



Montgomery County 4-H

April 1, 2025



If you need a special accommodation for a 4-H program, event, or activity at the 4-H Extension Office in Derwood, MD, please call 301-590-3210 or e-mail jshriver@umd.edu.

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 Monroe at Monica@mcagfair.com.

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

A PDF copy of this newsletter can be found, one week after publication, on the Montgomery County 4-H page.

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

\$4 for 4-H

Be on the lookout for this annual Maryland 4-H Foundation fundraiser on April 4th. Donations to this campaign will be used for leadership trips, camp

scholarships, programming materials, and more! When donating, be sure to specify Montgomery County so that we receive a portion of the donation for our youth!

2025 MD 4-H Clay Shoot Fundraiser!

The MD 4-H Clay Shoot Fundraiser is on April 12 at Schrader's Outdoors. All proceeds from this event will support the Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

There are three ways to support the Fundraiser:

1) Come on out to the event and participate. The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. so come anytime in between to shoot. \$50 per shooter for 50 targets. This also includes one raffle ticket. You do not need to be a 4-H member to participate.

2) Help sell and or purchase raffle tickets. Tickets at \$5 each or 3 for \$10 for a chance to win a Hypertac 420 Crossbow. The drawing will take place at 1:00pm the day of the event, you do not need to be present to win. If you would like to help sell tickets, please let Amanda or Jim know and we will get them to you asap. They can also be purchased online at the link below and we will contact you with ticket numbers.

3) Advertise with us through ads or station signs. Station signs are a great way to get a business name out there. Plus half of each sale can go back to the Maryland 4-H club or program of your choice, just indicate that on the form. It is a win-win for everyone!

Raffle tickets, event registration, and sponsorships can also be purchased online in advance at go.umd.edu/4Hclays2025 or on the day of the event.

Maryland Sheep Breeders Scholarship Opportunity

The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, in conjunction with the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to a student who has been accepted, or is in the process of applying for continuing education at a college or university, technical school, or vocational school.

All academic majors will be considered, but priority will be given to agricultural, or agriculture related majors (such as food science, veterinarian, ag. teaching, etc.).

Preference will be given to those applicants who are members, or whose families are members of the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association.

Application due date is April 15.

Applications are available on the MSBA website @

<https://marylandsheepbreeders.org/>

2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay

The 2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only. Any 4-H Club member who placed first, second, or third in previous years of the national competition is NOT eligible to win in 2025; however, state competition winners remain eligible to enter the national competition. Essays entered must encompass the designated topic only. There will be no exceptions.

The 4-H Essay Topic this year is

The Importance of Youth in Beekeeping: How 4-H Members Can Make a Difference!

For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions:

Why youth is important in beekeeping?

How can 4-H members make a difference?

How can more young people involved in beekeeping?

What are your future plans as a beekeeper?

What is a major contribution a young beekeeper has brought to the Industry?

Competition Rules & Essay Requirements: Any 4-H Club member interested in writing an essay should contact Amanda Wahle, 4-H Youth Development Specialist at awahle@umd.edu for competition details.

Essays should be submitted directly to the state office (Amanda Wahle) by email no later than April 18 to be considered for National Judging. A state-level committee will review all entries and pick one to submit on behalf of the state.

Failure to meet anyone of the essay requirements will result in disqualification.

Essay Requirements for National Judging: Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12 pt font in a legible font face. Essays must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited, or the writer's biographical statement. All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography."

Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.

On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer, including mailing address, email address, and phone number.

Awards: Three cash prizes will be awarded in the 2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. The author of the highest-scoring essay will win first prize. The author of these second-highest-scoring essay will win second prize. The author of the third-highest-scoring essay will win the third prize.

First Prize: \$750

Second Prize: \$500

Third Prize: \$250

The three prize-winning essays will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. All authors of essays submitted to the national competition will receive a relevant book on honeybees, beekeeping, or honey.

Engineering Camp

Located at the Harford County 4-H Campgrounds (The Rocks), Maryland 4-H Engineering Camp was created to introduce some of the numerous Engineering projects and opportunities available through 4-H and in the professional world, and to provide hands-on experiences to prepare youth for some of the county, regional, and state 4-H contests.

In addition to in-depth exploration of Engineering projects, there will be fun challenges that will test youth's ability to use the Engineering Design Process to solve problems and achieve goals, both cooperatively and individually. Topics that have been featured in the past include large tractor operation, welding,

aerospace, computers, environmental engineering, GPS/GIS mapping, and robotics.

