

MARYLAND 4-H UPDATES



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Mar 5, 2007

Horseman's Party Planning Committee Meeting

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: CMREC - Clarksville-conf. room next to HGIC bldg).

Contact: Kristen Wilson

301-596-9478

Mar 6, 2007

2007 Sheep and Goat Short Course - Part 2

Meat Sheep 101 will cover meat sheep breeds and breeding, feeding, health, and management. Will include a marketing/producer panel. \$5 registration fee.

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Washington County Extension Office, 7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713

Contact: Jeff Semler

301-791-1304

Mar 10, 2007

Horse Bowl Contest

Maryland 4-H State Horse Bowl Contest

Location: Plant Sciences Building, College Park, MD

Contact: Kristen Wilson

301-596-9478

Mar 14, 2007

Maryland 4-H Center Faculty/Staff Meeting

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: Anne Tompkins

301-314-7831

Mar 15, 2007

Dairy Bowl County Questions Due

Contact: Kiera Finucane

301-405-1392

Mar 16, 2007 - Mar 17, 2007

Beginner Sheep Shearing School

Open to anyone age 16 and over that would like to learn to shear sheep. Registration fee is \$80.

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Thompson Farm in Westminster, MD

Contact: David Green

410-386-2760

Mar 17, 2007

State 4-H Shotgun Match

Maryland 4-H Shotgun Club members ages 8-18 (age as of 1/1/07) will be eligible to participate. Senior age (14-18) & Intermediates ages (11-13) will shoot in 3 events- skeet, trap and sporting clays. Junior age (8-10) will shoot skeet and trap only.

Time: 9:00am

Location: P.G. Trap & Skeet Center-10400 Goodluck Road, Glenn Dale, MD

Contact: Conrad Arnold

410-228-8800

Mar 18, 2007

State 4-H Teen Council Meeting

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: Kendra Wells

301-314-7317

Mar 18, 2007

Fair Spring Symposium

Location: State Fair

Contact: Dick Byrne

301-314-7829

Mar 22, 2007

2007 Sheep and Goat Short Course - Part 3

Dairy Goats 101 will cover breeds and breeding, feeding, health, management, producing for home consumption, and going commercial. \$5 registration fee.

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Washington County Extension Office, 7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713

Please visit our website at <http://www.maryland4h.org>

Annual Financial Summary Forms

It is time to request the 2006 Annual Financial Summary from all 4-H Clubs and from all organizations in your unit that use the 4-H name and/or emblem. There are two forms, one for "Chartered 4-H Clubs" and one for "Groups, Other Than 4-H Clubs, Given Permission To Use 4H Name and Emblem". This is just a reminder that per MCE policy, county/city summary reports are due to John English at the Maryland 4-H Center by March 15, 2007. Both forms are available on our Web site under "Resources beneath the Forms heading" then under "Financial Form by County". Please remember that we only need the summary forms not the individual club or group reports. Please call or email John English if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

12th Annual Maryland 4-H Foundation Sporting Clays Fundraiser

The Sporting Clays Fundraiser is set for April 14th at Pintail Point (very near the Wye Research Center). Please help us get the word out! Help us sell some program ads and encourage our 4-H youth, parents and friends to support this great event.

For more details, download the Brochure and PreRegistration Form, Sporting Clays Flier and the Sporting Clays Sponsorship Agreement. Thank You!

4-H Families Count: Family Strengthening Awards

This is one of the best and most prestigious scholarly opportunities offered by National 4-H Council and CSREES-USDA each year. This is also an opportunity for 4-H and FCS to collaborate. I urge you to check this out. Most of you have developed, implemented and evaluated programs that could be competitive for this award. I'm very hopeful that MCE will have at least one application. Remember.....before you can apply, the program must be approved as a program of distinction from National 4-H Headquarters. There's time and it's now time to move ahead with this process.

This message is to let you know that we are offering the 4-H Families Count: Family Strengthening Awards again in 2007. We are so pleased to be able to give these awards funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. We will select 5 \$15,000 awards that will be presented at the NAE4-HA conference in Atlanta, GA, the week of October 21, 2007. Remember, these are awards for outstanding programs that significantly involve families especially disadvantaged families. They also should focus at least in part on a rural audience. We have redefined rural for this awards program this year to include communities of 50,000 or less. We ask the winners to share their programs with at least five other groups across the country as a result of being selected for this honor.

