

4-H Partyline



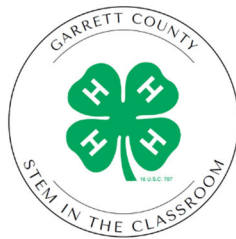
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MAYFLOWER CHALLENGE



November 4-H STEM Outreach

Programs were held across the county serving

173 Youth

In-School, After-School, and Libraries

Weight was measured in marbles

Top Marble Count Reached at

Partners After School @ Grantsville

105 Marbles in a 6"x6" Foil Boat



Garrett County 4-H STEM traveled to 11 classrooms throughout the county to share fun hands-on programs learning about the Mayflower voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. Using the Engineering Design Process, students were able to plan, design, and create a boat that could float and hold weight (marbles) without sinking.

BAD WEATHER POLICY

**JUST A REMINDER
OF THE WEATHER
POLICY FOR 4-H
ACTIVITIES**

If there is no school or early dismissal from school in Garrett County due to inclement weather, all county sponsored 4-H events that day/evening will be cancelled. Contact your club leader to determine if club activities are canceled.

Calendar of Events

December, 2023

- 12 Animal Science Updates for Volunteers via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- 25 Extension Office Closed/Christmas Holiday

January, 2024

- ** 4-H Online Enrollment Opens-TBD
- 1 Extension Office Closed/New Year's Holiday
- 15 Due: President's Service Learning, National Leadership Trip Application
- 15 Extension Office Closed/Martin Luther King Day
- 31 Due: Record Books & Livestock Contracts

February, 2024

"University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class."

If you have a financial/disability need that requires special assistance for participation in any of the programs, please contact the office at 301 334-6960.

Livestock Skillathon Practice

Are you interested in learning more about beef, swine, goats and sheep? The 4-H Skillathon Contest will be held in March at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Participants will be tested on identifying animal breeds, cuts of meat, livestock related equipment, and feed samples. Participants must also judge classes of hay samples, wool samples, and meat cuts. Each participant will take a written test on animal health/husbandry and general livestock knowledge. Seniors will also be tested on one or more of the following: keep/cull scenario, breeding/selection scenario and management/marketing scenario. The contest is divided into divisions for Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13), and Senior (ages 14-18). The top ten highest scoring Senior contestants will be invited to participate in an additional Skillathon Event to qualify for the Maryland 4-H State Skillathon Team that will compete at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY in November 2024. To prepare for the contest, practices will be held twice a week, beginning in January. Place and time to be determined. If you are interested in participating, register by calling the office at 301-334-6960 and we will contact you with information about the first practice.



Beef Tagging

Thank you to everyone for making another beef weigh-in and tagging run smoothly. On November 4th, volunteers tagged and vaccinated a total of 102 steers for Garrett County 4-H members for the 2024 Garrett County Fair and Maryland State Fair.

Animal Science Project Updates Webinar for Volunteers

Tuesday, December 12th, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm online via Zoom

This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program policy and event changes/updates for 2024. This session is for Maryland 4-H Volunteers and Fair Volunteers working with 4-H members in the Animal Science program areas. Interested individuals should register at: <https://forms.gle/R8rs6QtqEvdKGxP98>

Connecting information will be shared with registered individuals near the event date.

International Programs

Outbound Opportunities: This year Maryland 4-Hers have the opportunity to explore the world and become culturally aware in 6 different outbound locations, Japan (4 & 8-week programs), Norway (4-week), Taiwan (4-week), Costa Rica (4-week), South Korea (4-week) and Argentina (4-week). Each outbound opportunity provides a unique cultural immersion experience. Delegates will experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own! Applications are due no later than Dec 15th. Program fees include lodging, meals, transportation, camps and cultural excursions throughout the program. Scholarships are available through States' 4-H upon application approval.

Inbound Opportunities: Do you know any families wanting to experience the world all in the comfort of their own home? We are seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12-17 years old and show them the American Culture. We need 14 families to host a Japanese Delegate this summer from mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. No special trips or accommodations are required; simply let a delegate change you and your children's cultural awareness for the better! For more information on both Inbound and Outbound Opportunities, please contact Joseph Cho, Ph.D. at jcho8@umd.edu.

National Leadership Trips

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 National Leadership Trips

The Senior Portfolio Process is open for youth ages 14-18 (as of January 1st the year the trip takes place) interested in attending any of the four National Leadership Trips in 2024. Portfolio information and instructions are available on the state website at:

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership>

To be considered for a Leadership Trip, a 4-H member must complete a portfolio package which includes an application, 4-H resume, essay and interview. Registration deadline is January 15th. For more information, please contact the extension office.



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HOLIDAY SEWING CREATIONS

Tuesday, December 5th (school 1/2 day)
2-3 pm
Garrett County 4-H Office Meeting Room

All materials provided
Space is limited
Sign up today by calling
301-334-6960

Garrett County 4-H
STEM CORNER

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2024 4-H ENROLLMENT

Dates for 4-H Enrollment

Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning **January 2024**. Watch for an email announcement for opening date of enrollment along with details. Enrollment will be due by **February 1, 2024** for any 4-H member signing up for a market animal project. As a reminder, projects and volunteer type & roles will not roll over into next year. You will need to select your projects and volunteer information again.



Internet Connection

To enroll in Maryland 4-H Online, you need internet access and a valid email address. The enrollment must be completed using Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers. 4-H Online enrollment is not supported by Internet Explorer.

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

The **Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations, MD 4-H Disciplinary Policy & Procedures** and **Photo/Media Release** are part of the online enrollment process and will be signed electronically.

Enrollment Fee

Maryland 4-H has an annual \$10.00 enrollment fee per 4-H member (No fee is collected for volunteers and any children in a family beyond three). Families will pay the enrollment fee online by credit card at the time they enroll. After payment has been received, each family will receive two emails; first notification that enrollment has been received and second notification that the enrollment has been approved at the county 4-H office.

Upcoming Deadlines



Completing 2023 Enrollment Year



Record Books – Youth who **tagged** a project animal at the Garrett County Fair in 2023 must turn in their record book by **January 31, 2024** to be eligible to sell again at the 2024 fair. Please check with your club leader about turning in record books. Leaders may collect the record books or ask that you drop them off at the 4-H office. Our staff will be available to meet leaders or families to assist everyone in meeting the due date. Forms and directions are available at: https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/_garrett-county-4-h-forms



President's 4-H Volunteer Service Award Record – Service hours should include efforts to help others and improve the community. You can participate on behalf of a community, religious and/ or youth organizations. It can be an individual effort or with a group such as school-based service-learning projects. This could include club projects, community events, fair activities, and 4-H Camp services. Hours must be completed during the 2023 calendar year. You may list these service activities in your record book on the summary sheet. This form is available at <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms> and should be submitted to our office by **January 15, 2024**.

Livestock Contracts



Livestock Contracts need to be filled out by any 4-Hers who may consider taking a market animal project. This is a paper form (**blue**) and is not part of the online enrollment. Be sure to complete this form if there is any chance you may bring a market animal to the fair. The contracts are available from the club leaders or contacting the 4-H office. They are due to the Garrett 4-H Office by **January 31, 2024**.





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Season's Greetings

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