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The next issue of News & Notes will be published on the first Friday in April 2020. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, News & Notes Editor, at ahamann@umd.edu, by MARCH 25, 2020.

If you need special accommodation for a 4-H program, event, or activity, please call 301-590-2824 or e-mail sheilaf@umd.edu



NEW MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H FACULTY MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming Santana Mays, the new 4-H Professional Track Faculty member in Montgomery County to the Maryland 4-H team. Santana is a Baltimore County 4-H and FFA alum and

has a degree in Social Studies and Educational Studies from Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. She recently served as a program assistant with Baltimore County 4-H. Santana has a long history in agriculture that started on her family's grain and dairy farm. She also has experience in livestock and the 4-H camping program. Santana will be responsible for supporting Montgomery County's STEM, animal science, and camping programs. Please join us in welcoming Santana Mays to the team. Santana can be reached at **smays1@umd.edu** or **301-590-2813**.

Tech Challenge World Championships in April.

CLUB LEADERS

Club Leaders, please check the information about your club on our Montgomery County 4-H website. We want to keep the club information up-to-date for future 4-H members.

If you need to add, update, or change your club description, and/or meeting information (day, time, place) please send the corrections to Sheila Ford at sheilaf@umd.edu, and Anna Hamann at ahamann@umd.edu

RECOGNITION NIGHT

NEW DATE: February 22, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds

Snow date: February 29, 2020



Montgomery County 4-H will hold its' annual Recognition Night in the Heritage Building at the County Fairgrounds on Saturday, February 22 starting at 7:00 p.m. (Snow date February 29.) Please come and help

us recognize our 4-H'ers 2019 achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS Gearbox 4-H Club!

The FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Team (FTC Team 7393, electron Volts) run by the Gearbox 4-H Club, won 1st place at the Baltimore Tournament. This qualifies the team to go to the state level tournament on March 1, 2020. If they place at the tournament, they will qualify for the FIRST

4-H KIDS N DOGS CLUB 6TH ANNUAL AGILITY FUN MATCH



By: Casey C.

**February 16, 2020.
Check-in 8:30 a.m.
Breakaway Action
Dogs (BAD), 900
East Patrick Street,
Building 8,
Frederick, MD**

The Montgomery County 4-H Kids N Dogs club is planning their annual agility fun match for Sunday, February 16, 2020.

This is an event where handlers come with their dogs and do agility courses. There are three courses: standards, jumpers, and a game. All handlers and dogs at all levels are welcome. Everyone earns a ribbon, and some get prizes. The Fun Match is held

4-H CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 16 6th Annual Agility Fun Match
- 17 Healthy Living Workshop
- 22 Recognition Night
- 23 Maryland Horseman Party
- 26 Fashion Revue Planning
- 29 Recognition Night Snow Date
- 29 State Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest

MARCH

- 1 Snow Date State Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest
- 28 Gardening Workshop
- 14 Horse Bowl

April

- 1 Deadline Magnum Memorial Scholarship
- 4 Cluster Public Speaking Contest
- 4 State Horse Communication Contest
- 18 Dairy Bowl
- 25 State Communications Contest

inside an enclosed building, so you don't need to worry about your dog running out of the course. The only requirement is you must be comfortable doing off-leash agility with your dog since no leashes are allowed on the course. Registration information can be found at:

<https://4hkidsndogsclub.wordpress.com/agility-fun-match/>.

HEALTHY LIVING WORKSHOP "SPICES AND HERBS AROUND THE WORLD"

President's Day, Monday, February 17, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Office.

UPDATE: Cost \$5.00 for educational supplies and materials.

Are you ready to delight your senses with brilliant colors and aromas from around the world? If you say YES, mark your calendar for the 2020 Healthy Lifestyles Workshop! All 4-H'ers are invited to attend. There will be hands-on-activities and presentations on nutrition, agriculture, and food science.

This is a great opportunity for a county-level event on your Diamond Clover plan. You can also write it as an activity or experience for next year's record book, especially if you carry a foods project. However, the best reason to come is that you are going to have a great time with all your county 4-H friends and learn some cool stuff!

The workshop is limited to the first 25 youth that register. NO WALK-INS will be accepted on the day of the workshop.

Please bring a bag lunch.

