

MARYLAND 4-H MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

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- Apr 4, 2008 - Apr 4, 2008
4-H Camping Staff Training
 Location: Patuxent River 4-H Center
 Contact: Denise Frebertshouser 301-314-7819
- Apr 5, 2008
MD 4-H Foundation Sporting Clays Fundraiser
 Contact: Conrad Arnold 410-228-8800
- Apr 12, 2008
State Dog Bowl Contest
 Location: Bayview Elementary School, North East, MD
 Contact: Cynthia Warner 410-638-3255
- Apr 19, 2008
4-H Hippology Clinic

4-H Seeking Youth Members Working on Science, Engineering & Technology Projects

Are you a 4-H'er working on projects in environmental science, robotics, rocketry, GIS/GPS systems, animal science and more? National 4-H Council is looking for 4-H members to feature in an upcoming promotion. Take a moment to fill out a short 10-minute survey!

Below is a 10-minute survey link to pass along throughout your states to help us find their great stories. We ask that survey responses are complete by Friday, April 11th.

4-H Member Science, Engineering and Technology Project Survey

This survey is sponsored by National 4-H Council.

Please pass this along to 4-H'ers working on science based projects.

Maryland 4-H Wildlife and Forestry Contest

The Maryland 4-H Wildlife and Forestry Contest will be held April 19, 2008 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center. The format will basically be the same as in past years, with the specific contests designed to select the senior team members to participate at the appropriate national events this summer. Download the registration form **HERE** for more details regarding participation.

Human Sciences Updates-Every Day the Healthy Way

March is National Nutrition Month

State Communications Contest: Maryland Day is fast approaching - Saturday, April 26th! Check out the website www.marylandday.umd.edu - they have all the speaking venues listed under ag day avenue. We have forms from Charles, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Washington Counties - THANKS, The forms are on the website, Click **HERE**. I'm sending a letter and a Campus Map to each 4-H'er and reserve champions, too! I'm asking the reserve champions to help and just in case the champion cannot attend they may end up speaking! Thanks to those of you who sent names for Judges - I can still use MORE. Any Questions or HELPERS contact corridon@umd.edu.

Consumer Judging: Is your county planning on participating in the 2008 Event at State Fair??? Please contact corridon@umd.edu with your plans for 2008. The Committee to revise our State Consumer Judging event will be meeting by conference call on April 3rd. We need to breathe new life in this consumer skill building event! 4-H Educators as well as 4-H Youth and 4-H Volunteers are welcome to join us!!!

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is bringing together a select group of young people from all across the country to serve

This clinic will have educational workshops and demonstrations for both 4-Hers and MCE volunteers and educators.
Location: Carroll County Ag Center (Westminster, MD)
Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-596-9478

Apr 19, 2008

4-H Wildlife/Forestry Invitational Contest

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

Apr 26, 2008

Maryland Day and Public Speaking Events

Maryland Day Contacts: Sheila Brown, 301 405-2078 or Emilie Clingerman, 301 405-5308;
Public Speaking: Cassandra Corridon, 301-432-2767 X-324;
OMK Exhibit Contact: Kim West, 301-314-9070
Location: UMCP
Contact: Emilie Clingerman
301-405-2078

Apr 29, 2008 - Apr 30, 2008

2008 4-H Program Planning Conference

TBA
Time: TBA
Location: National 4-H Conference Center
Contact: Denise Frebertshouser
301-314-7819

May 2, 2008 - May 4, 2008

4-H Camp Staff Training

Location: Tentatively at Western Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Denise Frebertshouser
301-314-7819

May 3, 2008

State 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest

Location: University of Maryland-College Park, Animal Sciences Building
Contact: Kiera Finucane
301-405-1392

May 3, 2008

State Dairy Bowl Contest

Contact: Kiera Finucane
301-405-1392

May 3, 2008

4-H Day at the Races

Location: Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, MD
Contact: Alissa Norman
410-252-2100

May 4, 2008 - May 4, 2008

Sheep & Wool Skillathon

There will be a Youth Sheep & Wool Skillathon at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival on Sunday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Any youth between the ages of 8 and 18 is eligible to compete as an individual and member of a 3 or 4 person team. There will be

Time: 8 a.m. to 12 noon
Location: Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD
Contact: Susan Schoenian
(301) 432-2767 x343

