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2023 Enrollment

ALL 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers will need to enroll for the 2023 4-H year. You will be able to log into 4-H (v2.4honline.com) to complete your 2023 enrollment. Please note that EVERYONE returning (4-H MEMBERS, CLOVERS AND UME VOLUNTEERS) will need to log into their family account that you have already created and re-enroll each person listed on your account. DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT – LOG IN USING YOUR EMAIL AND PASSWORD. If you have forgotten your password, there is an option to restore your password.

ALL 4-H MEMBERS AND CLOVERS MUST PAY THEIR \$10 PARTICIPATION FEE THROUGH 4-H ONLINE. UME Volunteers do not pay a participation fee. The insurance fee that 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers pay will still be paid through your 4-H Club in early spring.

Remember you must be enrolled into the Carroll County 4-H Program by May 1, 2023 to be eligible to show at the 2023 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. UME Volunteers need to enroll by March 1st!! If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

Demonstration Day!

It's time to start thinking about Demonstration Day 2023! This event will be held on **Saturday, February 18, 2023** at the Extension Office. Arrive between 9 and 11am. Demonstrations will be given on a first come first serve basis. Start thinking about that demonstration you've been wanting to do. This is a great opportunity to compete at the county level while fulfilling a requirement for project records! All **Demonstration Day registrations will be done through the Carroll County Fair website at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Registration will be open from January 9 through February 10, 2023.** Rules and regulations were attached to the end of the December/January *Tribune*. If you have any other questions, contact the Superintendents or call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

4-H Expectations

As you take time at the beginning of the year to work on your 4-H enrollment, please take a few minutes to review several forms and documents that you are signing when you enroll in 4-H or have voted on within your clubs. We've been hearing that it's been awhile since some of our 4-H families have been seen attending their local club meetings, some families are not receiving information and there have been some behavior issues (especially during the fair).

Club Attendance – Each club has By-Laws which are voted on by the membership. These By-Laws have attendance policies set in them and many state that if a 4-Her misses more than 3 consecutive meetings, they may be removed from the club. **This could lead to not being able to participate at the fair if you're not attending club meetings.** Make sure to attend the monthly meetings as it's an important part of being a 4-Her, but also a great way to be involved and know what is happening within the program.

Youth Code of Conduct – This is a set of guidelines that outlines the expectations of behavior at 4-H events. A copy was attached to the December/January *Tribune*. We hope families will take a few minutes to read through the Code of Conduct. This document is electronically signed by the 4-Her and the parent/guardian at the time of 4-H re/enrollment.

Project Related Consents/Ethics – As you also sign up for your individual projects in 4-H Online, take notice that there are consents that you are signing. Most of these are related to animal science projects, but the shooting sports program also has additional consents that are signed.

Please take the time to review what you are signing and what the expectations are for 4-Hers.

Public Speaking

Prepare your speaking voices for the annual day of Public Speaking scheduled for Saturday, March 11th beginning at 9am. Rules and Regulations will be in this *Tribune* and can be found on the fair website.

Registration will open on January 9th and MUST be completed by February 10th. The procedure will be the same as past years, no pre-scheduled times, but you must be present between 9 and 11am to deliver your speech. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office or Superintendents, Della Leister at (443) 375-0123 or Rita Becker at (443)375-1114. You must **go to www.carrollcountyfair.com and complete registration through the fair entry system.**

Record Books

Record books are a great way to keep track of your 4-H career and highlight your accomplishments. The record book includes a junior summary, project records (which you already do), a 4-H story and a few more items. Record Book covers are available at the Extension Office for free. Record Books are due **Monday, February 6, 2023.** More information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

Clover Memory Books

Clover members are able to put together a Clover Memory Book (scrapbook) of their year in 4-H. Clover Memory Books highlight everything clover members did throughout the year including pictures, ribbons, judging score sheets, etc. Guidelines for memory books can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books> at the bottom of the page. Memory Books are due **Monday, February 6, 2023**.

Youth/Volunteer Award Nominations

It's time to think about all those amazing 4-Hers and UME Volunteers that we have in Carroll County! Was there someone who really went above and beyond in 2022 that you feel should be recognized at the 2023 4-H Achievement Program? Then take a few minutes to nominate them. **Volunteer nominations were due by January 20, 2023 and youth nominations are due by February 28th**. Nominations can be completed through the link below.

Link for Volunteer and 4-H member nominations—<https://forms.gle/Sn4TCmDgJutdUDVh8>

Pictures Wanted!!