THERE IS NO ONLINE REGISTRATION.

To register, YOU MUST contact Anna Hamann at ahamann@umd.edu by

February 7.

FASHION REVUE COMMITTEE

February 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Office

There will be a Fashion Revue planning meeting on February 26 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Montgomery County 4-H office. This is open to any Frederick, Howard, or Montgomery County 4-H'er who would like help plan the 2020 Central Cluster Fashion Revue. A light dinner will be provided for committee members.

GARDENING WORKSHOP

March 28, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Office. Cost \$5.00 for materials.



(Created by ck-
creativekitchen.com)

The Neighborhood Garden Club of Gaithersburg/Washington Grove is sponsoring a hands-on workshop again this year for 4-H youth.

Are you a 4-H Youth between 8-18 years old, and want to learn about potting plants and how to care for them while creating a Dish Garden? Then look no more.

This year's dish garden will take you to Outer Space! Your dish garden will be a miniature Outer Space garden including alien creatures and a spaceship. All materials used will be made from nature's gifts as well as succulent plants.

Participants will learn about selecting the correct soil and plants for their dish

gardens. They will also learn how to care for those plants to include correct watering and light exposure. This will be a wonderful item to enter at the 2020 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. You can give the Dish Garden as a gift to a friend or family member, donate it to a retirement home, or keep it for yourself.

Limited to the first 25 youth.

To register, please contact Sheila Ford at 301-590-2824 or sheilaf@umd.edu by March 18.

ROBERT & SHIRLEY MAGNUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE & RELATED STUDIES

Deadline to apply is April 1, 2020.

The Scholarship is designed to assist students who have demonstrated character, scholarship, and talent. Preference is given to those who are interested in pursuing an education and eventual career in the Maryland horticultural industry.

Applicant must be enrolled or accepted in an undergraduate or graduate horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, interior landscaping, greenhouse growing, plant science, or related curriculum, in an accredited two-year, or four-year institution located within the United States.

The Scholarship honors the contribution of Robert T. Mangum, a lifelong Montgomery County, MD resident, Member and Director of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, respected Montgomery County business owner, and pioneer in the national ornamental horticultural and interior landscape contracting industry. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2020. The recipient will be notified in May.

Application can be found at:
<https://robertmangumscholarship.com>

2020 MD 4-H CENTRAL CLUSTER PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Contest Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Location: Lincoln Elementary School, 200 Madison St., Frederick, MD, 21701.

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2020.

Registrations must be done online at
<https://go.umd.edu/2020PublicSpeakingReg>

STATE 4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

**April 25, 2020, from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
at the University of Maryland, College
Park, MD.**

As part of Maryland Day at College Park, our Montgomery County public speaking champions will be competing against 4-H youth from around the state to display their ability to speak comfortably before a crowd.

Contestants will check in at the Plant Sciences building at 9:30 a.m. and the contest begins at 10:00 a.m. Awards presentation will be at 3:00 p.m., on Ag Avenue.

**Rules, and Public Speaking Handbook
can be found at:**
<https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/state-4-h-communications-contest-maryland-day>

THE MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION INC., ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Completed application due June 1, 2020.

Each year, 15 Maryland education scholarships are awarded to current Maryland 4-H members or alumni who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or post high school vocational program in the fall of the year in which they apply.

To be considered for any of the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships, THE MARYLAND 4-H OFFICE MUST RECEIVE A COMPLETED APPLICATION BY JUNE 1. No applications will be accepted by fax.

2020-2021 scholarship applications will be uploaded in March. Please continue to monitor the website for availability at:

<http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>

NEED FAIR AWARDS INDOOR SPONSORS

The following Indoor Fair Awards need sponsors:

- Award for the Junior and Senior with the Best Overall Entry in Single Stage Rockets.
- Award for the Junior and Senior with the First Place Entry in Aerospace, gas, or electric powered flight.
- Award for the Junior and Senior

Reserve Champion in Clothing.

- Award for the Junior and Senior Champion Presentation Team in Agriculture.
- Award to a Junior Champion Presentation.
- Award to a Senior Champion Presentation.