May 6, 2008 - May 9, 2008

National CYFAR Conference

Location: San Antonio, Texas
Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7919

May 20, 2008

New 4-H Employee Centra Meet Up Session

Time: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: Centra
Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7317

May 28, 2008

Food Safety Inservice Training

One day update on food safety, including home food preservation
Time: 9:00-3:30
Location: To be announced
Contact: Mark Kantor

on the inaugural Youth Advisory Board. They're looking for tweens and teens with unique experiences and opinions to shape the programs of the Kids' Movement and generate fresh ideas on how to make healthy living the norm, not the exception. Check out their website and see if you might have 4-Hers interested in this opportunity to "Help Inspire a New Generation of Healthy Kids! Click **HERE**.

WANTED: A Video of a 4-H Egg Preparation Demonstration. Do you have a 4-Her who would like to be on a video we could use for State Training?? The Human Sciences Committee would like make such a video tape. Please contact corridon@umd.edu if you have a 4-Her in mind.

Fashion Revue: Our 2008 State Fashion Revue has the potential to be one of the GREATEST!! Please help us recruit members for the Fashion Revue Committee. We can meet by conference call to make it possible for your youth and volunteers to participate. If you have an interest please contact corridon@umd.edu.

Maryland Day

All Maryland 4-H Families, Clubs, and County/City Units are invited to participate in the Annual University of Maryland Open House, Maryland Day, Saturday April 26, 2008 from 10am-4pm. Clubs and organizations are invited and encouraged to bring an activity and/or display to promote the 4-H Youth Development program. The Maryland 4-H program has a special green area 4-H Way in the Animal Sciences Court Yard to set up activities and displays. This year we are focusing on the Science, Engineering, and Technology Programs and would love to have every county/city represented. If you can't commit to a whole day, how about signing up to work a display and activity for a few hours. It is not to late to sign up.

Please contact Amanda Brown 301-314-7832 or akbrown@umd.edu to ask questions or sign up to participate. In the coming weeks all Maryland 4-H Families will be receiving a mailed Maryland Day booklet. Please make plans to join us!

Teen Focus 2008

The Maryland tradition of a statewide conference for teens continues in 2008! The State Teen Focus, a 4-H Learning and Leadership Conference, will be held on the UMCP campus, Tuesday, June 24 through Thursday, June 26. The cost for the three-day program is \$175.00. The Teen Focus program has been planned with teens, for teens. This year's theme is "Go Wild With 4-H"!

All conference information and registration materials are now on the Maryland 4-H web site. You can download the conference information packet, registration forms, workshop and seminar descriptions, and promotional flyer - <http://www.maryland4h.org/>. The conference registration form is downloadable and can be completed on the computer or by hand. The form needs to be printed for submission.

An active and enthusiastic planning committee has been meeting and includes input from teen, adult, and 4-H faculty representatives from the college of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Maryland 4-H Foundation, State 4-H Teen Council, State 4-H Volunteer Association, and members of the State 4-H Youth Leadership Development Team. YOU can support this year's conference by:

- Promoting the event to teens, ages 14 -18, volunteers, and parents and to community partners who work with youth. Teens and adults do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend the conference. Take advantage of spring 4-H events, teen and adult volunteer association and council meetings, and meetings of other youth organizations as opportunities to hand out the conference materials.
- Offering county/city scholarships to help defray the registration cost for participation.
- Saving YES when asked to be a part of the 2008 Maryland

301-405-1018

May 28, 2008

EFNEP Youth Inservice

Time: 9:00 - 3:30

Location: Avrum Gudelsky
Veterinary Center

Contact: Terri Kieckhefer
(301)405-1007

May 29, 2008 - May 30, 2008

**Up for the Challenge -
Comprehensive Training**

Multi-state training for Extension
Educators - 4-H Youth and FCS,
Teachers, AfterSchool Care,
EFNEP and others interested in
working with youth to influence
healthy decisions and an active
lifestyle.

Time: 5/29 9-5, 5/30 8:30-2

Location: Hampton Inn, Frederick,
Maryland

Contact: Cassandra Corridon
301-432-2767

May 31, 2008

**4-H Horse Judging/Hypology
Contest**

Location: Montgomery County
Fairgrounds (Gaithersburg, MD)

Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-596-9478

• Saying YES when asked to be a part of the 2008 Maryland
4-H Teen Focus program.

