



November 15, 2011

Dear Potential AGsploration Team Member,

Are you interested in production agriculture, health and/or environmental issues as they relate to Maryland agriculture? Do you enjoy teaching others? Are you interested in meeting other 4-Hers from around the state? If so, then the AGsploration Winter Institute might be for you.

The AGsploration development team invites 4-H youth ages 14-18 or 4-H alumni ages 19-21 to become trained as a teen teacher for University of Maryland Extension's AGsploration: The Science of Maryland Agriculture curriculum at our Winter Institute on Saturday, February 18, 2012 through Monday, February 20, 2012 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro. The cost of the training is free; however, you must provide travel to/from the center on your own.

As a team member, your commitment is to fill out an application and evaluation consent form, attend the AGsploration team training in February, and make a 30-hour commitment teaching and evaluating the AGsploration curriculum.

Completed applications are due by December 31, 2011 to April Hall Barczewski at UME-Cecil County, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500, Elkton, MD 21921. The AGsploration program is limited to 30 participants. Applicants will be accepted by a review process and we encourage at least one youth from every 4-H unit to apply. Applicants will be notified by mid-January if they have been accepted to attend the training. Additional information and required paperwork will be mailed once your application has been accepted.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us!

Sincerely,

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# AGsploration Team Application

## February 18-20, 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Projects: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have experience as a teen leader?      If yes, how?

Do you have experience teaching?      If yes, how?

Are you familiar with Maryland Agriculture? If yes, specifically what topics do you know about?

Please list 1 reference outside of 4-H (school, church, other organization) that we may contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Can you attend the training on February 18-20, 2012 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro, MD?

Will you be willing to commit to teaching at least 30 hours to your local community using the resources and curriculum that you will learn?

Are any of your parents UME volunteers? If so would they be willing to serve as a chaperone?

Please answer the following question with a paragraph. Why do you feel it is important to promote agriculture in Maryland? You may attach a sheet if necessary.

**I certify that all the information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that as part of the AGsploration Team I am held to the behavioral expectations policy and all other 4-H rules and regulations. Any breach of these policies can result in my immediate removal from all programs or events and any cost associated with removal will be at my guardian's expense.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Educator's Signature Date

Please return this form by **December 31, 2011** to April Hall Barczewski at: UME—Cecil County, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500 Elkton, MD 21921.

“If you need special assistance to participate in the AGsploration Team please contact April Hall Barczewski at 410-996-5280 or adhall@umd.edu by December 31, 2011.”

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