



Montgomery County 4-H

December 4, 2024



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 January 2025. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu by December 30, 2024.

Small Engine Workshop

Want to learn how to drive a lawn tractor? Which tools are which? How to tear apart and put an engine back together? There will be an introductory workshop on December 4, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Office Garage. This will be an introduction to the full workshop series. The series will run every other Wednesday night from January 8 until April 30. We will have an intro activity, go over goals of the workshop, and give youth a spark for small engines!

Registration is now open for the intro workshop until December 3, and a registration for the full workshop series will open immediately after the intro workshop. For questions, email Catherine Savage at Csavage9@umd.edu

Workshop Schedule:

Jan. 8 Tool I.D. and use, safety, meet the engines

Jan. 22 Four stroke vs Two stroke, pull off and reassemble sheet metal

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

2024 Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl Contest

The 2024 Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at the Animal Science Bldg. on the UMD campus in College Park. The contest will feature Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions.

Contact Ashley Travis at ashley90@umd.edu or Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu if you have questions.

Montgomery County Teen Leadership Council

The Montgomery County Teen Leadership Council will be made up of 15-20 youth, ages 14-18 (senior 4-H age) that are dedicated to advancing the Montgomery County 4-H Program.

Each year the County team will be responsible for leading and planning events that bring Montgomery County 4-H youth together as a community. The Council will meet once a month at the Montgomery County Extension Office. This will be the inaugural year of the

Council; many things will be tentative as the Council shapes what this group's roles and responsibilities will be.

- Roles and Responsibilities (Tentative)
- Planning County Achievement Night
- County-wide Community Service Event
- Fair Community Events
- Instagram Takeovers
- ...and more!

Leadership Opportunities within the Council are

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Chairs

How to Apply? Upload the following documents to 4-H Online by December 10, 2024

- Application Form
- Short Answers (you can add pages if you need more room)
- Resume (any format)

Applications are due by December 10, 2024
Notifications will be sent by January 3, 2025

Animal Science Volunteers

The Maryland 4-H Animal Science Committee will be hosting an in-service via Zoom for Animal Science Volunteers on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Here is the google form registration for the Zoom:

<https://forms.gle/Pgk9rrCe7DZbu6fW7>

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/>

Montgomery County 4-H Holiday Fundraiser

Secure your Christmas stocking stuffers with our Montgomery County 4-H Sock Fundraiser! Our store will run until December 15 at the following link:

<https://www.bloomforgoodonlinestore.com/shop/?campaignid=8672>

Check out our over 20 styles of socks at \$12.95/pair. Proceeds will go towards program supplies, awards, leadership trips, and more!

2025 4-H Leadership Conferences

Applications are now being accepted for senior 4-H members to serve as Maryland 4-H Delegates to the following 2025 4-H Leadership Conferences:

- National 4-H Congress - November 2025, Atlanta GA
- National Leadership Conference at Camp Miniwanca - June 2025, Shelby MI
- Virginia 4-H Congress - June 2025, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg VA
- West Virginia 4-H Older Members Conference - June 2025, Jacksons Mill, WV
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Eligible 4-H members may submit their application through the 2025 National 4-H Leadership Trips application event in 4-H Online. Applications are accepted from November 15, 2024 through January 15, 2025.

4-H'ers are strongly encouraged to submit their applications before December 15, 2024. 4-H Online will be closed from December 15, 2024, until the first week of January 2024 to prepare for the new Maryland 4-H enrollment year. 4-H'ers who wait to submit their Leadership Trips application in January will have to enroll for 2025 before they will be able to submit their application in 4-H Online.

To be considered to represent Maryland 4-H as a Delegate to a 2025 4-H Leadership event, a 4-H member must:

- Be between the ages of 14 and 18 as of January 1, 2025 (senior 4-H age).
- Be enrolled in the Maryland 4-H program.
- Submit a 4-H Portfolio for evaluation.
- Be nominated by their 4-H Educator (based on 4-H Portfolio).
- Participate in a Delegate interview.

Senior 4-H members may serve as Delegates for a total of three leadership trips in their 4-H career. Senior 4-H'ers may attend each leadership trip only once and may attend no more than one leadership trip each 4-H (calendar) year.

Applicants will be required to submit a 4-H Portfolio as part of their application in 4-H Online. The 4-H Portfolio consists of two items:

- 4-H Resume
- 4-H Essay

The 4-H Essay topic for this Delegate application is "Describe how one of your project areas has influenced your life outside of 4-H."

You can find more information about Maryland 4-H Leadership Trips on the [Maryland 4-H website](#)

If you have questions about your eligibility, or how to apply for this opportunity, please contact Chandini Montgomery, 301-590-2804, or email cbmontgo@umd.edu.

