

MARYLAND 4-H UPDATES

April 7, 2009

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MD 4-H Horsemanship Standards Test Prep Clinic

The MD 4-H Horsemanship Standards are designed to help 4-H members progressively develop knowledge of horse care, horse management, and horsemanship skills.

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Location: Carroll County Agricultural Center, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157

Contact: Karen Ellis
410-531-0534

Apr 18, 2009

4-H Wildlife Contest

Location: Patuxent River 4-H Center

Welcome Dr. Jeff Howard

Dr. Jeff Howard has joined Maryland Cooperative Extension (MCE) as our new Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development and State 4-H Program Leader. We are very excited to have him join our MCE team. He brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to this position, and will provide excellent leadership for our state 4-H program.

Dr. Howard holds a BS in Horticulture, a MS in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in child psychology, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in youth leadership. He has worked over twenty years in Extension as a county agent, state specialist and associate professor. For the past four years, Dr. Howard served as the Associate State 4-H Program Director with Texas AgriLife Extension.

Please join the faculty and staff at the Maryland 4-H Center in welcoming Jeff to Maryland 4-H!

A word from Jeff Howard – Assistant Director and State 4-H Program Leader

I am truly thrilled and honored to be part of the Maryland Cooperative Extension team and 4-H family here. I am thankful for everyone's kindness and helping me to feel so welcomed.

I am excited about the future of Maryland 4-H and our program's contribution to the overall organization's strategic plan and objectives. 4-H is one of the most recognized and celebrated youth development programs in our nation and we can draw on the respect it has to further the mission of Maryland Cooperative Extension.

During the coming weeks I will be investing considerable time in developing a comprehensive understanding of the organization here and how I can best serve in my role. I look forward to the opportunity to travel around the state and become familiar with the counties and the programs currently underway.

The areas that I will be working on during the coming

Contact: Denise Frebertshouser
301-314-7819

Apr 18, 2009
4-H Horse Judging Clinic

Location: Carroll County
Agriculture Center
Contact: Karen Ellis
410-531-0534

Apr 25, 2009
**Maryland 4-H Communications
Contest**

Location: University of Maryland,
College Park
Contact: Sandy Corridon
301-694-1598

Apr 27, 2009 - Apr 30, 2009

**National Extension
Volunteerism Conference**

The National Extension
Volunteerism Conference (NEVC)
is an opportunity for sharing and
learning the latest research and
trends in volunteerism, innovative
ideas for reaching new
volunteers, best practices for
developing and keeping current
volunteers, an
Location: General Butler State
Resort Park in Northern Kentucky
Contact: Lisa Dennis
410-651-8330

May 1, 2009

Volunteer Awards Deadline

Contact: Dan Tabler
302-856-4513

May 15, 2009 - May 17, 2009

Camp Staff Training

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

May 15, 2009 - May 17, 2009
**Operation Mil. - Speak Out for
Mil. Kids Retreat**

Weekend Retreat
Location: National 4-H Conference
Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland
Contact: Megan Baker
301-405-2833

May 16, 2009

**MD 4-H Horsemanship
Standards Test Prep Clinic**

The MD 4-H Horsemanship
Standards are designed to help
4-H members progressively
develop knowledge of horse care,
horse management, and
horsemanship skills.

Time: 9 am - 4 pm
Location: Talbot Agricultural
Center, 10659 Hinners Lane,
Easton, MD 21601
Contact: Tom Hutson
410-822+1244

May 17, 2009

**Maryland 4-H Teen Council
Meeting**

Meeting of the Maryland State 4-H
Teen Council
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Kendra Wells
(301) 314-7317

May 18, 2009 - May 21, 2009

**2009 National CYFAR
Conference**

The CSREES/USDA sponsored
Children, Youth and Families at
Risk (CYFAR) Conference
Location: Baltimore Inner Harbor
Marriott West
Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7317

May 29, 2009 - May 31, 2009

months include:

- Championing the process to align our 4-H programs and project opportunities with the objectives, strategies, and goals of Maryland Cooperative Extension.
- Aligning our resources to best match our more defined goals.
- Laying the groundwork to begin research and evaluation studies to show the positive outcomes of the 4-H program. I believe the 4-H Program can be the leader in youth development research and will provide considerable opportunity for scholarly work for Extension educators at all levels.
- Purposefully seeking grants that align with our program's goals and objectives. We must secure outside dollars but I am sensitive to the program driving the grants, not the grants driving the program.
- Professional development for 4-H youth development professionals is extremely important to me. I will work to make certain we strive to meet your needs in that regard.
- I value youth and adult volunteers and recognize their extreme importance in our program. I feel we need a professional development system for volunteers that closely aligns itself with volunteer trends in 2009. My goal is to make certain we are meeting the needs of our volunteer staff members in their important contribution to our mission.
- I love kids!!! And I know you do too. We need to make certain we are offering a program that is appealing to a child in 2009. The way we deliver it and the projects we offer may need to change. As a collective group, we will take a hard look at this and make some decisions that will ensure 4-H is a program that will draw children in and keep them with us.

