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Upcoming Events

Feb 16, 2010 - Feb 19, 2010
National ACA Conference
Location: Denver, CO
Contact: Denise Frebertshauser
301-314-7819

Feb 20, 2010
Queen Anne's Co. Out of State Trip Interviews
Out of State trip interviews
Location: Queen Anne's County Extension Office
Contact: Cassandra Corridon
301-314-7363

Feb 20, 2010
Animal Sciences Leaders Forum
Deadline for the 4-H Animal Science Leaders Forum registration has been extended until Friday, February 12.
Location: Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, MD
Contact: Charles County Extension
301-934-5403

Feb 22, 2010
4-H Livestock Skilathon Registration Due Date
Registration forms were previously sent to the 4-H Team
Location: HagerstownHotel and

Our homepage has a new link, Cancellations! The cancellation page is updated as we receive news regarding rescheduled 4-H events during this period of inclement weather. I hope you find this helpful. Thank You, Anne

2010 Maryland 4-H Camping

Are you planning on conducting a 4-H day or residential camping program this summer? If yes, please take a few minutes to complete the Maryland 4-H Camping Information Form and submit to the State 4-H Office. [Camp Information Sheet](#)

Camp Program Budgets, reviewed and approved by CED/RED are due to the State 4-H Office February 15. [Camp Budget Document](#)

4-H Livestock Skillathon – Registration Due Feb.22

The 2010 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest will be held Saturday, March 6, 2010 in conjunction with the Maryland Cattle Industry Convention & Hay and Pasture Conference sponsored by the Maryland Cattleman's Association. The contest will be held at the Hagerstown Hotel and Convention Center at 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD.

The rules for the contest and the registration form were sent to the team via email. Registration forms must be completed by county/city offices and returned to the Maryland 4-H Center by Monday, February 22, 2010. The contest fee is \$5.00 per contestant. Contestants are offered the chance to participate in the Convention's Events for Saturday, including the educational exhibits, sessions and the Cattlemen's Luncheon at an additional reduced fee of \$7.00. An added opportunity this year is the chance to hear Trent Loos speak during the Cattlemen's Luncheon on the date of the contest.

Contestants' family members are invited to register to participate in the educational sessions, trade show, and meals of the Cattle Industry Convention and the Hay and Pasture Conference. Registration information for the Convention and Conference is available on their website at www.marylandcattle.org.

Please contact Chris Anderson or our co-chairs for the contest, Bonnie Boyden and Karen Holloway, if you have questions. Thank you for your help in sharing this information with all who may be interested!

Maryland 4-H Camp Staff Training

Convention Center, 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD
Contact: Chris Anderson
301-314-7187

Feb 23, 2010
Maryland 4-H Center Out of State Trip Interviews
Out of State Trip Interviews
Location: Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Cassandra Corridon
301-314-7363

Feb 26, 2010 - Feb 28, 2010
State Camp Staff Training
This training was planned focusing on Maryland's 2010 4-H Camping priorities, as well as using the comments from camp directors during the Maryland 4-H Camp In-Service in January. The intended audience for this weekend event, is youth ages 14 and older and adults working with either resident or day camp settings. You will find there are sessions for the "new" camp staff members as well as those more "advanced".
Location: Patuxent River 4-H Camp, Upper Marlboro, MD
Contact: Denise Frebertshauser
301-314-7819

Feb 28, 2010
OutofState Trip Interv Carroll Co Inclem Wthr Date
Inclement weather date for Carroll County Out of State interviews
Location: Carroll County
Contact: Cassandra Corridon
301-314-7363

Mar 6, 2010
Livestock Skillathon
2010 in conjunction with the Maryland Cattle Industry Convention & Hay and Pasture Conference sponsored by the Maryland Cattleman's Association. The contest will be held at the Hagerstown Hotel and Convention Center at 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD.
Location: Hagerstown Hotel & Conv. Ctr-1910 Dual Hwy, Hagerstown, MD
Contact: Chris Anderson
301-314-7187

Mar 9, 2010
Out of State Trip Interviews Teleconference
Contact: April Hall Barczewski
410-996-5280

Mar 11, 2010
Out of State Trip Interviews Teleconference
Contact: April Hall Barczewski
410-996-5280