As we prepare for the 2023 Carroll County 4-H Achievement Program, we are looking for pictures from club events, county programs, fair, etc. We want to showcase all the amazing activities our 4-H members participate in throughout the 2022 year. **Please send your pictures to Jennie Chamelin at jchameli@umd.edu by March 17th.**

2023 Maryland 4-H Virtual Awards Gala

Please join us Sunday, February 19th at 6:00pm for the 2023 Maryland 4-H Virtual Awards Gala! Continuing the MD 4-H Foundation's year end giving theme, "Be EPIC!", we will recognize Maryland 4-H youth and adult volunteers who went beyond the extraordinary to the EPIC in 2022! Outstanding 4-H youth emcees will lead the program recognizing Diamond and Emerald Clover award recipients, 4-H state team and leadership delegations and Maryland 4-H Foundation scholarship recipients. Following the Virtual Awards Gala, on February 19th at 7:30pm, we will broadcast "Maryland 4-H Volunteers: Celebrating the Heart of Maryland 4-H" showcasing the 2022 Maryland 4-H Volunteer Award recipients and 2022 National 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee, Bruce Berlage.

The Awards Gala and Volunteer Awards will both be broadcast on the Maryland 4-H Foundation Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Maryland4HFoundation) and the Maryland 4-H YouTube Channel (<https://go.umd.edu/MD4HYouTube>).

4-H ACTS

Join us for the new Maryland 4-H ACTS (Annapolis-Civics-Thriving-Service) event! Maryland 4-H ACTS will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023 in Annapolis at the Historic Inns of Annapolis. Maryland 4-H ACTS will provide an opportunity for youth to travel to the state capitol, learn about civics, engage with legislators, and tell their 4-H stories. The event will also celebrate and inspire youth to be engaged in civics and service. **Registration is through 4-H Online and closes on February 10th**. If you have questions, please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu or Gretchen Sumbrum at gsumbrum@umd.edu

Career AGsperience Opportunities

Starting to think about your future? Want a better understanding of writing resumes, interviewing, how to find jobs, or what to consider to further your education? Career AGsperience is for you then! **Join us for a 1-day in-person program on Saturday, February 25th at the Howard County Fairgrounds** to explore your future. Remember, you do not have to be interested in an agriculture related career to participate in this program. The information shared works for any future career you're thinking about! Register at: <https://forms.gle/fakCmBiqLGiLq8Lz7>

2023-24 Senior Ambassador Applications

Are you a Senior 4-H member and interested in being more involved in the 4-H program? Do you enjoy becoming involved with community projects, helping at the fair, and setting examples of leadership and citizenship in the community? If so, you are a perfect candidate to apply for the 2023-24 Senior Ambassador Team! Applications can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/leadership-opportunities>

Applications are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 4th and interviews will be held on Saturday, March 18th. If you have questions, please contact Becky at the Extension Office.

Junior Ambassador Applications

Are you a 4-H member that is between the ages of 11-13 (4-H age as of January 1st) and have an interest in being a part of the Ambassador program? We are now accepting applications for the Junior Ambassador team for 2023-2024. Just fill out the application found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/leadership-opportunities> **Applications are due to the Extension Office by Friday, April 28th and interviews will be held on Saturday, May 13th.**

Diamond Clovers

Are you working toward achieving level 1-5 of the Diamond Clover Program? 2022 Reports and 2023 plans are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, February 6th**. Remember, you must submit your 2023 plan before starting on any of the tasks for the year. The Diamond Clover Program starts for members at 4-H Age of 9. If your next step is Level 6, make sure to read all of the guidelines; those plans are due by September 30th for you to start in 2024 (you must have approval from the state 4-H office). Diamond Clover information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>

4-H Dairy Fun Day

Join all the fun with the 4-H Dairy Fun Day on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 9:30-11:30 AM, to be held virtually on Zoom. Participants will learn about, practice and try their hand at: Skillathon, Quiz Bowl and Judging. Participants will need access to a computer and a cell phone/tablet, each device will need Internet connection. The registration deadline is February 8th at: <https://go.umd.edu/4hdairyfunday>

Dairy Bowl

It will soon be time to start Dairy Bowl practices again! Remember, anyone who has an interest in learning more about the dairy industry can attend these practices. **Practices will be held on:**

February 2, 9, and 23 (Thursdays), March 2, 9, 23, and 30 (Thursdays)

April 5, 13 and 19 (Wednesdays)

All practices will be at the Extension Office. For more information contact Gary Brauning at 443-375-6963.

Horse Bowl

Do you have an interest in learning about horses, but don't own one? No worries, you can still participate in all the fun horse related events! Whether you own a horse or not, come out to Horse Bowl practices to learn everything you ever wanted to about horses and more than you ever dreamed!