This is the third year that we will be presenting these awards. The winners the past years have been from New Jersey (2), Oregon, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Iowa, Nevada, Utah and Colorado. So feel free to visit with your peers from those states for ideas and advice. I also would encourage you to visit with your program leaders in family and consumer sciences and your leaders for the EFNEP program in your state. Often there are very success efforts between those groups and the 4-H program.

The final applications for the awards are due at National 4-H Council on June 1, 2007. Selections are made by July 1. Each winning program will be notified and given an additional \$1,200 to participate in the NAE4-HA conference. Prior to the sending the final application to Council, each program must have received the programs of distinction certification from National 4-H Headquarters. Dr. Suzanne LeMenestrel has provided positive leadership for this effort and is in fact hosting a Breeze session on March 5 at 1:00 p.m. ET to give more specifics on this program.

The website for the application is www.fourhcouncil.edu/4HFamiliesProgram.aspx

Tractor Safety Classes for Youth

Maryland Cooperative Extension will sponsor a tractor safety class for all youth ages 14-16 wishing to work on a farm or to operate a tractor of 20 or more horsepower. Youth wishing to work in the lawn care industry will find this course to be most beneficial. Exempt from this class is any minor employed on a farm owned by their parents or guardians.

Contact: Jeff Semler
301-791-1304

Apr 2, 2007

Emergency Preparedness Training for Child Care Pr

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Location: Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Susan Walker
301-405-8339

Apr 3, 2007

2007 Sheep and Goat Short Course - Part 4

Wool Sheep 101 will cover breeds and breeding, Wool 101, feeding and managing for wool production, and harvesting and marketing. \$5 registration fee.
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Washington County Extension Office, 7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713
Contact: Jeff Semler
301-791-1304

Apr 4, 2007

Maryland 4-H Center Faculty/Staff Meeting

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Location: Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Anne Tompkins
301-314-7831

Apr 4, 2007

Maryland 4-H Wildlife and Forestry Contest

Time: 10 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Location: Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Anne Tompkins
301-314-7831

Apr 6, 2007

Dairy Bowl: Email Exams to County Educators

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Contact: Kiera Finucane
301-405-1392

Apr 11, 2007

Annual Conference

Contact: Anne Tompkins
301-314-9070

Apr 12, 2007

Emergency Preparedness training-Child Care Prov

Contact: Susan Walker
301-405-8339

Apr 14, 2007

M 4-H Foundation Sporting Clays Fundraiser Shoot

Location: Pintail Point Near Grasonville, Queen Anne's
Contact: Conrad Arnold
410-228-8800

Apr 14, 2007

Maryland 4-H Wildlife and Forestry Contest

Location: Patuxent River 4-H Center
Contact: Denise Frebertshauer
301-314-7819

Apr 16, 2007 - Apr 19, 2007

2007 National Extension Conference on Volunteerism

Join us for the 2007 National Extension Volunteer Conference as we prepare ourselves and our Extension organization for heightened and diverse volunteer involvement and a bigger and brighter community.
Location: Rock Springs 4-H Center, Junction City, Kansas
Contact: Chuck Graves
202-720-3566

Apr 17, 2007

Dairy Bowl Written Exams Due

Contact: Kendra Wells
301-405-1392

Apr 20, 2007

Dairy Bowl Team Registration Due to Mary Ann Kivett

Registrations due to Mary Ann Kivett, mkivett@umd.edu, 301-314-7824 Dairy Bowl Rules and Regulations <http://www.maryland4h.org/Upcoming%20Events%20&%20Deadlines/Dairy%20Bowl%20Rules2007.pdf>
Contact: Kiera Finucane
301-405-1392

Apr 21, 2007

Horse Judging Clinic

Maryland 4-H State Horse Judging Clinic
Location: Westminster
Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-596-9478

Apr 28, 2007

University of Maryland Day/Ag Day!

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Location: Animal Sciences/Ag Engineering Building (UMCP Campus)
Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7317

The course lists the requirements for the farmer - employer to have a copy of the certification form for their files as well as provides a certification copy for youth. The Hazardous Occupations Order in Agriculture states that all youth working in the agriculture industry must receive training to be certified to use a tractor and equipment on the farm.

