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## CC 4-H & Fair Entries

We are closing in on our favorite week of the year! The 2024 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair! Take time before fair week arrives to go through the schedule for all of the set-up times, entry times and events so your families are prepared beforehand. Double check all of the rules including the fair general rules and individual department rules that 4-Hers in your household are preparing for. Read through the Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct as a reminder for appropriate behavior during the week. A copy has been attached to this *Tribune*.

**Remember, the fair relies on volunteers and EVERYONE'S help is needed for set-up, work food concessions/events throughout the week and clean-up afterwards. On the next page, you will find a list of SignUp Genius links for the Red Concession Stand and Tram Drivers.**

Here are some important dates to put on your calendars to help with set-up and clean-up of the fairgrounds:

**Fair Grounds Set-Up—Sunday, July 21st starting at 8am**

**Fair Grounds Clean-up—Saturday, August 3rd starting at 9am and Sunday, August 4th**

**Exhibitor Packet/Parking Pass Pick-Up Reminders—Don't forget that ALL exhibitors MUST provide a signed **Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Liability Release Form**, and **Code of Conduct**, which also needs to be signed by your parent/guardian. We've moved the forms to Google Forms and links are below that need to be completed by each fair exhibitor and parent/guardian prior to fair packet pick up on July 21, 2024.**

**ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS must complete the **Feed Assurance Form** at the link below.**

Release of Liability—<https://forms.gle/djwHNfTYMVWZumKU7>

MD 4-H Code of Conduct—<https://forms.gle/wZsTa9m9wSMjwnNz5>

Feed Assurance Form (Market Livestock Exhibitors) - <https://forms.gle/swwfZn6DUoq2Ep9FA>

## Fair Volunteer Opportunities

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The Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair can't run without volunteers from fair setup to clean up. However, even during fair week, volunteers are needed at multiple places throughout the fairgrounds. Here are 2 ways that families can help out during the fair. Information and time frames can be found by clicking on the link.

Red Concession Stand and Information Booth — <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45A8A628A6F94-49984267-2024#/>

### Maryland State Fair

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You can now enter for the Maryland State Fair! The entry system can be found at <https://marylandstatefair.com/4hffa/> Please note that Maryland 4-H State Fair entries are due by July 15th! Don't miss the deadline for your state fair entries!

If you are planning to participate in the following events: **Dog Show, Fashion Revue, 4-H Presents, Top Chef, Dairy/Livestock/Poultry/Rabbit/Horticulture Judging or Dairy Goat Judging & Skills, Tractor Operator, Bicycle, Small Engines, Lawn Tractor...**You must qualify for the majority of these state contests through a county event at the fair and they may have other limitations. Please make sure to read the department rules. You MUST register through 4-H Online ([v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)) for these events. You are welcome to complete the registration process NOW, but your participation will not be approved on the county level until you have qualified (if required for contest). Please register by July 15th when you complete your other Maryland 4-H State Fair entries.

\*Note—Some of these events will have an associated registration cost. Please select **“Pay by Check”** and the Extension Office will cover those fees.

Attention Club Leaders—You will also need to follow these directions to enter your Club Booth and Club Banner. All banners are eligible to go to the state fair. Only two 4-H Club Booths can go to the state fair, so those entries will be approved once the county fair judging is completed.

### 2024 4-H/UME Cards

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4-H Member and UME Volunteer Cards have already been mailed directly to each family household. Please notify the Extension Office before Friday, July 19th if you did not receive your 4-H member/ UME Volunteer Card.

**NO CARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT FAIR WEEK! NO EXCEPTIONS!**



## Livestock Sale Reminder

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The Carroll County Fair Livestock Sale has their own tab on the Carroll County 4-H & FFA website! Please take a look and share this information with your buyers and other exhibitors. This website will replace the buyers flyer they have put together the past 3 years. The website is for buyers and exhibitors to be able to find the information pertaining to the livestock sale. You will find cut sheets for each processor that is offered through the sale.

Livestock Sale— <https://www.carrollcountyfair.com/events/2024-carroll-county-4h-ffa-fair-livestock-sale/>

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*** There will be 2 sale rings. This decision did not come lightly. Please see the attached flyer found in the online Tribune.

Due to increased cost to put on the livestock sale, the sale will be increasing the commission back to 6% on all livestock sale animals beginning at the 2024 livestock sale.

Please see the attached flyer to the online Tribune with information on what you need to provide for the sale too.

## Livestock Buyer Letters

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It's never too early to start contacting potential buyers for the livestock sale! Remember, it's your responsibility to find businesses and/or individuals to come to the sale and support your 4-H project. The more time you invest in finding a buyer, the more it may pay off for you at the sale!

Make sure to direct your buyers to the Livestock Sale webpage (listed above) for more information on the sale. Remember, it's important for you to find your own buyer! Don't just count on someone being here to buy your animal.

## Livestock Judging

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Are You Ready? Livestock Judging practices are continuing at 7pm at the Extension Office. We will be starting with the basics: parts of the steer/heifer, gilt/barrow, ewe/lamb and moving on to why it's important to know these parts and how it helps to talk about the animals. In later sessions, we will watch some videos of these animals and learn how to see the good, bad and the ugly in the 4 animals in the class.