Camp Teen Leader Interest Meeting and Holiday Party

Youth ages 13-17 (as of January 1, 2024) are invited to attend a holiday social and interest meeting for potential camp teen leaders on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Teen camp leaders will be responsible for planning fun and exciting opportunities for our younger campers. We will have a short interest meeting and time for socializing and fun.

Parents: please plan to attend for the last 30 minutes (3:30-4:00 p.m.) for important information regarding different training date options for 2025. Attendance is highly encouraged and appreciated to help us plan the best possible training program!

RSVP is available at: <https://forms.gle/5TWeAF2szapUACe38>

Date: Sunday, December 15, 2024

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Rd. Derwood, MD 20855)

Steer Weigh-In and Tagging

January 4, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County fairgrounds. Those who wish to show a steer **MUST** attend and complete the livestock registration form beforehand. **Registration form due to Catherine Savage, 301-590-2813, csavage9@umd.edu, by December 27, 2024.**

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Livestock Workshops and Skillathon

Montgomery County 4-H will be offering a series of weekly Thursday night workshops that will also serve as Livestock Skillathon practices from January 2, 2025 through March 6, 2025. Each week will be focused on a different category of Skillathon, from Meats identification, to wool judging, to equipment, and feed identifications. Youth can join us for just one or two nights, or every week.

Participants are also encouraged to compete in the State contest on Saturday, March 1, 2025. This is a great way to develop general knowledge around the world of animal husbandry! Exact schedule to come soon. Our first practice/workshop will be Thursday, January 2nd on Breeds of Livestock and Parts Identification. We will dive into the digestive tract, skeletal system, and reproductive tract as well.

For more information, please contact Catherine Savage, 301-590-2813, csavage9@umd.edu.

Due at the 4-H County Office on January 6, 2025

NEW DATE - Due to the MoCo 4-H Office by January 6, 2025:

- 2024 President's Volunteer Service Award Forms
- Record Books
- Completed Diamond Clover Reports for levels 1 – 4
- Youth Achievement Awards Nomination Form
- Volunteer Achievement Awards Nomination Form

Please mail your materials or deliver documents to the Montgomery County 4-H Office, Attn: Sheila Ford, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855 or email to sheilaf@umd.edu.

Resume Format

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/anne-arundel-county/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms>

Sample of the Diamond Clover Reports

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

Record Books - NEW DATE

If you plan to do a Record Book for this year, please refer to the guidelines on 4-H Online.

What is a 4-H Record Book? A 4-H Record Book is a standard record of your activities in 4-H - your projects, activities, events, skills development and learning experiences. The 4-H Record Book helps improve your skills in record keeping, goal management, and reflection on your achievements and growth in 4-H.

If you are doing a Record Book, please:

1. Place a rubber band around the Record Book so the book stays together.
2. If you are submitting your Record Book personally, or if a Club Leader is submitting Record Books, please contact a 4-H Staff to be available to receive the Record Book(s.)

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine Shriver at jshriver@umd.edu.

NEW DATE - Record Books are due at the County 4-H Office **on or before Monday January 6, 2025.**

MC Agricultural Center 2025 Scholarship Applications

The Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc. (MCAC) offers post-secondary scholarships to individuals who are planning to further their education in agriculture, family and consumer sciences or related fields of study. Applicants must provide documentation of volunteer service on the Fairgrounds to be eligible for these scholarships.

The scholarship winners will be notified in March and presented at the annual meeting in May.

Applications must be submitted online by January 10, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GkaYJzs_RbNC1WEwpxEWgqogqGpQLq5m/view

If you have any questions please contact the Fair Office at 301-926-3100 x205

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/>

CLUB CORNER

The Damascus Community Club

By Renee H.

The Damascus Community 4-H Club recently had their annual fall harvest party. At the party, older members led the rest of the club's members through fall-themed games. Additionally, each family brought a dish for the potluck that also happens at the harvest party.

In November, the club hosted a thank you breakfast for the church that lets them have their meetings at their location for free. It is very nice of them. Therefore, every year the club prepares them a breakfast with dishes made by the club members. After serving breakfast, the members mingled and talked with the churchgoers.

In addition, at their November meeting, the Club held elections for 2025.

Renee H. is sure everyone will excel in their positions, as the club has many talented individuals.