Practices are held at the Extension Office and started January 4th at 7pm. Practices will run every Wednesday night until the state contest in March. It's not too late to join the fun!

Poultry Orientation

If you plan to OR are thinking about entering in the Poultry department at the 2023 fair, you will need to attend one of the orientations scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, May 4th. All meetings start at 7pm at the Extension Office. You need to attend if you think you are going to show eggs, a poster, and if you are a clover. This includes first year exhibitors or returning exhibitors. These orientations will explain entering, knowing what breed you have, expectations of you during fair week, what to expect from the poultry committee during fair week and the ever-changing fair schedule. It is nearly certain that there will be lots of changes in the schedule for this year. If you showed in the Poultry department in 2022, you are required to have completed a Poultry Project Record in order to exhibit in the 2023 fair (clovers exempt). There will not be ANY make up orientations and there will not be ANY online opportunities to complete the orientation. Please do not put off attending an orientation. Remember you are required to attend 1 (one) of the in-person orientations in order to exhibit. Any questions, please call Nancy Carlisle at 443-605-5134.

Dog Skillathon

Do you have an interest in dogs? This may be a great opportunity for you to try this year! The State Dog Skillathon contest will test your knowledge on breed identification, care and behavior, equipment, nutrition/feed identification, health/diseases, insects/parasites, anatomy and physiology. More information and resources can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences> The contest will be held on Saturday, February 25th at the University of Maryland Animal Science Building. If your interested in participating you need to enroll in 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com) and register through the events tab by February 15th.

Dairy Round-Up

Cheese! Yogurt! Milk and Ice Cream! They all sounds so good! Join us on **Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9:30am-12pm** to learn more about dairy. We plan to be on a local dairy farm (location to be determined) for a farm tour along with learning more about the dairy judging program. We are very excited to also offer dairy product tasting as part of the day. Registration information can be found at the end of the *Tribune* and is due by March 1st. Make sure to get your registration in by the deadline to receive a t-shirt.

Horse Round-Up

Giddy up and join us for our first Horse Round-Up on **Saturday, April 15th, 9:30am-12pm at the Extension Office**. We are in the process of planning the program, but we are excited to provide information on 4-H and other 4-H horse activities, veterinary science and horse trivia. Make sure to

Livestock Skillathon

Everything you've ever wanted to know about livestock and didn't know to ask!! Come learn about Breeds of Livestock, Equipment, Cuts of Meat, Animal Part Identification, Livestock Feeds, Hay, Wool and play some games, too!! Come to learn for the state contest March 4th or just come to the sessions you want to learn about! Remember that you do not have to exhibit or own livestock to participate in livestock judging, just have an interest or curiosity!! Practices run every Tuesday night through February 28th. For more information call Kathy Gordon at 301-667-0559.

2023 Camp

Already dreaming of camp? Add these dates to your 2023 calendar! Registration for campers will be available in early March.

June 19-22, 2023—Younger Week (Age 8-11)

July 10-14, 2023—Older Week (Age 10-16)

Youth Camp Leaders—Hold the following dates for camp training to be held at the Extension Office from 1-4pm—February 19th, April 2nd, May 21st and June 11th. Camp Training weekend will be March 25-26, 2023

2023 Summer Program Days

We are excited to announce the dates for some of our summer day programs! More information and registration to come for all of these days.

Clover Fun Days—June 20-22, 2023 Junior Fair Fun Days— July 7, July 14, July 21

Fashion Fun Night

Save the date for Fashion Fun Night! Fashion Fun Night will be held on **Friday, April 14th , 6:30pm at the Extension Office** for 4-Hers over 8 years old. It will be a night of sewing, beauty, fashion and fun!. More information will be coming soon, but mark your calendar now!

New 4-H Family Series

Join the 4-H Team as we provide an introduction into the 4-H Program! We know it can be confusing when first joining, so this is your opportunity to come out and learn more about all of the opportunities that 4-H has to offer! Five workshops will be offered throughout this series. You're welcome to attend as many as you'd like. We will be highlighting several different areas of the program:

February 17—All About Animal Science (Learn about different opportunities relating to our animal science program including small animals, dogs, horses and livestock)

March 17—Get Involved through Environmental Sciences (Learn more about environmental science programs including camp opportunities)

April 21—Hands-on with Everything 4-H! (This session focuses on all of the 4-H programs you would see in our indoor building at the fair from sewing and photography to year round activities)

May 19—Fair Time! (General overview of life during fair week, fair entries and more!)

All parts of this series will occur on Friday nights starting at 6:30pm at the Carroll County 4-H Extension Office. This is a great opportunity to learn more about 4-H if you are just joining or if you want more information on the program before committing to becoming a member.