More Information can also be found on the [Maryland 4-H STEM website](#).

Event Details

Date: May 2-4, 2025

Location: Harford County 4-H Camp (The Rocks), 6 Cherry Hill Rd, Street, MD 21154

Fees:

- 4-H Youth Campers: \$200
- 4-H Camp Counselors: \$100
- Certified Tier 3 4-H Adult Chaperones: \$0

Registration Closes on April 20, 2025

Eligibility

Enrolled Maryland 4-H Members who are 12-18 years old as of January 1, 2025 are eligible to register as 4-H Youth Campers. Senior-aged Maryland 4-Hers who have completed the 2025 Camp Counselor training are eligible to register as 4-H Camp Counselors.

Registration for this event is through 4-H Online.

Engineering Camp is limited to **40** youth participants. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the camp is full a waitlist will be created to fill any spots that may open due to cancellations. Cancellations before April 27, 2025 will receive a full refund. No refunds will be made after that date.

All event registrations must be submitted by **11:59 pm on April 20, 2025**.

Contact your local 4-H office or visit the [Maryland 4-H STEM website](#) for more information.

Maryland State Grange Scholarship

The Maryland State Grange offers two scholarship opportunities annually:

- Agricultural Scholarship - For students pursuing an agriculturally related field of study.
- The Patrons' Promise: Deaf Scholars Award - For students studying fields related to deaf studies, American Sign Language (ASL), or other related areas.

The due date is April 25, 2025. The application can be found at :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R2brYgmGdzWWpgWoPWlaJQ7wb95bqHaW/view>

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

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

Diamond Clover Level 6 Application Workshops

The Central Cluster is proud to present a series of Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposal Workshops! These four (4) workshops will prepare you to write a strong proposal and walk you through each component of the Diamond Clover Level 6 proposal. **All workshops will be conducted virtually.**
Deadline to register is May 16, 2025.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, **please complete this registration form before May 7, 2025** and specify that you are requesting a reasonable accommodation. You will be contact by an educator afterwards to discuss your reasonable accommodation request.

A brief description of each workshop and their date/time are as follows:

Workshop 1: May 21, 2025, 6:30pm-7:30pm via ZOOM

Description: During this workshop, we will introduce what a Diamond Clover Level 6 project is. We will have former 4-Hers describe their successful projects and how completing the project benefitted them. Afterwards, we will have a brainstorming session for project ideas and go over two important components of the proposal: the timeline of your project and the how to find your advisory committee.

Workshop 2: June 11, 2025, 6:30pm-7:30pm via ZOOM

Description: During this workshop, we will explore the major detailed components of your proposal by going over letters of support, approvals/permits, action plan, resources, and fundraising.

Workshop 3: July 9, 2025, 6:30pm-7:30pm via ZOOM

Description: During this workshop, we are now ready to complete the proposal by going over how to write overview and background summaries, creating sustainability in your project, and how to promote your project/educate others about your project. Lastly, we will talk about photo documentation and its importance.

Workshop 4: July 30, 2025, 6:30pm-7:30pm via ZOOM

Description: During this workshop, we will complete the series by having each participant present about their proposal and receive feedback from educators and their peers on their project proposal.

Please register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1N1_WmdVrC4a7UqJ-n_riuR0TRZ7C7GRWIkIZb2_E5wM/edit

DIY Duel

Join us for our new DIY Duel! DIY Duel is a new opportunity for youth to get a surprise box of supplies and be inspired to create something cool! Our first session will be on **May 2**. Pick up a free of charge box of surprise arts and crafts materials to take home, and be inspired to create something cool!

Our second session, **Thursday June 5**, will be just like the show “Chopped.” Youth will each get a box of surprise arts and crafts materials. There will also be a store of other craft supplies that can be added to their project. At the end of the night, there will be a competition for the most creative, coolest, and most exciting craft that was created! More details to come, keep an eye on your email for information from 4H Online!

Mother's Day Craft Night

Come join us to make a free, special Mother's Day craft for your mother or another special person! We will be hosting the Mother's Day Craft Night on Monday, May 5, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855).

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event!