Participants are required to complete the entire course and participate in the class instruction on the following dates: Sunday, April 15 (1-6 p.m.); Wednesday, April 25 (6-9 p.m.); Sunday, April 29 (1-6 p.m.); Thursday, May 3 (6-9 p.m.); Monday, May 14 (6-9 p.m.); Saturday, May 19 (9-2 p.m.).

Each class will take place at a location within Talbot or Queen Anne's County. A pre-registration fee of \$20 per participant is required by April 6. Checks are to be made to Caroline County EAC, and sent to Sharon Pahlman, Caroline County Cooperative Extension, 207 S. Third St., Denton, MD 21629. An additional \$10 fee will be charged after April 6. This fee covers the cost of certification and materials fee. Youth must attend all sessions to receive certification. A minimum of ten youth must be registered to hold this class.

Please contact Sharon Pahlman, 410 479-4030 if you have any questions. This training is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access program.

2007 Human Sciences News

The Human Sciences Curriculum Committee is happy to announce the healthy living theme for 2007: "Every Day, the Healthy Way". We look forward to seeing youth throughout the state develop this theme as a lifestyle choice.

Let me introduce you to our Committee members:

- Okarsamaa Brooks-White, Family & Consumer Sciences Educator in Prince George's & Charles Counties.
- Shannon Dill, AGNR & County Extension Director.
- Kathy Gordon, 4-H Youth Development Agent in Carroll County.
- Megan O'neil-Haight, 4-H Youth Development, Family, Youth, & Communities Finance Educator on the Lower Shore.
- Alganesh Piechocinski, 4-H Youth Development in Montgomery County.
- Cassandra S. Corridon, Human Sciences Program Coordinator.
- There's a spot for YOU.

We look forward to working with each of you with Human Sciences activities and interests. We thank you for those who attended our January InService Training AND we encourage your input. We have lots of programs throughout the year, and want them reflective of your needs for the youth of Maryland.

Upcoming Events:

State Communications Contest: Will be held again this year on the opening day of Teen Focus - Tuesday, June 19th from 1-3:30 at the UMCP Animal Sciences Building.

Submit your county winners on the forms available on the webpage.

- If interested in serving on the committee,
- if you know of possible judges,
- if you're planning on being there with your county group please contact corridon@umd.edu.

We could use your help.

State 4-H Fashion Revue: Committee members needed!

- If you are interested,
- If you have suggestions
- If you have youth or adults from your county interested contact corridon@umd.edu.

LifeSmarts: Maryland will be represented by Sandi Roberts. We will be attending the National Contest in Buena Vista, Florida in April. Be a county LifeSmarts promoter next year. Your 4-H youth and your high school Lifeskills classes would benefit from the experience! You will look golden!

Our next Human Sciences Committee Meeting will be Thursday, March 8th from 10 - 2. JOIN US!!

Congratulations to SHARON PAHLMAN a 2007 Kraft Healthy Living Grant Award Winner!

The National 4-H Council and Kraft Foods, Inc., have announced the award recipients for the 2007 4-H Healthy Living grant! Congratulations are extended to:

- Maryland, Sharon Pahlman
- Florida, Wendi Zimmerman
- Iowa, Kim Brantner
- Illinois, John Davis
- Kansas, Diane Nielson
- Maine, Ellen Libby
- Minnesota, Carolyn Dingfelder
- New Jersey, Virginia Krzyzanowski
- Tennessee, Justin Crowe
- Texas, Charlene Belew
- Washington, Jan Klein

Grants Currently Available from National 4-H Council

2007 Monsanto Volunteer Initiative Grants - Due March 30, 2007 Grant Acceptance Agreement
2007 Salute to Excellence Awards - Due April 6, 2007
2007 ATV Safety - Due April 10, 2007
2007 Annie E. Casey Family Strengthening Awards - Postmarked by June 1, 2007

REMINDER: Check out the GRANTS link on the Maryland 4-H website. We plan to update the list at least every two weeks.

Go to: <http://www.maryland4h.org/> and then go to the GRANTS link on the left hand column. Or go directly to: <http://www.maryland4h.org/Grants/index.cfm>

Please submit new grant information to be added to the web site directly to Anne Tompkins at: tompkins@umd.edu

Fundraising and Money Handling in 4-H

Anyone who has served for long as a 4-H educator probably has a fundraising horror story to tell, maybe several. With the recent release of the Raffle, Lotteries and Gaming Fact Sheet this may be a "teachable moment" for you to remind your volunteers to request approval before committing to a funding raising activity. Please suggest another fundraiser to clubs considering a raffle as in Maryland 4-H raffles are considered inappropriate. When raffles are not prohibited by a local governmental agency, a permit from the Sheriff's Office or other agency is usually required.