If you are interested in sponsoring any of these awards, please contact **Anna Hamann at ahamann@umd.edu by February 14, 2020.**

CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR NEEDED FOR 4-H BUILDING

Want to experience the excitement of Fair Entry Day? The Miscellaneous and Design Crafts Divisions are looking for a Chair and Co-Chair respectively. As a Chair or Co-Chair you will accept and monitor entries, and help the Judges as needed. You will earn hours towards membership into the Montgomery County Agricultural Center. After contributing 100 hours, you will become an Associate Member and entitled to a season pass for yourself.

If interested, please contact Anna Hamann, at ahamann@umd.edu by February 28, 2020.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

Mark your calendars!! **The Fair dates for 2020 are August 14 – 22, 2020.** The Fair theme is **“Follow the Herd.”**

We need yours and/or your club’s help in selecting the theme for the 4-H Parade.

Please send your club/individual theme suggestions to Jeannine Shriver at jshriver@umd.edu by February 17, 2020.

DIAMOND PROJECT

Tips for Talks:
A Guide to Organized and Engaging Public Speaking

By Aurea S. (Zenith Club)

Are you afraid of public speaking? Do you struggle with good presenting skills? If so, watching “Tips for Talks: A Guide to Organized and Engaging Public Speaking,” might help. It is an educational video made by Aurea Sellmeyer in support of the public speaking component of the 4-H program. This video is her 4-H Level Six Diamond Clover service-learning project.

Do you know about the Diamond Clover program? The Diamond Clover program is designed to push members, at age appropriate levels, out of their comfort zones and guide them into leadership positions and community service. Level Six is the highest-level members can reach through 4-H and it requires members to propose and complete a sizeable service-learning project that involves and benefits the community.

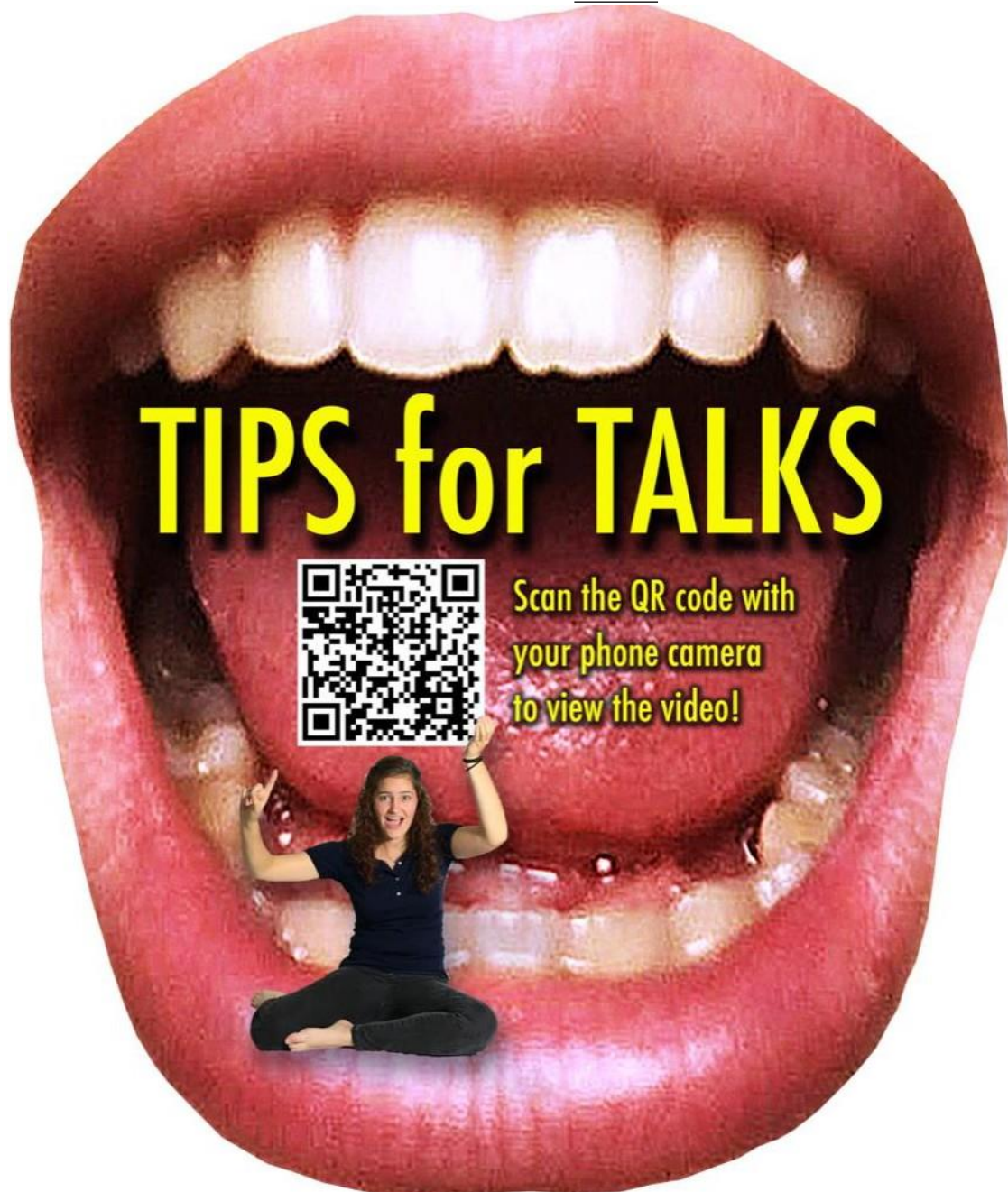
Aurea’s video educates viewers about how to prepare for and deliver an organized and engaging illustrated talk or demonstration. She has firsthand experience with how intimidating and challenging presenting can be because she has been in a public speaking 4-H club for eleven years. The challenges and growth she witnessed inspired her to do this project because she thinks public speaking is a very important life skill that every person will need at some point in time. She believes it is beneficial for everyone to develop their presentation skills to the best of their ability.