Picture: PipeCraftPro



Positive Youth Development (PYD) Programs

Central Cluster Fashion Revue

Central Cluster Fashion Revue registration is now open! Get ready to dress your best and show off your talent! Judging and Fashion Show will both be held on May 17 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick, MD.

2025 approved Cloverbuds through Senior 4-H'ers are qualified to participate. Entries close on May 12.

Please complete a separate google form for each participant:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfLG2C29ND.../viewform...>

Let the fashion show begin!"

Fair Workshops

May 19 and June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds

Interested in getting more involved in the Fair? Don't know where to start on your entries? Want to learn more about all the things you can do at Fair? There are

going to be two informational sessions this Spring, all about the Fair. The following topics will be covered:

- Volunteer Opportunities (SSL and Fair hours)
- All about the indoor building: what you can enter, how to enter, things to do
- Club opportunities: parade, booth, demonstrations, banners
- Special contests to participate in
- And more!

Terp Young Scholars

Applications close June 1, 2025

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

The program provides 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.

For more information go to

<https://exst.umd.edu/pre-college-programs/terp-young-scholars/how-program-works>

The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Maryland 4-H Foundation is proud to offer the 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.

The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application for the academic year 2025-2026 is open. The deadline to apply is June 15, 2025, by 11:59 p.m!

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 2025-2026 academic year.

**Students completing their post-secondary education in December of 2025 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>

Kitchen Clinic

Save the Date: We are announcing a new 3-day event for 2025! Save the Date for 6/30, 7/1, 7/2 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. This event will have limited seating so keep an eye out for the registration. More details will be announced as we get closer, but you can expect to learn to make jam, bread, candies, cookies, and cake decorating!



Montgomery County 4-H Fair Challenges

New to the 4-H Indoor Building this year! The Montgomery County 4-H Team invites our 4-H members to develop new skills and knowledge through participation in any, all, or a combination of Indoor Challenges. Each Challenge category is unique. Youth who complete any of these challenges will receive an extra premium, and tailor made Challenge Rosette.

You do not need to do anything extra to participate. Make sure you enter your entries into ShoWorks with the Montgomery County Ag Fair by July 20. Our chairpersons, superintendents, and educators will work to determine who has completed the challenges. Same as last year, you are not required to pre-enter your flower specimens and veggies. More information to come in this year's Fair Book.

Challenge Requirements

ARTS & CRAFTS CHALLENGE

- 1 entry in Oil/Acrylic (Div. 1)
- 1 entry in miscellaneous (Div. 3)
- 1 entry in design (Div. 4)
- 1 entry in creative (Div. 5)
- 1 entry in handicrafts (Div. 6)

STEM CHALLENGE

- 1 entry in education/collections (Div. 7)
- 1 entry in aerospace/robotics (Div. 8)
- 1 entry in electricity/small engine (Div. 9)
- 1 entry in computer tech (Div. 11)

HORTICULTURE CHALLENGE

3 entries in Veggies (Div. 13)
3 entries in flower specimens (Div. 14)

MINI BAKER'S DOZEN CHALLENGE

1 entry in Cake (Div.16)
1 entry in Decorated Delights (Div. 16A)
1 entry in Cookies (Div.17)
1 entry in Pie (Div. 18)
1 entry in Quick Breads (Div. 19)
1 entry in Yeast Bread (Div. 20)

MEAL CHALLENGE

2 entries in Main Dish (Div. 21)
2 entries in Salad (Div. 22)

CANDY CHALLENGE

4 entries in Candies (Div. 23)

FOOD PRESERVATION CHALLENGE

5 entries in Food Preservation (Div. 26)

HOME LIFE CHALLENGE

1 entry in Clothing (Div. 27)
1 entry in Family Life (Div. 28)
1 entry in Table Settings (Div. 31)
1 entry in Room Accessory (Div. 32)

FLOWER CHALLENGE

3 entries in Arrangements (Div. 29)

- 1 from classes 1-8
- 1 from classes 9-14
- 1 from classes 15-20

1 entry in houseplants (Div. 30)

PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

6 entries in Black and White Photography (Div. 33)
OR
6 entries in Color Photography (Division 34)

2025 UMD Summer Camps

By Karen Shih '09
Feb 13, 2025

The University of Maryland offers a summer bounty of camps for children of all ages, ranging from six weeks of campus adventures for your youngest tots to research-based programs for aspiring scientists and engineers. Whether your kid loves playing music, creating code or challenging a massive climbing wall and ropes course, you will find great options at UMD.