Jesse A., Eric N., Addy B.
and Allie K

4-H Calendar

Due dates and Events

DECEMBER

- 3 Small Engine Workshop
- 8 Maryland State Dog Bowl, Animal Science Building, UMD College Park, MD
- 10 Montgomery County Teen Leadership Council
- 10 Animal Science Volunteers meeting
- 15 Montgomery County 4-H Holiday Fundraiser
- 15 Camp Teen Leader Interest Meeting and Holiday Party
- 16 Portfolio and Out-of-State Trip application review with the MoCo 4-H Educator due date
- 27 Livestock Registration Form due at the MoCo 4-H Office

JANUARY

- 2 Livestock Workshops and Skillathon
- 4 Steer Weigh-In, 7:00 a.m. Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- 6 **NEW DATE** - President 's Volunteer Service Award nomination, Record Books, Diamond Clover Levels 1-4 Reports, Youth Achievement Awards Nomination Forms, and Volunteer Achievement Awards Nomination Forms due at the MoCo 4-H Office
- 10 MC Agricultural Center 2025 Scholarship Applications due date
- 10 Montgomery County Teen Leadership Council due date
- 15 2025 National Leadership Trips Portfolio due to State Office (National 4-H Congress, Camp Miniwanca, West Virginia Older Member's Conference and Virginia Congress)

FEBRUARY

16 Maryland State 4-H Awards Celebration

22 Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon)or Fun Day) 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Tentative)

Montgomery County Teen Leadership Council

Montgomery County Teen Leadership Council Application Form

Name:

4-H Age (as of January 1, 2025):

Shirt Size:

Club(s):

Are you interested in a leadership position:

If yes, which position: President V.P. Secretary

 Treasurer Committee/Event Chair

Note: Please be prepared, at the first meeting, to tell the council about yourself, and briefly explain why you are interested in being an officer.

1. Tell us why you are interested in joining the inaugural Teen Council (150 - 250 words):
2. If you could start one new event, social, competition, etc. what would it be and why (250-500 words)

Montgomery County Youth Achievement Awards Nomination Form

Youth Achievement Awards Nomination Form

Achievement awards are to recognize 4-H Youth that have shown outstanding achievement in their project area and participation at the local, county, state, and national levels, as well as having demonstrated exceptional leadership and citizenship qualities in their project

areas (i.e. mentoring new club members, leading, or participating in club or county level activities). When weighing nominees, we only consider achievements over the past program year.

If the nominee has received the award in the past, they will not be considered again. However, members can be nominated again, if they did not previously receive the award.

These awards are being given for the 2024 program year. Juniors are aged 8 to 13 on January 1, 2024. Seniors are members ages 14 to 18 on January 1, 2024. Please see the List of Youth Achievement Awards below for a full list of awards and descriptions.

Anyone can nominate a 4-H member. To nominate a 4-H member, please fill out the application form and submit to Sheila Ford by January 6, 2025.

Name of Nominee:

Name of person nominating youth:

Award(s) being nominated for:

Age Division:

Junior (8-13)

Senior(14-18)

Project
area(s):

Please attach either a resume, list, or a paragraph of this person's achievements from the 2024 program year. These should be mainly from the last year and can include awards, exhibits, demonstrations, community service, leadership, etc.

List of Montgomery County Youth Achievement Awards

Animal Science

This award is given to the Junior and Senior member who has demonstrated excellence in their animal science project. The award includes, but is not limited to, beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, horses, poultry, rabbit, dogs, etc. A winner will be selected from each age division.

Environmental Science

This award is given to the Junior and Senior member who has demonstrated excellence in the area of environmental sciences. This award includes, but is not limited to, camping, shooting sports, horticulture, natural resources, etc. A winner will be selected from each age division.

STEM

This award is given to the Junior and Senior member who has demonstrated excellence in the area of STEM. This award includes, but is not limited to, robotics, aerospace, engines, computer technology, electricity, woodworking, etc. A winner will be selected from each age division.

Arts

This award is given to the Junior and Senior member who has demonstrated excellence in the area of creative, visual, and performing arts. This award includes, but is not limited to, arts& crafts, photography, visual arts, video production etc. A winner will be selected from each age division.

Foods

This award is given to the Junior and Senior member who has demonstrated excellence in the area of food and nutrition. This award includes, but is not limited to, cooking, food preservation, baking, nutrition education, etc. A winner will be selected from each age division.

All-Star Service

This award is given to the Junior and Senior member who has demonstrated excellence in the area of community service. A winner will be selected from each age division.

Leadership

This award is given to the Junior and Senior member who has demonstrated excellence in the area of leadership. A winner will be selected from each age division.

Volunteer Achievement Awards Nomination Form

Volunteer Achievement Awards Nomination Form

Achievement awards are to recognize 4-H Volunteers that have shown excellence and dedication to the Montgomery County 4-H Program. They spend countless hours assisting and teaching 4-H youth and are always willing to lend their time and expertise.

If the nominee has previously received the award, they will not be considered again. However, volunteers can be nominated again, if they did not previously receive the award.

These awards are being given for the 2024 program year. Please see the list of awards and descriptions.

Anyone can submit a nomination. Please fill out the application form and submit to Sheila Ford by January6, 2025

Name of Nominee:

Name of person(s) submitting nomination:

Award(s) being nominated for:

Club/group volunteer is with:

Please attach a letter of support and a list of the volunteer's work. These should be mainly from the past program year, but can include their highlights over their 4-H career(s).