The purpose of her video is to educate and thereby benefit people as they learn about public speaking. She created it as a training tool for 4-H’ers (and others) to help them learn more easily, and for their leaders, teachers, and parents to be more confident in coaching. During the year she gave several presentations about public speaking and reached out to fellow 4-H

members to find volunteers who would let her film their presentations. She filmed herself explaining speaking tips and giving demonstrations, and then edited the footage to make an instructional video. To receive feedback, she shared her plans, progress, and video footage with 4-H members, leaders, and educators.

4-H requires the Level Six Diamond Clover project to be sustainable. Aurea's project is sustainable because there are always new kids and adults learning about or working on their public speaking skills. Therefore, there is a continuing need for public speaking education material. Her goal for this video is to broadcast it as widely as possible in order to meet that need. You can find her video on YouTube using the QR code at the end of this article or coming soon on the Montgomery County and Maryland 4-H websites. She hopes parents and educators alike will teach with it as well.

You can find her video, **"Tips for Talks," through YouTube.**
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGt9EMC7U0o&feature=youtu.be>)



A Guide to Organized & Engaging Public Speaking

Produced in cooperation with the 4-H Diamond Clover program of Montgomery County Maryland
Special thanks to Montgomery Printing Solutions of Rockville, MD for sponsoring this poster.

4-H MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL RETREAT

By Jordon L.

As a newly selected 4-H State Council member, Jordon L. attended the 4-H Maryland State Council Retreat at the Patuxent River 4-H Center, Upper Marlboro, MD. This was a great opportunity and experience for him to talk to and connect with many other youth 4-H leaders all over the State of Maryland.

The attendees were split up into four different committees. Jordon was assigned to the Public Relations Committee. This committee helps raise awareness about how great the 4-H youth leadership program is. The committee discussed their 2020 goals, and the action plans needed to efficiently accomplish these goals.

An action was to help promote 4-H events over the year. They will post reminders and pass out flyers at events to encourage other youth to join 4-H while improving their life skills and leadership skills. The committee plans to film a promotional video for MD 4-H State Council, and eventually post it on the 4-H MD website.

The Public Relations committee is also trying to help update the current website and update the old pictures online. To connect with more youth in diverse backgrounds, they will try to expand to more social media platforms, such as Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, and Instagram webpages. The committee will post events, fun videos, and pictures of how interesting the 4-H State's Council is. The whole state council members also voted a common issue to focus on this year's environmental protection in MD at local levels.