Some popular camps fill up fast, so mark them down for next year. You can find more information at

<https://today.umd.edu/2025-umd-summer-camps>

Advanced Physics Summer Program. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28-Aug. 8

Amazing Science Discovery Camp. Students entering grades 3-5. July 14-18

Brin Maryland Mathematics Camp. Students entering grades 10-12. June 16-27

Bug Camp: Insects, Science & Society. Ages 7-1.

Session 1: June 23-27

Session 2: July 7-11

Camp Shule (Nyumburu Cultural Center). Registration information forthcoming. Students entering grades pre-K-12. June 16-Aug. 8

Center for Young Children. Ages 3 through kindergarten. June 23-Aug. 1

Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering Summer Program. Students in high school and community college. July 14-Aug. 15 (based in Rockville, Md.), Monday-Thursday

Data Detectives Camp. Students entering grades 6 or 7.

Session 1: July 7-11 in person in Atlanta, Ga. (at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters).

Session 2: Aug. 4-8 in person in College Park, Md.

Digital Story telling Camp. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28 - Aug. 1

Discovering Engineering Summer Program. Students entering grades 11-12.

Session 1: July 27-Aug. 1

Session 2: Aug. 3-8. Residential

ESTEEM/SER-Quest Summer Program. Students entering grade 12. July 7-Aug. 1.

Fire Protection Engineering Design Challenge. Students entering grades 11-12. July 7-11 (based at Mount St. Joseph's Catholic High School Monday-Thursday; students bussed to UMD on Friday)

Girls Talk Math. Students entering grades 9-12. July 7-18

Gymkana. Ages 5-15. June 23-Aug. 1

iDTech Camps. Ages 7-17. June 23-Aug. 8

Innovative Materials for Technologies. Students entering grades 10-12. July 28-30

LiFE Sports Summer Camp. Ages 9-14. June 23-July 17, weekdays

The Physics of Quidditch. Students entering grades 6-8. July 7-11

Pre-College Scholars Program. Students entering grades 11-12. July 7-25, weekdays

Promoting Meaningful Interaction and Social Engagement (PROMISE) summer program. Children ages 5-15. July 12-Aug.16 (in Rockville, Md.)

Science and Math Innovators MaSTErMinds Camps: Math Mania and Rocket Science. Students entering grades K-3. June 23-27

Science and Math Innovators MaSTErMind Camps: LEGO Robotics. Students entering grades 4-9. June 30-July 3

Secure IT Summer Academy. Students entering grades 6-8

Session 1: July 7-11 (beginner/intermediate)

Session2: July 14-18 (intermediate/advanced)

Shirley Povich Sports Journalism Summer Camp. Students entering grades 9-12. July 7-11

Summer Reading Camp. Students in grades K-8. July 7-24

Terp Quest. Ages 6-12. June 23-Aug. 8

Terp Quest Adventure Camp. Ages 10-12. Aug. 4-8

Terp Young Scholars. Students entering grades 10-12 (including graduating seniors). July 14-Aug. 1, weekdays

Terrapin Music Camp. Students entering grades 5-12

Band: July 13-18

Orchestra: July 20-25

Choir: July 20-25

Volcano Camp. Students entering grades 10-12 and UMD Terrapin Teachers. Dates TBA. Free, Prince George's County high school students and future STEM teachers from UMD's Terrapin Teachers program get to do hands-on volcanology research. Students learn how to identify and analyze crystals in volcanic ash, and visit the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

WIE Change the World! An Introduction to Maryland Engineering. Students entering grades 11-12. July 6-11

WIE Aspire! Explore Engineering. Students entering grades 9-10. July 14-18. For women but open to all.

WIE em Power! Students entering grades 7-8. June 23-27

WIE RISE! A Summer Research Program. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28-Aug. 1

SPORTS CAMPS

Field Hockey. Ages 12-18

Session1: July 27-29

Session2: Aug. 3-5

Nike Elite Golf Camps. Ages 12-17 (advanced skill levels). June 8-9, Aug. 3-4

Nike Junior Golf Camps. Ages 10-18 (all skill levels). June 15-18

Gymnastics. Girls ages 7-18. Two-day sessions from June 28-Aug. 5

Soccer Day Camp (boys). Ages 6-12. June 23-26

Soccer Elite Camp (boys). Students entering grades 6-12 (separate camps for middle and high schoolers). June 28-July 1; July 11-14

Soccer Day Camp (girls). Students entering grades K-8. June 16-19; June 23-26; July 21-24

Soccer Residential Camp (girls). Students entering grades 6-12. July 21-23

The Volleyball Academy (girls). Students entering grades 7-12. July 11-13

Wrestling. Ages 7-18. June 23-27; July 7-9 and July 7-11

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/>

Are you interested in Teaching a Workshop?