Refer to Maryland 4-H Club Financial Guidelines (4-H 507) for more information. This guide is available as a PDF file at: www.maryland4h.org/files/Financial%20Guidelines.pdf and also on the CD-ROM that accompanies the online volunteer training. See the lesson on Money Handling and Fund Raising in Unit 1 – Quick Start of the online volunteer training available at: www.maryland4h.org/Volunteers/4-HVolTrainingUnit1/Fund%20Raising.cfm

Here's the section on Fundraising from the Financial Guidelines (please note the last sentence in the first and third paragraphs):

8. Fund-raising 4-H members do not pay state or national membership dues. Local and county clubs/groups may raise money for their goals through fund-raising or dues or both. Fund-raising must be done for the good of the total group and be consistent with the county/state fund-raising policies. The 4-H Youth Development educator and/or County Extension Director (CED) must approve all club/group and county fund-raising activities before the event occurs. (Emphasis added)

All monies raised using the 4-H name must be used only for 4-H activities. Because these funds are publicly accountable, they may not be given to individual club members or others, but must be used to pay for educational programs, activities, workshops, or supplies. Fund-raising should not be the main focus of group activities nor exclude any individual from participating. Clubs are expected to support the financial needs of the total group and, when possible, assist with participant costs in county, state, national, and international programs.


Recommended fund-raisers for youth groups include car washes; bake, cookie, citrus fruit, plant, candy, and yard sales; pancake suppers; spaghetti dinners; auctions; and flea markets. **Raffle-type fund-raisers are not appropriate.**

Note: In many places, bake sales are no longer permitted and fundraising dinners are closely regulated. Check with your local Health Department for details.

Awards and Recognition (Unit 4) Volunteer Training Online

The new Awards and Recognition (Unit 4) online volunteer training unit is now online. Please make your volunteers aware of it as lots of ideas are presented for recognizing 4-Hers from the club level to the national level. One lesson lists all of the out-of-state trips and provides descriptions of the "major" trips. There is also a lesson on portfolios and resumes and another on Maryland's Diamond Clover Award. You'll find the new unit at: www.maryland4h.org/Volunteers. Thanks to Kendra Wells, April Hall, Beth Hill and Lisa Dennis for contributing and/or reviewing this unit.

National Volunteer Week April 15-21

 National Volunteer Week is always the third week of April except when it coincides with Easter, and Volunteer Week moves to the fourth week as is the case in 2008 when the dates are April 27-May 3. The theme this year is "Inspire by Example". This is a great theme as we know our 4-H volunteers do just that. Please consider doing something special to thank our volunteers who make a positive 4-H experience possible for thousands of Maryland young people.

I shared the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner idea with you in the last Updates. If that's too elaborate here are some ideas for some simple gifts found at Energize, a wonderful site dedicated to all things volunteer. For more volunteer recognition ideas go to: <http://www.energizeinc.com/ideas/gift>

These ideas were used to celebrate volunteers in the Army's Families Readiness Group:

- Candle - Present a candle with a card saying "You light the way" or "No one can hold a candle to you"
- Light bulbs - "You light the way -- thanks for your glowing enthusiasm."
- Permanent marker - "You've made a lasting and permanent contribution to your group."
- Lucky Charm cereal - "We're so LUCKY to have you!"
- 100 Grand candy bars - "Volunteers are priceless."
- Payday candy bar - "Volunteers don't receive a salary because they're worthless... it's because they're priceless!"
- Gold chocolate coins - "Volunteers are worth their weight in gold."
- Andes mints/ peppermint patties - "Your service is worth a mint to us!"
- Ruler/Tape measure - "It's easy to measure the difference you've made in our group -- you're amazing!"
- Clock - "Thanks for the time you've given to our group!"
- Group's logo Hat - "Our hats are off to you! Thanks for all you do!"
- Shirt - "We know you'd give the shirt off your back... so here's an extra one for the next time you give your all."
- Toaster - "A Toast to a super volunteer! Whenever you use this toaster, remember to toast yourself, too!"
- Plant - "We grow luckier every day you're with us."