If you have any questions, please contact Kendra Wells at the
Maryland 4-H Center, 301-314-7317 or klwells@umd.edu.

Maryland 4-H Awards and Recognition Gala!

SAVE THE DATE! : Saturday October 11, 2008

Calling all 4-H members, volunteers, families, staff,
and friends please save Saturday October 11, 2008
for the Maryland 4-H Awards and Recognition Gala! In
an attempt to promote and celebrate the
accomplishments of Maryland 4-H Youth and
Volunteers in a special and exciting way, the Maryland
4-H Foundation and Maryland 4-H Center Faculty
have decided to combine the June Awards and
Recognition program and the Maryland State Fair
Donor and Volunteer Awards Breakfast into one event
culminating National 4-H Week 2008. Detailed
information will be coming starting in May 2008.
Awards to be given out are: Diamond Clover Levels 5
& 6, Volunteer Awards, Founders Awards, Scholarship
Recipients, National Trip recognition and a celebration
of all the generous Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc.
donors for their continued support of the Maryland 4-H
Youth Development program. If you have questions
please contact Amanda Brown, 301-314-7832 or
akbrown@umd.edu .

National Junior Master Gardener Conference

The Maryland 4-H Program was very excited to have
Beth Bubacz represent our State at the National Junior
Master Gardner Workshop held March 25-27, 2008 at
the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase.

Beth had a wonderful time and represented our state well and, as
our state representative, is ready to share the new concepts and
strategies she learned at the conference. Look for her exhibit at
MCE Annual Conference. Beth, along with the Environmental
Science Committee, will begin a discussion on the most appropriate
means of incorporating this curriculum within our existing Maryland
4-H Horticulture Program. Interested in working with this
program? Contact Beth and/or Denise Frebertshauser.

New Maryland 4-H Health Form and Disability Awareness Form

The New Maryland 4-H Health Form and Disability Awareness
Forms are still at the type setters. They should be available by
April 1st. Once we receive them from the printers, we will send
out electronic versions to the 4-H Team, as well as put the
document on the web. If you need to have the health form prior
to April 1st, please contact Denise Frebertshauser
dfrebert@umd.edu to discuss options.

Maryland Agricultural Fair Board Funds Update

I am very pleased to announce the new program for
county dollars from the Maryland Agricultural Fair
Board, Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, Maryland 4-H All
Stars, Maryland Farm Bureau, and Maryland 4-H
Foundation, Inc.

Each of the 24 county/city units are receiving a check for \$342. This is different from previous years where the amount was based on 4-H youth and volunteer enrollment. It is our goal that the additional funding to most county/city units will further boost their 4-H programming efforts in their communities. Special thanks to Maryland 4-H All Stars and Maryland Agricultural Fair Board for these funds.

In addition, each county/city unit is eligible to apply for a mini-grant for additional county program funding. Applications can be downloaded from www.maryland4h.org. These applications will be due May 15, 2008. A special thanks to Mid Atlantic Farm Credit and the Maryland Farm Bureau for providing additional dollars for this program. If you have questions please contact Amanda Brown, 301-314-7832 or akbrown@umd.edu

New Directions in Youth Development Journal

Check out the release of the latest issue of the New Directions for Youth Development Journal, "Afterschool Around the Globe" edited by Jen Hilmer Capece, Andrew Schneider-Muñoz, and Bonnie Politz. The issue was co-sponsored by the National Afterschool Association and the Academy for Educational Development. It examines afterschool and its current status across the globe. The contributors focus on meaningful youth participation in a wide variety of venues and settings, from workforce preparation for twenty-year-olds in South Africa to safe spaces and healthy activities for eight-year-olds in New Zealand. Building global citizens, giving youth an economic edge, and combining self-interest and learning are some of the underlying outcomes described throughout this volume. The previous issue of the journal, "Sports Based Youth Development", edited by Dan Perkins and Suzanne LeMenestrel, was mentioned in the New York Times - to take a look at what they had to say, click **HERE**. In order to be up to speed, purchase the issues or browse archives at www.pearweb.org/ndyd.

Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium

The First Annual Land Grant Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium, Land Grant YES, will be held June 4-6, 2008, at Penn State University. Hosted by The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, Land Grant YES will bring educators and program leaders from eastern U.S. states (and beyond) together for a face-to-face symposium focused on youth entrepreneurship best practices, research findings, and future program development. One of the goals for the meeting is to identify high quality youth entrepreneurship curricula/educational resources that can be systematically organized and incorporated into the eXtension Entrepreneurs and Their Communities web site. Trace Gale (West Virginia University Extension) and Debra Kantor (University of Maine Cooperative Extension) are the co-chairs of the symposium planning committee. Abstracts for posters and presentations are due by April 22, 2008; participants will be notified by May 1, 2008 if their abstract has been accepted.

The symposium brochure (description, format, call for papers) is attached. Additional information regarding the symposium will be posted on the **web site** as it becomes available.

A limited amount of travel support will be available, up to \$500, with priority given to those who would otherwise be unable to attend the symposium and whose paper or curriculum are accepted for presentation.

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After School

***Grant:** Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale – To ensure that low-income children receive nutritious food during critical out-of-school times; in particular, for efforts to increase participation among low-income children in summer and after-school meal programs.

Funder: Share Our Strength.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, schools with a valid National Center for Education Statistics code or local governments that work to ensure children have access to after-school and summer meal programs.

Deadline: May 30.

Amount: \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Contact: Click **HERE**

***Grant:** Teen creative writing – To engage writers' and artists' colonies that have experience with or an interest in working with young people to develop a summer creative writing retreat program for teens. Proposed projects must allow for at least 20 teens to be served per year, and all participants must be in residence for no less than two weeks.

Funder: The Surdna Foundation.

Eligibility: Institutions that fit the above description.

Deadline: Not specified.

Amount: Not specified.

Contact: Click **HERE**

Grant: Target grants – For programs that make arts and cultural experiences accessible to children and families; foster a love of reading and encourage young children to read with their families; and strengthen families and communities and keep them safe. Also for family counseling and parenting classes that prevent family violence.

Funder: Target Corp.

Eligibility: Charitable organizations, schools, libraries, or public agencies.

Deadline: May 31.

Amount: \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Contact: Click **HERE**

Grant: Playwright Discovery – For works that examine how disability affects the lives of young people and the lives of others, and to encourage the expression of views through playwriting.

Funder: VSA arts.

Eligibility: Middle- and high school students.

Deadline: April 11.

Amount: The winning playwright receives \$2,000 and a trip to Washington.

Contact: www.vsarts.org/x244.xml

Civic Engagement

***Grant:** Learn and Serve America STEM – To implement and support school-based service-learning programs that address outcomes in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

Funder: U.S. Corporation for National and Community Service.

Eligibility: Grantmaking Entities, which are public or private nonprofits that can make subgrants in two or more states. Subgrants will go to local schools that partner with one other organization.

Deadline: April 30.

Amount: \$500,000 to \$800,000 over three years.

Contact: Click [**HERE**](#)

***Grant:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service – For planning and carrying out projects that bring Americans together to serve in their communities in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Funder: U.S. Corporation for National and Community Service.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits.

Deadline: April 15.

Amount: \$500,000 for grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$300,000 each.

Contact: Click [**HERE**](#)

Health

***Grant:** Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification Program – For national efforts to deliver training to youth actively working – with or without compensation – in agricultural production, regardless of whether the production is or is not family-owned.

Funder: U.S. Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

Eligibility: Extension directors and administrators of 1862 Land-Grant Institutions and 1890 Land-Grant Institutions.

Deadline: May 1.

Amount: \$444,000.

Contact: Click [**HERE**](#)

Grant: ESA Foundation – For positive programs and opportunities that improve the quality of life, health and welfare of youth, including skills and personal development; general health and welfare; risk behavior prevention; education; and multimedia arts/technology related or applied skills.

Funder: Entertainment Software Association Foundation.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Deadline: April 15.

Amount: Unspecified.

Contact: Click [**HERE**](#)

Well-Being

Grant: Ronald McDonald House Charities – For services that improve the well being of children worldwide.

Funder: Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Deadline: April 28.

Amount: Varies.

Contact: www.rmhc.org/grants

Youth Development

Grant: ESA Foundation – For positive programs and opportunities that improve the quality of life, health and welfare of youth, including skills and personal development; general health and welfare; risk behavior prevention; education; and multimedia arts/technology related or applied skills.

Funder: Entertainment Software Association Foundation.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Deadline: April 15.

Amount: Unspecified.

Contact: Click ***HERE***

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