All practices start at 7pm and more detailed schedules will be handed out at judging practices. If you have questions, please reach out to Kathy Gordon at 301-667-0559.

## Poultry Judging

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Get ready as Poultry Judging practices are almost here! Learn all about chickens, eggs, meat and so much more! All practices will be held at the Extension Office and will start at 7pm.

Practices dates—July 9th and 23rd

Have questions, please contact Irene Hintze at 667-314-5424



## Dairy Judging

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Interested in participating in the dairy judging program? Then get ready as dairy judging practices have started! Remember, you don't have to show dairy cattle to participate in judging. Anyone can try it out. For additional practice dates, check out the list of state practices found at the end of the online Tribune. If you have questions, reach out to Kelly Zepp at 443-340-0809.

## Dairy Skillathon Practices

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Attention Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat Project Members...Dairy skillathon practices have begun! New this year is a track for beginner 4-Hers and those with skillathon experience. All are welcome to attend the beginner track as a refresher, but to participate in the experienced track, you must have 2 or more years of skillathon experience. We will be covering topics from general management, herd health, nutrition and more.

The beginner track is the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, experienced track is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and any 5th Wednesdays are hands-on workshops for all. **All practices start at 7pm and will be held at the Extension Office.** On-farm opportunities will be scheduled throughout the summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Leeann at 908-208-8550 or PoppysPrideGoats@gmail.com

## Animal Quality Assurance

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If you are a new member or have moved to a new age group (Junior to Intermediate, Intermediate to Senior), you are required to take the online Quality Assurance Program this year. The online program is required for ALL 4-H members showing beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, horses/ponies, poultry, rabbits and alpacas/llamas. An email will be sent when the website is opened by Maryland 4-H. (<https://ahqa.umd.edu/>) You will need to register and complete this program if you are planning to show at any 4-H show. If you have questions, please contact Becky at [bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu). Quality Assurance must be completed by **Friday, July 19th to be eligible to show** at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.

## 4-H Camp

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Excitement is in the air—4-H Summer Camp registration is now open! Dive into a week of fun, learning and adventure at the Carroll County 4-H Residential Camp. Registration links and our brand new “Commonly Asked Questions” can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/carroll-county-4-h-residential-camp/> Reach out to Torrey Silliman at [tsillima@umd.edu](mailto:tsillima@umd.edu) or 410-386-2760 for more information. Let the countdown to summer camp magic begin!

July 8-12, 2024—Ages 10-16—\$325

Spots are still available for female campers (this is based on bunk space left)

## Maryland State Fair—Youth Workers Needed

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The Maryland State Fair is currently looking for youth workers who are needed for the 4-H Indoor Building, U-Learn Barn and U-Learn Farm. This is a collaboration between the Maryland State Fair and the Maryland 4-H Program. You will have opportunities to spend time at the fair and educate the public about 4-H! Depending on which area of the fair you would like to work in, you will be responsible for distributing information about 4-H and agriculture, answering questions from the public, helping adult staff coordinate activities and/or taking care of animals in the U-Learn Barn area of the fair.

Applications are due by July 15th for best consideration. You must be between the ages of 14-18 and are required to have a work permit. Each shift is a minimum of 4 hours between August 20-September 9, 2024 and you must attend a mandatory training session. Youth workers will earn \$15.00/hr. If you are interested in this applying to be a youth worker check out <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/get-involved/maryland-state-fair/> for more information. If you do plan to apply, you are required to have a letter of recommendation from your 4-H Educator.

### Inclusive Fair Entry Day

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The Inclusive Entering Day will allow 4-Hers with disabilities and sensory needs to feel comfortable when entering their indoor department projects by providing a calm environment with reduced sensory input and any accommodations that 4-Hers may need. The Inclusive Entering Day is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 and 4-Hers will utilize a Sign-Up Genius to schedule their entry time. On this day, 4-Hers will be able to enter all of their indoor department projects that are not foods at their scheduled time with only two judges. If a 4-Her chooses to utilize this opportunity, it will not interfere with their chance to win higher awards. Please take the time to fill out the following Google Form and thank you for your support of my Diamond Clover Project—Makenna Steele

Google Form— <https://forms.gle/4aFviGx7jH5vw5Cy8>

### Children's Day at the Fair

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As the fair prepares for Children's Day, they are in need of items for goodie bags for those that attend, as well as organizations, clubs and businesses who wish to set up educational and craft tables, etc. If you would like to set up an educational or make-it-and-take-it-table, please fill out the form at— <https://tinyurl.com/CCCD2024>

The goodie bag is always one of the most popular items as everyone who attends gets one! We are anticipating approximately 1,200 children to attend again this year which is an excellent way to promote your cause. If you would like to include donations, please send to Carroll County Extension Office; C/O Children's Day Chairs; 700 Agriculture Center; Westminster, MD 21157. We value your dedication and support of this outreach program to the youth of our community. We cannot do it without your help. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Jennifer Hiscock at hiscock-jenn@gmail.com



## UME Volunteer Training

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If you aren't already a UME Volunteer, make plans to complete the training in 2024. 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!