MUCH WORK TO BE DONE! We have a great program in Maryland, but as our motto proclaims, we're about "Making the Best Better". I am so excited to be working with you and look forward to doing great things together.

REMINDER: 4-H Groups Filing 990 ePostcard

To maintain inclusion under the National 4-H General Exemption Number and federal income tax exemption status, all groups must file annually with the IRS.

Groups earning \$25,000 or more, should continue to file Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Those earning less than \$25,000 must file Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (ePostcard) for Tax Exempt Organizations not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ. The ePostcard is only available electronically.

Either document should be filed by May 15, 2009.

How do groups file the new 990 ePostcard?

Go to www.irs.gov and use the keyword/search file to find links to 990-N information. Follow instructions to:

- Register as a New User
- Create your Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

**MD/DE Shooting Sports
Instructor Training**

Location: Thendara 4-H Center,
Dorchester County
Contact: Conrad Arnold
1-410-228-8800

May 31, 2009

Forestry Contest

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Patuxent River 4-H
Center

Contact: Denise Frebertshauser
301-314-7819

• **Submit your Form 990-N (e-postcard).**

The 990 N is a short, simple list of information, including the legal name of the club/group, mailing address, website address (if you have one), EIN, annual tax period (January - December 2008), name and address of the principal officer of the organization (club leader), and confirmation that your organization's annual receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less.

PLEASE NOTE: 990-N filing will fail for many eligible, qualified 4-H subsidiaries. Some reasons may include the organization is not on file with the IRS under GEN 2704 or errors in their EIN record. For eligible/qualified subsidiaries: "It is better to try & fail, than to fail to file IRS tax forms." Whether successful or not in filing a 990-N, 4-H subsidiaries need to save evidence of success or failure.

FAQ's

Will the IRS or National 4-H Headquarters remind me to file? NO

How do I know if the e-Postcard worked?

- Within 30 minutes of submitting, you will receive an email stating accepted or rejected. Save this email.

My information is wrong, can I change it?

- No, this is not the form to indicate changes or to state a club is terminating. Club leaders will need to do that through your county/city unit which will then send that information to the State 4-H office.

Annual Financial Reports WERE Due to the Maryland 4-H Center by March 27, 2009. HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR UNIT'S REPORTS?

Questions: contact Denise Frebertshauser at dfrebert@umd.edu

Camp ACA Book Review & Camp Action Team Meeting

Are you are planning on conducting a day or resident camping program this summer? If so, this is a reminder that your ACA Book is due to the Maryland 4-H Office by April 16th. We will begin a written document preview of the ACA books at 2 PM on the 16th, if you would like to join us for the review. If not, feel free to drop the book off at anytime prior to the 16th for review.

The next Camp Action Team meeting will be held after the WDP; beginning at 6 PM at the Maryland 4-H Center. All are invited to attend. Please send agenda items to Denise Frebertshauser at dfrebert@umd.edu

Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Clinic - Registration Deadline Approaching!!

The MD 4-H Horse Judging Clinic will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Carroll County Ag Center in Westminster, MD. We will be offering beginner, advanced, and coach/volunteer tracks. Registration will be limited to the first 120 participants. The registration materials may be downloaded **HERE** and the deadline is April 6, 2009.

If you have questions please contact Kristen Wilson at kswilson@umd.edu or 301-596-9478

Yard Sale

Mark your calendar! The Maryland 4-H Foundation will be

holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. The yard sale will be at the parking lot of the College Park Moose Family Center, 3700 Metzert Road, College Park, Maryland.

Please see attached flyer for more information. Download [Yard Sale Flyer.doc](#)

Reminder - Maryland State 4-H Camp Staff Training - Western Maryland 4-H Center

The Maryland State 4-H Camp Staff Training will be held May 15-17 at the Western Maryland 4-H Center! This training will focus on areas highlighted within the Maryland 2009 4-H Camping priorities. The intended audience for this weekend event are 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". [Registration.doc](#) | [Tentative Training Schedule.doc](#)

Registrations can be faxed or participant names emailed and checks can be brought to the training weekend.

Please contact Denise Frebertshauser at dfrebert@umd.edu if you will be having any medical officers attending the weekend as we will cover their registration costs for the weekend if they will serve as a health officer for the weekend.