Jordon had a lot of fun at the 4-H Maryland State Council Retreat and made many new friends there. This year, he will be busy with State Council and the Public Relations Committee. The 4-H State Council Retreat was a great inspiration for Jordan. This is his first year on the State Council, and he is looking forward to accomplish the committee's 2020 goals together with other 4-H'ers while having fun!

More information on the council can be found at
<https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/maryland-4-h-state-council>

CLUB CORNER

Editor's correction: Article appearing in the December 2019 News & Notes and titled "Gearbox 4-H'ers attended the FutureFest" was written by Abhi D. The Futurefest picture was incorrectly attributed to the SUGO workshop article.



DAMASCUS COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB



By Evalyn G.

The Damascus Community 4-H Club sure has been busy! On October 20, 2019 they kicked the season off with their annual Harvest Party at the Korzeniewski's house. Despite the heavy rain, they had fun playing games, eating good food, and tie-dying the new Club tee-shirts.

To thank the Bethesda United Methodist Church for allowing the Damascus Community 4-H to use the church building to host their monthly meetings, they prepared a Fellowship Breakfast for them. Members of the Club came together on Sunday, November 3 to serve pastries, bread, and fruit to members of the church

congregation. The food was very tasty and hardly a crumb was left!



GEARBOX 4-H CLUB ROBOTICS TEAM WINS AT BALTIMORE TOURNAMENT!

By Anaum K.



The Gearbox 4-H club, located in Ashton, Maryland, is home to FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Team 7393, electronVolts. This is their eighth year as a team with ten dedicated members. Since September 2019, they have met 2 or 3 times per week to design, build, and program robots in preparation for their regional tournament in December. The SKYSTONE challenge, requires robots to use preprogrammed instructions and

sensory input to move blocks across a bridge structure and stack them on top of each other on a platform. The team also prepared a 120-page engineering notebook that included the robot design, fabrication, and software, plus outreach and fundraising.

At the regional tournament, their alliance of 3 teams placed first in the robot game, and the team was given the highest judged award at the event, called the "Inspire Award." In order to receive this prestigious award, the team made it a priority to present their robot at community events to inspire other students to get involved in robotics. So far, they have presented at the FutureFest in Silver Spring, local Boy Scout meetings, the Montgomery County Fair parade, Rockville Science Day, and the Maryland Tech Invitational Competition. The Club also hosted a Lego robotics workshop for kids who were interested in robotics and mentored other local robotics teams.



LUCKY CLOVERS SHINE AT THE MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION GALA

By Blake G. and Ryan G.

The Maryland 4-H Foundation Gala was held on January 19, 2020 at Martin's West in Baltimore. The event recognized 4-H'ers, leaders, volunteers, and donors whose achievements uphold the pillars of the Maryland 4-H Foundation. Four Lucky Clovers and their families attended the event – Mia B., Eric C., Ryan G., and Blake G. Eric C. was an emcee for parts of the program.

It truly was a "Night to Shine" (the title of the award program) with so many wonderful awards and presentations. Mia B. was recognized for earning her Diamond Clover Level 5 award and Blake G. and Ryan G. were recognized for earning their Diamond Clover Level 6 awards. Eric C. was recognized for attending the AYP Leadership Conference at Camp Miniwanca.

The attendees had a delicious dinner and a wonderful evening reconnecting with 4-H'ers who attended camps, skill-a-thons, international exchanges or other events this past year.

Blake G. and Ryan G. hope to get another opportunity to attend the Maryland 4-H Foundation Gala again in the future.





4-H ELECTRIC CLUB

By Jordan L.

January 16, provided the 4-H Electric Club with an opportunity to meet, conduct opening ceremonies and their business, make announcements of up-coming 4-H events in county, area, and State, and review their revised By-Laws to assure they conformed to new State required language. Only a few additions to their existing By-Laws were needed. After a discussion, the members voted and approved the new By-Laws.

Especially good news was the addition of 6 new members to the Club. With time remaining, the members removed the Model Kitchen's ceiling structure, rewired the ceiling light, and measured and cut ceiling wood rafters. The Leaders included demos and instructions for use and safety of electric battery-operated circular saw and saber saw. Therefore, each member was able to feel and understand proper handling of electric tools.