The Montgomery County (MoCo) 4-H is looking for volunteers and people to spread their knowledge and passion in anything from sewing, to baking, to cake decorating, to computer technology. Contact any of the MoCo 4-H Team if you

are interested in teaching in a workshop and passing on your passions to our 4-H Youth!

St. Mary's County Soil Conservation (MASCO) Coloring Contest

At the end of this newsletter, you can find this year's picture to be colored. Coloring must be done **ONLY** by the participating child. **Wax crayons** are the only medium that can be used - nothing else. Judging will be based on neatness, attention to detail and how well directions were followed.

The colored pictures are due to the Montgomery County Soil Conservation Office **by June 1**. Please double print the entry pages, staple the Coloring sheet with the entry information or with a card

The entry must have contestant's name, address, age, grade, class, county, and home phone number. Entries received that do not have all of the required information will be disqualified and not displayed for judging at MASCO.

Please send the entry to:

Montgomery County Soil Conservation Office
Attn: Karen Walker
18410 Muncaster Rd
Derwood, MD 20855

Camp Tawasentha

Registration is now open at

<https://forms.gle/93ijC9WRQZbC6AWM7>

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 14-18 years old as of January 1, must hold a teen leadership position. Youth ages 8-14 are welcome to register NOW for this year's camp. We have fun workshops and classes for all, including archery, rifle, arts and crafts, campfire cooking, and more! Youth can enjoy fun challenges, compete for the best kingdom, swim in the lake, and enjoy time with friends!

2026 Tentative date: July 12 -17

Alumni Survey

The Indoor Committee is looking to feature the amazing things that 4-H can do for you through a feature display on alumni of 4-H. Any 4-H Alumni is welcome to fill out a survey about their experiences and how 4-H got them to where they are today.

<https://forms.gle/y2ZzFTHxkyMPk5NY6>

CLUB & MEMBER CORNER

Diamond Clover Level 6 Projects

Joseph M. is a member of the Clarksburg Helping Hands 4-H club. Joseph is looking for contributions for his Diamond Clover Level 6 Project.

Joseph will be building Bluebird houses. The Bluebird houses will be placed at the Damascus Recreation area trail in Damascus, MD.

If you can contribute to Josephs' Level 6 project, please contact Joseph at josephkmathew@outlook.com.

Editor's Note: The 4-H Diamond Clover Program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of programs, projects, and activities that will enable youth to acquire skills and abilities that will prepare them for success in the future.

Level 6 of the 4-H Diamond Clover Award Program is a service-learning project that demonstrates leadership, planning, and organization skills.

Hannah W. is the Vice President of the Horse N Around Club and of the Montgomery County 4-H Teen Council. She is also the Treasurer of the 2025 Maryland 4-H State Council.

Hannah is working on her Diamond Clover Level 6 project in partnership with Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEHR).

Hannah needs your help to design the mini horse jump standards at DEHR by participating in a really fun art contest! Here is your chance to display your

creativity and make a lasting impact! You will need to color both the post and rails using the template provided in the registration form.

The contest runs from March 24 – April 21, prizes include the opportunity for the first-place winner in each age group to paint their design onto a jump, in addition to some awesome 4-H swag! The contest is free to enter, so do not miss this opportunity to have a lasting impact.

The link for the contest and other information can be found at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u0esQx03FHLEDOgfTJQ2cq1USGFt_AP8/view?usp=drive_link

If you have any questions, contact Hannah at diamondclover6.2025@gmail.com

Clarksburg Helping Hands

The Clarksburg Helping Hands Club (CHH) had an exciting start this year with their newly inducted officers leading the way – congrats to President Joseph M., 1st VP Jayson L., 2nd VP Vinutha M., Recording Secretary Ryan L., Corresponding Secretary Sonika K., Treasurer Ryan T., Historian Wesley L., and Photographer Emily T.!