### 2024 Fall Dates

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Time is flying by as we are preparing for our 2024 Fall 4-H programs! Check out the dates below on all of the programs we are looking to offer this fall. More information will be available in the September Tribune, but we wanted you to save the dates now! Some of these are Friday nights or Saturdays. A couple of dates are when Carroll County Public Schools are closed.

September 28th—**Senior Portfolio Workshop**—Will include working on a 4-H resume and mock interviews for youth 13 years old and older

September 30th—**4-H Club Leader Annual Meeting**— This is for all 4-H Club Organizational Leaders

October 11th—**4-H Project Night**

October 18th—**4-H Sewing Project Day**—There is no school, so plan to join us for a fun day focusing on a sewing project (8 years old and older)

October 25th—**Clover Halloween Party** - A fun night filled with games and treats for our Clover members

November 2nd—**Veterinary Science Experience Program**—Hands-on program learning about small and large livestock vet practices (8 and older)

November 5th—**4-H Rocketry Workshop**

November 8th—**4-H Project Night**

November 9th—**Rocketry Field Trip to the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** (Chantilly, VA), transportation will be included

### Fair Reminders

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**Everyone** is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17th, 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. Ribbons should not be wrinkled, written on or missing strings.

**2024 Fair Theme** - Creating Champions Today to Lead Tomorrow

**Indoor Building Updates**— There are no direct updates this month, but please make sure to reach out to department superintendents if you have certain questions about entering in a department. Contact information can be found on the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair website ([www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com)) under the Forms & Docs section.

**Cake Discs**—If you need cake disc for your cake entries, they are available at the Extension Office and we will bring them to fair packet pick up too.

Future Programs!



Fair Reminders

## Dates to Remember

July 4 and 5	<b>Carroll County Extension Office CLOSED</b>
July 8-12	Residential Camp, Hashahwa Environmental Center
July 9	Poultry Judging Practices, Extension Office, 7pm
July 12	Fair Fun Days, Extension Office, 9am
July 15-17	Clover Fun Days, CC Extension Office
July 17	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, Extension Office, 7:30pm
July 15	<b>Maryland State Fair Online Entries CLOSE at 11:59PM</b>
July 19	<b>Animal Quality Assurance Program DEADLINE</b>
July 21	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Set Up
July 23	Poultry Judging Practices, Extension Office, 7pm
July 27-August 2	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair
August 3	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Clean Up
August 7	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair—Fair Evaluation, Extension Office, 7:30pm
August 22-25	Maryland State Fair (First Weekend)
Aug 29-Sept 1	Maryland State Fair (Second Weekend)
September 2	<b>Carroll County Extension Office CLOSED</b>
September 4	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, Extension Office, 7:30pm
September 5-8	Maryland State Fair (Third Weekend)
September 25	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, Extension Office, 7:30pm
September 28	Senior Portfolio Workshop
September 30	4-H Club Leader's Annual Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm
October 11	4-H Project Night, Extension Office, 6pm
October 14	<b>Carroll County Extension Office CLOSED</b>
October 18	4-H Sewing Project Day, Extension Office
October 25	Clover Halloween Party, Extension Office, 6pm
November 2	Veterinary Science Experience Program, Extension Office
November 5	4-H Rocketry Workshop, Extension Office
November 8	4-H Project Night, Extension Office, 6pm

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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 at least two (2) weeks prior to the program.



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**TO:** 4-H EDUCATORS, DAIRY JUDGING TEAMS AND COACHES  
**FROM:** BRIAN SCHNEBLY AND JEFF SEMLER  
**SUBJECT:** 2024 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING PRACTICES  
**DATE:** 6/10/2024

Included are the dates for the 2023 Maryland 4-H dairy cattle judging sessions and directions. Unless otherwise stated, all practice sessions will begin at 10:00am. If you have any additional questions or practices that should be listed, please contact me at 443-766-3176 or [bschnebl@umd.edu](mailto:bschnebl@umd.edu) or [jsemmler@umd.edu](mailto:jsemmler@umd.edu). Thanks!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Breed</b>
Wednesday July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Schnebly and Family Clear Spring, MD	Guernsey
Wednesday July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne and Allen Stiles Spring Valley Farm Westminster, MD	Jersey
Friday July 19 <sup>th</sup>	State FFA Dairy Judging Contest/4-H Practice Washington County Ag Expo	Multiple Breeds
Tuesday July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew & Jenna Lenhart Thurmont, MD	Brown Swiss/Holstein
Sunday July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Carroll County Fair Westminster, MD Contact Kelly Zepp 443-340-0809	Most breeds
<b>Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Maryland State Contest</b> Maryland State Fair Timonium, MD	8:30am – 3:00pm Evening awards ceremony Cow Place

**Directions:**

Crown Stone Farm – 14748 Fairview Rd, Clear Spring, MD 21722

Spring Valley Farm – 1600 Humbert Schoolhouse Rd, Westminster, MD

Andrew and Jenna Lenhart – 11223 Old Frederick Road, Thurmont, MD 21788