operates, and recognize essential tools. The workshop included a hands-on portion, which involved disassembling and reassembling engine parts, troubleshooting common issues, and gaining insight into proper engine care and maintenance.

Overall, the workshop was a valuable opportunity for the MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club members to deepen their understanding of small engines while enjoying the sense of community that 4-H fosters.



Kids N Dogs Club

By Clara R.

In November, the Kids N Dogs Club hosted a booth at Seneca Creek State Park's Walk and Wag event. The booth gave out treats and dog toys, along with some fun trivia questions. To make their booth unique, they helped people at the event make custom ornaments with their dog's paw prints on them.

In January, the club had its first meeting of the year, with its' new officers, at Warrior Canine Connections (WCC). The club discussed their ideas for upcoming events, such as the Agility Fun Match and Dog Skillathon. Afterwards, the members interacted with WCC's future canine service dog puppies!



MARYLAND 4-H CENTRAL CLUSTER

PUBLIC SPEAKING 101



JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025, 10AM-12PM
FREDERICK COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

LEARN HOW TO:

- Plan your speech
- Pace yourself
- Maintain confidence
- Much more!

SAVE THE DATE:

**CENTRAL CLUSTER
PUBLIC SPEAKING
COMPETITION WILL BE
HELD MARCH 15TH,
2025**



Central Cluster 4-H

Public Speaking

Competition



March 15h

9am-2pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

703 W Patrick St,

Frederick, MD 21701

Register Here:



4-H Calendar Due dates and Events

FEBRUARY

- 5 Small Engine Workshop. Measurements, controls, throttle: fuel-smells, compression test, fuel safety
- 6 Livestock Workshop and Skillathon. Hay Identification and Judging
- 11 Valentine's Day arts and crafts project. Derwood, MD
- 13 Livestock Workshop and Skillathon. Equipment Identification and Uses

- 16 Maryland 4-H Achievement Event
- 17 Public Speaking 101, Frederick County Extension Office
- 17 - 21 National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. Virtual
- 19 Small Engine Workshop. I.D. engine parts, intro driving course and safety
- 20 Livestock Workshop and Skillathon. Meat Identification and Judging
- 22 Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon (or Fun Day) 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 22 Montgomery County 4-H Achievement Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m.,
MOCO Fairgrounds
- 27 Livestock Workshop and Skillathon. Review and Practice Skillathon

MARCH

- 1 Maryland 4-H State Livestock Skillathon Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- 5 Small Engine Workshop. Disassemble parts
- 8 Maryland 4-H Horse bowl Contest, Plant Science Bldg., UMD, College Park
- 12-16 Ignite by 4-H, Marriott Marquis, Washington D.C.
- 15 Central Cluster Public Speaking Competition, Frederick, MD
- 19 Small Engine Workshop. Disassemble and reassemble parts
- 22 Maryland 4-H Skillathon, Carroll County Extension Office
- 29 Tech Engineering Day
- 29 Maryland Youth Institute

APRIL

- 26 Maryland Day, UMD College Park
- 26 Maryland Public Speaking Contest, UMD College Park

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