For more information on National Volunteer Week go to: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/>

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. — Aesop

What's New from the Youth Programs Resource Center at The Finance Project



We are pleased to announce the development of a new on-line, searchable youth clearinghouse, a joint project of The Finance Project and the Forum for Youth Investment, which contains information and resources that both organizations have developed as well as resources from other youth-focused organizations.

The Finance Project has recently finished several new publications focused on financing and sustaining programs serving youth that are featured in the clearinghouse. These publications build upon our previous work in this area and include information on finding funding, suggestions for applying financing strategies and strategies for partnership building. Please visit The Finance Project's website at <http://www.financeproject.org/irc/yp.asp> to access the series and to learn more about the project.

Below is a brief description and link to our new resources:

• **A Guide to Successful Public-Private Partnerships for Youth Programs**

This guide provides practical information on creating and maintaining public-private partnerships to improve and expand youth programs and initiatives in communities and states. The full report is now available online at: http://financeproject.org/publications/PublicPrivate_PM.pdf.

• **Creating Dedicated Local and State Revenue Sources for Youth Programs**

This brief outlines strategies to create dedicated local and state revenue sources for youth programs, provides guidance and information on the capacity, funding, and community support required for these strategies, and profiles these strategies at work in different states and communities. This publication is available at: http://financeproject.org/publications/DLR_PM.pdf.

• **Finding Funding: A Guide to Federal Sources for Youth Programs**

This guide provides policy makers, program developers and others with critical information about federal funding sources to support and sustain youth programs and initiatives. The publication is available at: http://financeproject.org/publications/findingfunding_PM.pdf.

• **Thinking Broadly: Financing Strategies for Youth Programs**

This guide is intended to assist policymakers, community leaders and program developers by outlining an array of approaches to finance youth programs and initiatives. It presents general principles to guide the selection of financing strategies and considerations to help state and local leaders develop financing plans that closely align with their program goals, available resources and the political and economic environments in which they work. This publication is available at: http://financeproject.org/publications/Thinkingbroadly_PM.pdf.

• **Profiles of Promising Practices**

These profiles highlight examples from around the country where youth programs and initiatives are using an array of financing strategies to expand and sustain their work. They are available at: <http://financeproject.org/irc/yp/profiles.asp>.

NEW! The Finance Project now accepts on-line payments for our publications. To order, please go to <http://www.financeproject.org/pubs/index.asp>.

2007 Youth Wildlife Art Contest

The NRA is now accepting entries for its 2007 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. The contest, the 20th in the annual series, is open to students in grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children). NRA membership is not required. The deadline to enter is October 8, 2007.

Winners in each grade category will receive \$500. Second-place finishers will receive \$250, and the third-place award will be \$100.

Entries may be submitted in one of four categories, based on school grade. Category I includes grades 1 through 3. Category II is for grades 4 through 6. Category III covers grades 7 through 9, and Category IV includes grades 10 through 12. Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects. Call (703) 267-1531 or email artcontest@nrahq.org if you need to confirm whether a certain animal or bird is eligible.

Contestants are limited to one entry each. Entries may be in a medium of the artist's choice (oil, water color, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc.). Submissions should be on good quality bond or drawing paper, or illustration board. Preferred sizes for the image are 8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 14"; matting is optional. Entries need not be framed. Composition must be original. Photographs may be used for reference, but artwork determined to have been traced or copied from an existing photograph or work of art will be disqualified.

Entries must arrive at NRA by October 8, 2007, and must be accompanied by a brief statement signed by the student's parent, guardian, or teacher attesting to the originality of the work and verifying the artist's grade level as of October 8, 2007. In addition, the artist's name, age, home address, phone number, and grade must be printed on the back of the entry or on a note attached to the back of the entry. Entries will be judged on effort, creativity, anatomical accuracy, and composition.

Send entries to: NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Entries will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. NRA assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork, and reserves all rights to reproduce entries. The immediate families of NRA staff members are not eligible to enter. Questions regarding the contest may be directed to (703) 267-1531 or artcontest@nrahq.org, or visit www.nrahq.org/youth/wildlife.asp.

The contest is supported through a generous gift from Jim Broering, President of AcuSport Corporation, for the creation of the James and Kathleen Broering Endowment.

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