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Aug 28, 2009 - Sep 7, 2009
Maryland State Fair
State Fair

Location: Timonium, MD
Contact: Chrs Anderson
301-314-7187

Sep 13, 2009

4-H Dressage & Combined Test Show

Location: Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD

Contact: Diana Cullum
410-422-5849

Sep 16, 2009

Md 4-H Foundation, Inc. Board of Dir Meeting

Time: 10 am - 12:30 pm

Location: McCormick Co., Sparks, MD

Contact: Amanda Clougherty
301-314-7832

Sep 23, 2009

4-H IEP Workshop

Location: Maryland 4-H Center and via Centra

Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7317

Sep 23, 2009

It's Almost Here! - 2009 Maryland State Fair

The "**11 Best Days of Summer**" are just around the corner as the 2009 Maryland State Fair will be held August 28th through September 7th in Timonium. As you are aware, University of Maryland Extension and Maryland 4-H will have a full array of opportunities to showcase our program and the success of 4-H members during this year's fair!

We would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to each of you for all of your support in preparation for the fair. Additionally, many of you will be offering valuable assistance during the fair. The success of the fair each year is a result of the collective efforts of each of you!

Here are just a few of the activities that will feature and highlight the accomplishments of 4-H youth:

- The Maryland 4-H program will be hosting Military Day at this year's fair on Friday, August 28th. Activities will be held from 12:00-4:00 p.m. for military youth. Plus, a special Operation Military Kids celebration will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m featuring dinner, "Welcoming Remarks", two featured speakers and a Cupcake finale. See the complete details in the full article included in this edition of Updates.
- Livestock shows will be held many days throughout the fair. The Cow Palace, Sheep & Swine Barn, the Horse Barns & Show Arena and the Rabbit & Poultry Building will all be filled with youth and their project animals. Check the fair schedule for details.
- Don't forget to visit the 4-H All Stars Food Booth located in the Cow Palace! The All Stars are great supporters of the 4-H program and the Food Booth is a major fund raiser for their efforts.
- The Maryland 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale will be held on Saturday, August 29th in the Cow Palace beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come help us recognize youth for the hard work and resulting success at this culminating event for their livestock projects.
- The 4-H Indoor Building will be a hub of 4-H activity and the core location to showcase 4-H project work ranging from Foods and Nutrition projects to Photography, Environmental projects to Arts, Horticulture projects to Public Presentations, and much

4-H New Worker Luncheon and Training

Location: Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7317

Oct 4, 2009 - Oct 4, 2009

Maryland 4-H Gala

The 2009 Maryland 4-H Awards Gala will Sunday October 4, 2009 4-7pm at the Riggs Alumni Center in College Park. Please join us to celebrate service, dedication and accomplishments.

Time: Evening

Location: Riggs Alumni Center,
College Park MD

Contact: Amanda Clougherty
301-314-7832

Oct 10, 2009

State Dog Bowl Contest

Location: Carroll County Ag
Center, Westminster, MD

Contact: Cynthia Warner
410-638-3255

more. New this year will be a focus on the SET projects in Robotics. During each weekend of the fair, the public will be encouraged to view live robotics demonstrations and to interact with youth and volunteers and their interest-capturing projects. If you have youth in your program involved in the robotics program that would enjoy the opportunity to demonstrate at the fair, please have them contact Denise Freberthausen. The Indoor Building is also the location for 4-H Presents! presentations - there are still opportunities for youth to sign up. Check out the times still available in the article below.

- The 4-H Judging Awards programs will recognize the top performers at this year's Livestock Judging, Dairy Judging, Rabbit Judging, Poultry Judging, Dairy Goat Judging and Horticulture Judging Contests. The contests will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 5th. Hundreds of youth from across Maryland and several neighboring states will participate in the contests. The results of each of these contests will be announced and awards presented at two Awards programs being held at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Cow Palace later that evening.
- The Fashion Review is an annual highlight of the Fair for youth participating in the Clothing and Textile projects and this year it will be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, at 4:00 p.m. in the 4-H Indoor Building. You won't want to miss this fabulous production! See the Fashion Review article below for more details!!