If you have questions, please email Becky Ridgeway at bridgewa@umd.edu

Register at: <https://forms.gle/ni91DSAUMekWvpLo9>

UME Volunteer Training

If you aren't already a UME Volunteer, make plans to complete the training in 2023. Just email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and you can complete all of the required paperwork and training directly from your home. Trainings can be completed at anytime!

Fair Reminders

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting is: February 22nd at 7:30pm

Too many ribbons? Don't throw them away. If they are in good shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year.

2023 Fair Dates—July 29—August 4, 2023

Indoor Building Updates: Do you have the winter doldrums? Close your eyes and think of the county fair. I will start this month with my series of class or rule changes to the Indoor Department for 2023. A new class for all ages in the **Art Department** is "Digital Created Art". A change in **Ag Commodities** will be hay and straw bundles should only be placed in clear or white bags. **NO BLACK BAGS.** Again this year the **Small Pets Department** will have the class—Animal—Guinea Pig, no pedigreed Guinea Pig, if pedigreed it needs to be entered in the Rabbit and Cavy Department. New classes in the **Clothing Department** **include:** sundress or other simple dress without collar or sleeves, jumper or romper and purchased garment decorated by the exhibitor with sewn design, applique, ribbon, needlework or other fabric trim. Next month I will cover some more new classes or changes to departments. Now is the time to start working on exhibits for the 2023 county fair. Sandra Stonesifer, Indoor Department Superintendent



Dates to Remember

February 1	Horse Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm Leadership Council and All Star Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30pm
February 2	Dairy Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
February 6	Record Books, Clover Memory Books and Diamond Clovers Due
February 7	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
February 8	Horse Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
February 9	Dairy Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
February 10	Demonstration Day/Public Speaking Contest Registration Due
February 11	National 4-H Trip Interviews in Carroll County Dairy Fun Day, 9:30am, location to be determined
February 14	livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
February 15	Horse Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
February 17	New Family Workshop—Animals, Extension Office, 6:30pm
February 18	Demonstration Day, Extension Office, 9-11am
February 20	Extension Office Closed, Presidents Day
February 21	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
February 22	Horse Bowl, Extension Office, 7pm CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, Extension Office, 7:30pm
February 23	Dairy Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
February 25	Advanced Rocketry Workshop (FULL) Career AGsperience, Howard County Fairgrounds, 9:30am
February 28	Livestock Skillathon Practice, Extension Office, 7pm Youth Award Nominations Due
March 1	Horse Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
March 2	Dairy Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
March 4	Senior Ambassador Applications Due State Livestock Skillathon Contest, Montgomery County Fairgrounds
March 8	Horse Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
March 9	Dairy Bowl Practice, Extension Office, 7pm
March 11	Public Speaking Contest, Extension Office, 9-11am State Horse Bowl Contest, UMD—College Park
March 14	Poultry Orientation, Extension Office, 7pm

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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers. <http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact the Carroll County Extension Office at 410-386-2760, fax: 410-876-0132, at least two (2) weeks prior to the program.



CARROLL COUNTY 4-H DAIRY

Round - Up

APRIL 1, 2023



FARM TOUR

Come and Tour one of Carroll County's local dairy farms.



DAIRY JUDGING

Get first hand experience on Dairy Judging from our own county coaches.



PRODUCT SAMPLING

What better way to learn about dairy products than trying them for yourself!

Return this form by March 1

Name _____

Age _____ Club _____

Email _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Does participant require any reasonable accommodation to participate in this event? If yes, please email Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu

If form is turned in past due date, we can not guarantee a participation t-shirt.

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Join us for Dairy Round up on Saturday April 1, 2023 from 9am - 12pm.

At this hands on and educational event, members will experience a tour of a working Dairy Farm right here in Carroll County, learn all about our Dairy Judging Program as well as taste and experiment with locally sourced Dairy Products.

Registration Form and \$10 registration fee are due to the Extension Office by March 1. If you have any questions, please email Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu or Jennie at jchameli@umd.edu.

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Carroll County 4-H Horse Round - Up



April 15, 2023

Carroll County Extension Office

Join the Carroll County 4-H program for a morning of Horse Trivia, Vet Care, building an emergency vet kit and other horse specific topics.

There is a \$20 registration fee for the event. Each participant will receive a T-Shirt and leave with a fully stocked vet kit.



**Registration
Deadline:
March 17, 2023**

Please return this form with your registration fee by March 17.

If form is turned in past due date, we can not guarantee a participation t-shirt.

Name _____

Age _____ Club _____

Email _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Does participant require any reasonable accommodation to participate in this event?

If yes, please email Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu

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