At the February meeting, the Club will install ceiling and ceiling rafters, then electric light and shades. Construction of the circuit

breaker box and junction for the incoming power is planned. The members will test each differing voltage and amperage circuits for the Kitchen. This test will show the members how well they did their job. If well-constructed, the Model Kitchen will be ready for public display, entry in Fairs, instruction for classes, and 4-H events.

Everyone is welcome to join the Electric Club.



LUCKY CLOVERS CLUB

By Lucky Clovers Club

In 2018, the 4-H Lucky Clovers Club members formed a charter group interested in offering art to the children in the community and worked with the leadership at the Sandy Spring Museum to develop 12 months of programming that would appeal to kids between the ages of 3-12.

For the third Sunday of each month, led by Club members, children engage in learning a wide range of simple art techniques designed to inspire their creativity, build self-esteem, and allow them to express themselves through visual means. Projects range from painting, to weaving and slime making, and many more in between.

One of the first Sunday art takeovers was to paint Kindness Rocks. The rocks provide messages of hope and inspiration and were intended to be left in random places throughout communities and other travels. Children and their parents enjoyed "taking one and leaving one" rock with positive messages and pictures.

The most popular Sunday has been slime Sunday which allowed children to engage in slime-making with a variety of ingredients while indulging in the creativity of coloring,

texturizing, and personalizing the slime. Over 100 kids came out for this popular Sunday activity which has been held twice.

The WondeRoom Sunday's allowed the Lucky Clovers to conduct outreach for the 4-H and for the Club in a new way. Many families are unaware of all that 4-H has to offer. The Lucky Clovers can provide information as well as serve as an excellent overall ambassador.

Overall, the WondeRoom has served as an incredible learning laboratory for Lucky Clovers to grow and gain skills as community leaders who continue our 4-H tradition of "making the best better"!



4-H KIDS 'N DOGS CLUB

By Grace B.

On November 26, the Kid's N' Dog's Club went to Leashes and Lights at Seneca Creek State Park in Montgomery County.



Leashes and Lights is a great way to bond with friends, family, and of course, your dog.

The members experienced many lights displays, some took a nice mile-long stroll, or walked the whole 3 miles. There were vendors selling dog-related items, and there

was delicious Hot Cocoa. To finish the night, some members took a picture with Santa and their dogs.

At the Kids 'n Dogs table, the members sold homemade dog treats, DIY dog rope toys, and, of course, talked to people who were interested in the club. The Leashes and Lights event was an awesome experience for the club to enjoy each other and their dogs while also enjoying the many lights throughout the pathway.





MONTGOMERY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COLORING CONTEST

The Montgomery Soil Conservation District (MSCD) sponsors a coloring contest for the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation District. There are three classes in the contest.

Class A - Kindergarten & 1st grades

Class B – 2nd and 3rd grades

Class C - 4th and 5th grades

Coloring must be done by the participating child **ONLY**. Entries must be colored using wax crayons only. No other media will be accepted. Judging will be based on neatness, attention to detail, and how well directions were followed.

Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place entries in each class. The first-place entries will be forwarded to the state competition. First place entries will be judged at the August Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts Meeting.

All entries are due to the Montgomery Soil Conservation District **no later than Friday, May 3, 2020**. Please mail entries to:

Montgomery Soil Conservation District
ATTN: Karen Walker
18410 Muncaster Road
Derwood, MD 20855

If you have any question, please call Karen Walker, MSCD Office service Coordinator at (301) 590-2855.



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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION'S

CAMP TAWASENTHA

July 12–17, 2020 | Garrett County, MD | Ages 8-13



Montgomery County 4-H takes campers out to western Maryland for five days of fun at **Camp Tawasentha**. Our camp is located on 25 acres amidst the Appalachian Mountains. Focused on youth leadership development, we are open to all youth ages 8-13. **Registration closes June 1.** \$350-\$450.

Campers choose activities and classes led by trained teachers in a wide variety of areas including:

- » Fishing
- » Canoeing
- » Archery
- » Marksmanship
- » Orienteering
- » Cooking
- » Arts and Crafts
- » Lake Swimming
- » Baseball
- » Basketball
- » Confidence Course
- » Forest Hikes

INFO & REGISTRATION: 301-590-9638

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