Maryland 4-H Forestry Invitational

The Maryland 4-H Forestry Invitational will be held on May 31, 2009 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center. Contest Includes:

Juniors:

- Tree Identification
- Compass Orienteering
- Insect & Disease Identification

Intermediates:

- Tree Identification
- Tree Measurements
- Compass Orienteering
- Insect & Disease Identification

Please see Maryland 4-H Forestry Invitational Contest Areas document for more specific information regarding specific study materials per age division.

Registration is due May 18th.

Download [Registration Materials.doc](#)

Human Sciences Updates ~ "Every Day, the Healthy Way"

State Communications Contest

Thanks to those who have sent in county/city

winners. My wonderful helper, Abby Sherrard, is logging in your entries and we're sending letters to the Champions and Reserve Champions encouraging their families to come to MARYLAND DAY!!!! We need Your help to make this a success. Please let Sandy know if you can judge, if you have names and addresses of others who could judge, if you have two or three hours on April 25th to help with the contest. corrison@umd.edu

This can be YOUR Family day on campus - there's lots going on - I'll gladly give your children opportunities to help, too! AND I'LL GIVE YOU ALL A T-SHIRT! Registration starts at 9:30. Speeches begin at 10:15 and the State Communication Awards will be presented in the Tent in Front of McKeldin Library at 2 p.m. (Thanks Allegany, Frederick, Baltimore County and City, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Harford, Montgomery, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester - I've got your forms!!!)

Purchase Power

What counties are planning on participating in this State Fair event?? Purchase Power is our consumer contest held at the Maryland State Fair. Last year our Human Science Committee presented a new format and encouraged participation by all of our 4-H members as well as anyone passing through the 4-H Building. We heard many comments AND some suggested classes for 2009. Please let Sandy know if your county/city is planning to participate AND we'll be getting class materials out to you at the May Conference. IF you, your youth and/or volunteers have suggested classes - please forward those suggestions to corrison@umd.edu by the end of April and we'll try to incorporate them.

Fashion Focus

2009 Fashion Revue - will be on Monday, Labor Day in the 4-H Building at the Maryland State Fair. As you prepare for your county/city event please encourage your winners to

participate in this State-wide opportunity. (If you'd like to feature a few of last year's state participants let Sandy know and we'll have someone attend your local event to promote the advantages of participation on the State Level!) We have a dedicated group of 4-H Educators, members and volunteers who are sharing ideas for 2009. Please let Sandy know if you have people interested in serving on this State Committee. (corridon@umd.edu).

4-H Fashion Runway - This event is the result of a suggestion from one of our counties! 4-H Fashion Runway focuses on the creativity of our 4-Hers. ALL age groups can participate, even at the State Fair Level!! The flyer can be found on our 4-H website AND fabric is still available at the State 4-H Office; you can pick some up so that your 4-Hers can get fabric at local offices. The FASHION RUNWAY participants entering the State Fair will have an opportunity to display/model their items during the State 4-H Fashion Revue.

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS REUNION

Help us locate former Maryland Delegates to the National 4-H Congress. We'd like to gather as many former Congress participants together for a fun time to share/ catch up/ celebrate former 4-H experiences. Those of us who have attended agree with the designation of "a ONCE in a lifetime experience". We've had requests for a Reunion. Help us make it happen. If you have names of those who have attended from your county/city please forward them (and contact information if possible) to Sandy (corridon@umd.edu) Please Help!

IN-SERVICE TRAINING with Grant Money Available HEALTH ROCKS and GPS/GIS

On Monday, April 20th, Denise and Sandy are offering an In-Service Training that can result in Grant Dollars for your 4-H program.

In the morning of the 20th, Health Rocks, a curriculum-based life skills development program for youth ages 8 to 12, sponsored by the National 4-H Council will be featured. This curriculum helps youth learn skills such as decision-making, critical thinking, and stress management but places a special emphasis on tobacco-use prevention. The program also includes components that bring youth and adults together as partners in developing community strategies that prepare young people to make health lifestyle choices. You will be provided an opportunity to submit a proposal for a \$500 - \$1,000 grant as seed money to utilize the Health Rocks curriculum in your county/city.

GPS/GIS

Are you interested in incorporating GPS/GIS into your 4-H program, but don't know where to begin? Spend the afternoon of April 20th learning and experiencing the wonders of GPS/GIS technology. You will also discover the resources available to integrate this 4-H SET program into your existing programs. Participants in this in-service will be eligible to:

- 1) submit a proposal to receive some start up funds to incorporate GPS/GIS into your local 4-H program and
- 2) borrow GPS units from the state 4-H Program.

Join us at the Meeting House in Columbia. Registration is FREE for the entire day of In-Service Training and GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. Sign up today - check the website for a registration form and directions to the Meeting House.