A big round of applause to Vinutha for receiving the Jr. STEM Award and to the Level 5 recipients, Ryan L., Vinutha M., and Joseph M.! An extra shout out to Diego R. for earning Level 6 with his American Wooden Flags project, which is still receiving amazing feedback from Honor Flights, the American Legion, the Lions Club, and veterans. Joseph M. is also starting his Level 6 journey by making birdhouses for the Damascus Community Center – good luck! Wesley will keep the Club informed with health education, bringing them important information about heart health in February and brain injury awareness in March.

Outside of the club, the members have been keeping busy with many activities. Diego is a dedicated swimmer; Jayson is a champion volleyball player; Ryan L. manages his time in basketball, lacrosse, and Sea Cadets; Wesley is involved in Sea Cadets and lacrosse while working on his Level 5; Vinutha stays active in STEM; Sonika enjoys art; and Matthew is balancing volunteering, Level 6, piano, and chess. A warm welcome to the new members, Vince and Matthew, who are interested in community service and guitar. The Club members hope they have a great time meeting 4-H'ers and learning new skills! CHH is also looking for new members to join, and the Club is open to all project areas.



Damascus Community 4-H Club



By Chace B.

In February, the Damascus Community 4-H Club attended the Montgomery County 4-H Awards Ceremony. The Awards ceremony, held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, celebrated the volunteers and members who received club recognition awards. Picture by Adalind B.: Chace, Charlie, and Harrison.

Kids N Dogs Club

By Clara R.

At their meeting, the Dogs N Kids Club members discussed dates and ideas for their upcoming Maryland Day booth on April 26, as well as the October Dog Skillathon. Afterwards, two members made a breed focus activity, where the members looked at and talked about a few breeds from the AKC sporting group. At the meeting, the members also made dog enrichment toys from egg cartons and paper towel rolls.

Recently, some of the club members participated in the Dog Skillathon at the University of Maryland. The members had fun testing their dog knowledge against other counties. Members noted that the event is similar to the dog bowl, except that it is individual instead of in teams.



4-H Calendar Due dates and Events

APRIL

- 5 Maryland 4-H Horse Communication Contest, Maryland 4-H Center, College Park
- 12 Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, Animal Sciences Bldg., UMD College Park
- 12 Maryland 4-H Clay Shoot Fundraiser
- 15 Maryland Sheep Breeders Scholarship Application due date
- 16 Small Engine Workshop. Work session on county fair-related classes
- 18 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay due date
- 20 Engineering Camp registration due date
- 23 Diamond Clover Lv 6 Application Workshop
- 26 Maryland Day, UMD College Park
- 26 Maryland Public Speaking Contest, UMD College Park
- 30 Small Engine Workshop. Wrap up, Q & A, driving practice, mock test.

MAY

- 1 Terp Young Scholars Application due date
- 2 DIY Duel
- 2-4 Engineering Camp
- 5 Mother's Day Craft Night
- 7 PYD virtual
- 12 Central Cluster Fashion Revue registration due date
- 14 Diamond Clover Lv 6 Application Workshop
- 17 Central Cluster Fashion Revue
- 19 Fair Workshop
- 30 Kitchen Clinic

JUNE

- 4 Diamond Clover Lv 6 Application Workshop
- 9 Fair Workshop
- 11 Soil Conservation District Contest registration due date
- 15 Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship due date
- 25 Diamond Clover Lv 6 Application Workshop



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Mother's Day Craft Night

May 5th from 6:30pm - 8pm

Come make a free
decorative vase and
flower!

Register on 4-H Online

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4-H Central Cluster Fashion Revue

Date: May 17th

NOTE: Judging and Show are on SAME DAY

Time: 9am-2:00pm

time of show depends on number of participants

Exact times will be communicated to all those registered

Location: Trinity United Methodist Church

703 W Patrick St



Register by May 12th



No Experience required!

All ages welcome!

Great opportunity to add
public speaking to your
Project Record!

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MASCD COLORING CONTEST:

**STUDENTS
NAME** _____

**MAILING
ADDRESS** _____

**HOME
PHONE#** _____ **AGE** _____

**NAME OF
SCHOOL** _____ **COUNTY** _____

**CLASS (A, B OR
C)** _____ **GRADE** _____

(CLASS A -Kindergarten & 1st grades)

(CLASS B - 2nd & 3rd grades)

(CLASS C - 4th & 5th grades)

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