Mar 13, 2010
4-H Horse Bowl Contest
Location: University of Maryland Plant Sciences Building
Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-596-9478

Mar 16, 2010 - Mar 19, 2010
ACA Tri-State Conference
Location: Atlantic City
Contact: Denise Frebertshauser
301-314-7819

Mar 16, 2010 - Mar 20, 2010
National 4-H Camping Institute
Location: Oregon
Contact: Denise Frebertshauser
301-314-7819

A Camp Staff Training will be held February 26-28 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center. This training was planned focusing on Maryland's 2010 4-H Camping priorities, as well as using the comments from camp directors during the Maryland 4-H Camp In-Service in January.

The intended audience for this weekend event, is youth ages 14 and older and adults working with either resident or day camp settings. You will find there are sessions for the "new" camp staff members as well as those more "advanced".

Please let us know if you will be having any medical officers attending the weekend, we will cover their registration costs for the weekend if they will serve as a health officer for the weekend.

Another Camp Staff Training Weekend will be held May 28-30 at the Rocks 4-H Campgrounds.

Registration information regarding that program will be available by March 1st.

[Camp Staff Training Registration Form](#)

[Camp Staff Training Tentative Agenda](#)

[Human Sciences Update ~ "Every Day the Healthy Way"](#)

4-H Out-of-State Trip Interviews

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS to all the 4-Hers who have submitted their portfolios. We are delighted that we have seventeen counties represented!!! Special thanks to our 4-H Educators for encouraging and supporting their senior youth leaders.

The recent snowstorms have played havoc with our interview schedule for the Maryland Out-of-State Trips. Thankfully, we always plan for snow dates, and this year we will be utilizing all of those. They are listed below, as well as on our website: www.maryland4h.org.

While we certainly acknowledge that the best interviews are those done face to face, we have added a teleconference interview option for those who cannot participate in any other way. Contact adhall@umd.edu to register for an interview time slot.

4-H Out of State Trip Interviews:

Queen Anne County Snow Date:

Saturday, February 20th

Maryland 4-H Center Snow Date:

Tuesday, February 23rd

Carroll County Snow Date:

Sunday, February 28th

Teleconference Interviews:

Mar 19, 2010 - Mar 21, 2010
American Youth Horse Council Annual Symposium
Contact Info.: info@ayhc.com
Location: Lexington, KY
Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-596-9478

Mar 27, 2010
4-H Entrep./Workforce 2nd Mini Grant Training
Participate in hands-on entrepreneurship and workforce readiness activities. Learn how your county/city can apply for a mini-grant to implement EWR programs locally (camps, career days, livestock projects, workshops, clubs, new small business ventures)
Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7317

Mar 27, 2010 - Mar 28, 2010
Horsemanship Standards Examiner Test. Levels 4 & 5
Location: TBD
Contact: Kelly Richards
301-314-7821

Tuesday, March 9th & Thursday, March 11th

State Communications Contest

In just a little over two months we'll highlight the speaking abilities of our 4-H youth at the State Communications Contest held during Maryland Day, Saturday, April 24th.

Register your county/city champions for the state event. Rules, Score Sheets and Registration Forms are on the website www.maryland4h.org on the Human Science Page.

Maryland Day is always a fun, family day on campus. We'll have locations for Prepared, Extemporaneous, Interpretative Speeches and Radio Spots. We want ALL your champions to participate – Junior/Intermediate/Senior, and if you have any youth (perhaps the reserve champions) who would like to serve as room monitors or announcers, and any adults who would like to serve as judges, contact corridon@umd.edu. Speeches will be given from 10 a.m. until noon. We'll announce all speaking awards at 2:30 that afternoon.

Scholarships to Fight Hunger

The Sodexo Foundation (www.SodexoFoundation.org) provides \$5,000 scholarships to students in K - grad school who are fighting hunger in America. If you know of any students in the US who are doing great things to fight hunger, encourage them to apply between now and Feb. 26. Learn about last year's winners: [2009 STOP Hunger Scholars' bios](#)

In addition to the scholarships, the Sodexo Foundation will provide a matching \$5,000 grant to the students' designated charity. You can learn more and apply for this scholarship at www.SodexoFoundation.org

There are more than 49 million people at risk of hunger in America, so thank you for sharing this information with as many people as you can.