STATE FAIR – 4-H Building UPDATES: Here's a summary of just a few of the MANY activities going on during those 11 best days of summer in the 4-H Building:

- Entries: Hopefully 4-Hers are appreciative of the opportunity to have their Exhibitor Tags for the 4-H Indoor Building Exhibits available for pick up at their local Extension Office. Many thanks to all our county/city 4-H Staff for your cooperation in this process. Let Sandy (corridon@umd.edu) know if you need help in getting the remaining exhibitor tags returned to the Maryland State Fair on Wednesday, August 26th by 1 p.m.
- 4-H Building Helpers: Every year we welcome any youth or adult volunteers to help us on Wednesday, August 26th to enter exhibits and on Thursday, August 27th to aid the judges. Contact Sandy (corridon@umd.edu) if you have anyone who would like to help!
- FOOD SAFETY/ FOOD PRESERVATION - In an effort to encourage safe food preservation and safe food handling we're offering two services in the 4-H Building.
 1. Anyone with a dial gauge pressure canner – we will be happy to test the accuracy of your canner gauge. Just bring the lid – (gauge attached) to the 4-H Building – Food Preservation Display and we will test your canner gauge with our new Presto Canner Tester – funded with Food Safety

money courtesy of our 4-H Foundation Perdue Food Safety Grant.

2. Clean Hands Save Lives! Stop by our hand washing display during the State Fair and see if you're a GOOD hand washer!!! This display can be borrowed for county/city use; check it out. Another good use of our 4-H Foundation Perdue Food Safety Grant money!

- PURCHASE POWER:

How much do you know about Apples/ Toothpaste/ Breakfast Cereal? Can you identify Exercise Equipment and Fruits? Join the registered 4-H Teams to see if you might be interested in having a county team next year. The State 4-H Purchase Power judging contest will be in the 4-H Building on Saturday, August 29th at 2 p.m.

- FASHION REVUE:

IF you haven't sent in your Youth Forms for the 2009 State Fair Fashion Revue (I know some of you are just finishing up your county contests), then do so as quickly as possible. We're pleased to showcase our 2009 Fashion Conscious 4-Hers on Monday, September 7th at the State 4-H Fashion Revue at 4 p.m. in the 4-H Building. (Fashion Revue participants will begin the day at 10 a.m. in the Vista Room, State Fair Administration Building for judging.) That night we'll have an extended stage, a runway and seating right down the center of the 4-H/Home Arts Building. Come, bring family and friends and enjoy watching our 4-Hers model their garments in this year's event. Fashion Runway participants can also display/model their projects in the State Fashion Show. Fashion Runway participants come to the 4-H Building at 2 p.m. to get instructions for the Fashion Show!

- EGG PREPARATION/DEMONSTRATION

Again this year the Maryland Egg Council is sponsoring the Egg Demonstration Contest. Three entries can be submitted from each county/city unit. This is a perfect opportunity for senior 4-H youth to showcase their communication skills, their knowledge of poultry and their ability to present a visual presentation highlighting the nutritional benefits of eggs. If you haven't sent in your contestants, contact Sandy Corridon (corridon@umd.edu). The contest will be in the 4-H Building on Sunday, August 30th at 5 p.m. (registration at 4:30).

Thanks again for all you do to support the State Fair. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

4-H Presents at the Maryland State Fair!

4-H Presents! provides an opportunity for 4-H members to share their projects, ideas, and talents with state fair visitors. Although the original entry deadline has passed, we do have space for visual presentations, demonstrations, public speaking, and talent presentations on the following dates and times. Please encourage your 4-H members to sign up for open times when they bring their entries to the

state fair. A schedule will be available in the 4-H exhibit hall.

Open 4-H Presents! Dates and Times:

- Friday, August 28 from 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 29 from 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.
- Sunday, August 30 from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, August 31 from 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 4 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 6 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Military Day at the Maryland State Fair

4-H Military Programs and Maryland Operation: Military Kids (OMK) will be hosting Military Day at the Maryland State Fair, Friday, August 28th!