BIG BONES BASH

CALLING ALL 7th & 8th Graders in the DC-MD-VA Metropolitan Area (Read on - this could be a great activity for a few 4-Hers, a 4-H Project Group or an entire 4-H Club)

Time to bring your creative talent to the SMITHSONIAN Institution's National Museum of Natural History. CASH prizes for the most compelling presentations on why teen bodies need calcium and exercise. Finalists show off on November 14, 2009.

Can you make the case for your peers to get more calcium? Is your pitch on track to save your buddies' health? All the tools you need to enter are at WWW.BIGBONESBASH.COM

Fifty finalists get to exhibit their art, poster, rap, video, or other creative submission. After all, you made it into the Smithsonian because you made the best case for WHY TEENS NEED MORE CALCIUM & EXERCISE. Well done! All classes, camps, and clubs are invited. Science-Health-PE-FCS-afterschool, and others--all 7th & 8th grade students as of the 2009-10 school year are eligible to enter. That means current 6th graders are eligible now!

Easy Entry Process--Choose your talented method for persuasion, describe what it will look like, and give us your t-shirt sizes and contact info. Note that ONLY the fifty finalists will be asked to create their actual exhibit for the Smithsonian.
ENTER BEFORE THE DEADLINE--OCTOBER 14, 2009.

If selected, you will then have 3 weeks to create your exhibit and win cash prizes. Marie will be presenting more about this opportunity at the MD and VA FCS meetings in April and May and bringing handouts and posters (and the World's Best Cheddar, too!) TO FIND OUT MORE NOW: visit <http://www.bigbonesbash.com> or contact Marie Frohlich, our Calcium Coach, at MFrohlich@cabotcheese.coop or 802-433-6102.

The Big Bones Bash (BBB) is sponsored by Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Makers of the World's Best Cheddar, the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Council, and Giant Foods. Approved by kids and adults everywhere, the BBB HAS EARNED THE GOLDEN SEAL OF APPROVAL FROM NASSP- National Association of Secondary School Principals

Maryland Hosts USDA Children, Youth and Families at Risk Conference

The 2009 USDA Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Conference will be held May 19-21 in Baltimore, Maryland. Maryland Cooperative Extension faculty and staff are proud to host this year's conference. Dr. Bonnie Braun, Extension Specialist, Family Consumer Sciences, has been selected to present this year's Annie Casey Family Strengthening Lecture on Wednesday morning, May 20. Nearly 50 MCE faculty and staff will be presenting their outstanding work with children, youth, families, and community in the conference Program Showcase, Workshops, Computer Labs and pre-conference sessions. A highlight of the conference will be a KaBOOM! Playground build in Baltimore City on Monday, May 18th. The Baltimore City extension faculty and staff, with leadership from Manami Brown, City Extension Director, are coordinating this exciting CYFAR Conference project. Conference reduced rate registration is open until April 12. View the CYFAR Conference video, produced by Kerry Clark and Michael Godfrey and link to conference registration from the Extension homepage (<http://extension.umd.edu/>)

2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Results

Congratulations to Michael Buscemi, Montgomery County, for being

selected as Maryland's Essay winner for 2009. Michael's essay has been forwarded to the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. for national competition. Michael's essay was entitled the "The Bee Boogie (Honey Bee Communication)". We wish Michael the best of luck!

EPA Launches Video/Photo Project in Celebration of Earth Month

EPA to Public: How Do You Protect Your Environment?

In anticipation of Earth Day, the Environmental Protection Agency has launched an interactive video and photo project asking the public to share the ways they enjoy and protect their environment.

These projects are part of EPA's multi-event celebration of Earth Month and of EPA's 39 year history - which will highlight the agency's renewed commitment to protecting human health and the environment.

The EPA is asking filmmakers and photographers around the world to submit their own videos and photos documenting what steps they take to protect the water they drink, the air they breathe and the overall environmental health of their communities.

Participants can submit their video entries to the EPA's Earth Day Video Project group on YouTube. Photo entries should be submitted via Flickr.

Categories in the video project are:

- Reducing your carbon footprint
- Conserving and protecting water
- Protecting the environment
- Reduce, reuse, recycle

Categories in the photo project are:

- People and the environment
- The beauty of nature
- Wildlife

EPA officials will select videos and photos to feature on the website throughout April. The agency will accept videos and photos from today through the end of April.

To participate in the Earth Day Photo project:
<http://www.epa.gov/earthday/photoproject/>

To participate in the Earth Day Video project:
<http://www.epa.gov/earthday/videoproject/>

For More Information Contact: Brendan Gilfillan, 202-564-4355 / <mailto:gilfillan.brendan@epa.gov>

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