Agriculture in Maryland Poster Contest

Calling all Maryland students in grades K ~ 12th. Submit your poster, sharing what you know about Maryland agriculture! Your artistic entry may be selected to appear on the 2010-2011 Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation Calendar.

Deadline for entries is May 1, 2010! A \$50 cash award will be awarded to each of the selected entries.

Topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- Life on a Farm
- Crops Grown in Maryland
- Food from the Farm
- Machinery Used on a Farm
- Animals Raised on a Farm

For more information call 410-939-9030 or visit our website at www.maefonline.com

Sheep and Wool Skillathon – May 2

The 2010 Sheep & Wool Skillathon will be held on Sunday, May 2, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland.

The Sheep & Wool Skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Individuals and teams (of 3 or 4) from any county, state, or province may participate. Youth compete according to the 4-H age (age as of January 1 of the current year).

For more information or to register for the skillathon, contact Susan Schoenian at (301) 432-2767 x343 or sschoen@umd.edu. The registration deadline is April 26.

For more information about the Sheep & Wool Skillathon and access to learning resources, go to the skillathon web page at <http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html>

Call for Proposals – 4-H Team Retreat – May 11-12, 2010

The 2010 Maryland 4-H Team Retreat Planning Committee would like to invite you to share your successful programs, best practices or new ideas as part of our Concurrent Sessions and Program Highlights Reception at this year's 4-H Team Retreat, formerly called the 4-H Program Planning Conference.

The retreat will be held May 11-12, 2010 at the Rocky Gap Resort in Flintstone, Maryland. The theme of the retreat is "Building a Strong Foundation for Growth!"

The committee is pleased to announce two opportunities for you to share your work with colleagues at the retreat:

1. Concurrent Sessions - The committee is looking for sessions that are:
 1. about proven programs which you have found essential to provide a foundation for growth;
 2. about new programs that have led to growth in your county/city programs or
 3. professional development offerings in the areas of Time Management, Youth Development Research, Conflict Management, Evaluation, and Record Keeping Requirements / Policies for Faculty &

- Staff. The sessions will be 60 minutes in length and will be presented on Wednesday, May 12.
2. Program Displays - Each County/City is requested to create a display highlighting programs in two focus areas:
 1. proven programs which are essential to provide a foundation for growth or
 2. new programs that have led to growth in your county/city programs. A resource booklet featuring highlighted programs will be created and distributed at the retreat.

Proposal forms were recently sent via email and are due to Donielle Inskeep at dinskeep@umd.edu by March 15. We look forward to your participation in the 2010 Maryland 4-H Team Retreat and are hopeful that you will choose to share the successes of your programming with all who attend. Contact Committee Co-Chairs Chris Anderson or Lisa Dennis if you have questions.

GRANTS

Youth Literacy Grants

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Most counties in Maryland are eligible to apply. You need to have a Dollar General within 20 miles of your program site.

Apply for the 2010 Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grant.

Deadline to apply: May 21, 2010
Grant Announcement: August 20, 2010
Maximum Grant Amount: \$3,000

FMI:

<http://www.dgliteracy.com/grant-program/youth-grants.aspx>

Pepsi Refresh Everything Project

The Pepsi Refresh Everything Project is currently offering grants to individuals and organizations with innovative project ideas.

Grant details:

At the beginning of each month, Pepsi will review the first 1,000 applications they receive. The next application cycle will open on **March 1**. You can visit the Refresh Everything website now to begin reviewing the information and preparing your application.

Pepsi expects lots of applications each month, so get started

right away to make sure your application is submitted in time. Applications can only be completed and submitted online.

Grant awards vary in size depending on the project and your organization. Each month, up to \$1.3 million will be awarded as follows: two grants at the \$250,000 level; 10 grants at the \$50,000 level; 10 grants at the \$25,000 level; and 10 grants at the \$5,000 level.

FMI: <http://www.refresheverything.com>

Specific questions about the grant can be directed to Young America at 1-800-768-2784 or PepsiRefresh@young-america.com

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