From 12-4PM there will be activities for military youth, such as jewelry making, face painting, and bookmark making, provided by the OMK partners in the 4-H Building.

From 5-7PM, Military families are invited to come and enjoy a free meal, patriotic music, and the OMK Celebration (complete with cupcakes!). In addition, the Maryland Operation: Military Kids mobile technology lab (MTL) will be set up for fairgoers to write letters to our troops overseas throughout the day.

This will be a great day for military families to enjoy the fair and for non-military families to demonstrate their support for our troops and their families.

Please stop by the OMK information booth located in front of the Cow Palace to receive your yellow ribbon and get more information about Military Day.

In order to get in free, all military families must obtain tickets from OMK. Each child and adult must have a ticket and each adult must present a Military ID.

For more information or to request tickets please contact Megan Baker (mbaker11@umd.edu), or Matthew Mundy (mmundy@umd.edu) or call, 301-405-2833.

Project Wild/Aquatic Wild Training

A Project Wild/Aquatic Wild/Agricultural Workshop custom tailored for the non-formal educator will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace, MD. The workshop is being sponsored by the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The workshop is designed for the non-formal educator who may normally work weekends, summers or after school for

nature centers, extension offices and experiential programs. Participants will learn how to adapt Project Wild/Aquatic Wild activities and lessons to complement and enrich their agricultural, outreach or summer camp programs.

The free workshop runs from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Participants should bring a bag lunch and be prepared to go outside for some activities. Participants will receive the Wild Guide and the Aquatic Wild Guide. Together, the resource guides contain almost 300 activities!

Space is limited to 20 participants. Call 410-939-9030 or email Peggy, peppig@maefonline.com, to register.

4-H National Youth Science Day- October 7th

On 4-H National Youth Science Day, October 7th, young people across the nation will get a chance to examine one of the most important issues facing our nation today—energy. Youth will discover, learn and have a blast exploring alternative fuels through Biofuel Blast, the National Science Experiment.

Developed in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension and Wisconsin 4-H, the experiment is designed to spark an early interest in the sciences—all part of 4-H's bold goal to engage a million new young people in science, engineering and technology programs by 2013.

You can find everything you need to participate in 4-H National Youth Science Day online at www.4-H.org/NYSD. The site has lots of useful information, including the experiment facilitator's guide, interactive tools, event planning kits and much more. Plus, new features, information and promotions will be added in the months and weeks leading up to October 7th—so make sure to register to receive event updates today.

Last year's celebration was great and we're looking forward to another successful 4-H National Youth Science Day this year!

Can't celebrate 4-H National Youth Science Day on October 7th? That's okay, you can conduct the experiment anytime that week or the month of October. Let us know how you plan to celebrate 4-H National Youth Science Day in your local communities. Please send an email to dfrebert@umd.edu including the location, date, time and specifics of your event.

Hold the Date-New Animal Science Livestock Advisory Round Table

Hold the Date! The first session of the new Maryland 4-H Livestock Advisory Round Table will be held on Saturday, October 17, 10:00am-2:00pm at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park. Interested 4-H youth and volunteers are invited

to come share and discuss ideas to strengthen Maryland 4-H Animal Science programming in the Livestock Project areas. More information will follow in future Updates.

Maryland Agriculture Council, Inc. Grant Opportunity

Each year the Maryland Agriculture Council, Inc. offers an opportunity to various agencies and organizations to submit grant applications for the purpose of promoting Maryland agriculture.

Typical grant amounts awarded range from \$300 - \$800, not to exceed \$1,000. Please see the Maryland Agriculture Council Educational Grant Program cover letter, guidelines, and application in the document which you download **HERE**. The deadline for applications is October 30, 2009.

Please share the announcement of this great opportunity with interested persons and in your newsletters.

For more information contact the 2010 Grant Chairperson, Donna Myers, at 410-635-2028 or wmcows@qjs.net.

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