List of Montgomery County Volunteer Achievement Awards

Volunteer of the Year

Dedicated to UME certified 4-H volunteer who has dedicated many hours and their expertise to bettering the 4-H program and the youth.

Family of the Year

Awarded to a Family who has been active as members and volunteers of the Montgomery County 4-H program.

Partner of the Year

Awarded to a non-4-H volunteer or an organization/group who has been supportive of the Montgomery County 4-H program.

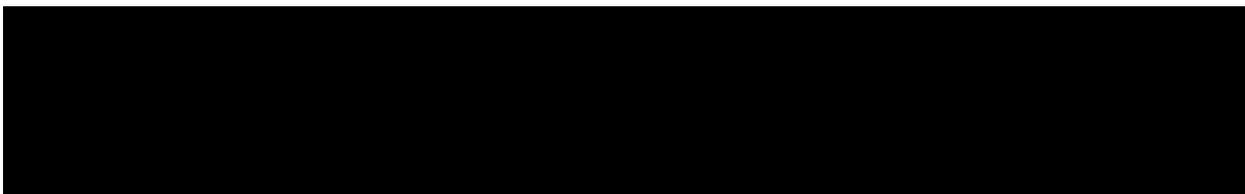
Alumni of the Year

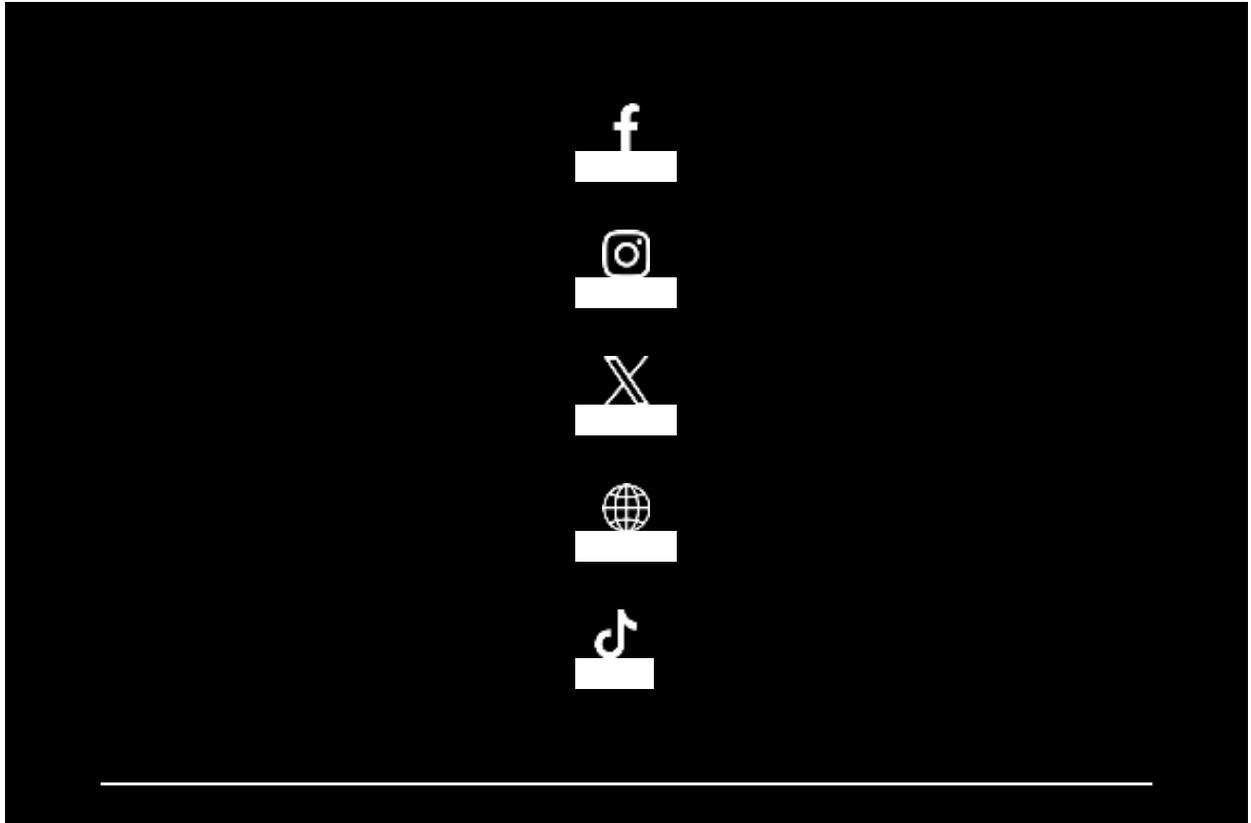
Given to an Alumni who has returned to the Montgomery County 4-H program as a volunteer.

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