

MARYLAND 4-H UPDATES

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Feb 3, 2007

Out of State 4-H Trip Interview

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Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Westminster
Contact: Cynthia Warner
410-638-3255

Feb 6, 2007

MCE Volunteer Training - CHANGE OF DATE

MCE Volunteer Training original schedule for Feb. 1st has been changed to 2/6/07

Time: 1pm - 3 pm

Location: Garrett Co. Extension Meeting Room
Contact: Wanda Guard
301-334-6960

Feb 9, 2007

Dog Bowl Questions Due

We hope you enjoy this issue of Updates. For more information about the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program, visit our website at <http://www.maryland4h.org>

NAE4-HA Service Award Recognitions

Annually each state association submits the names of colleagues to be recognized at the annual NAE4-HA conference for service to the profession. These awards include:

- Achievement in Service Award (ASA) - Three, but less than seven years in Extension 4-H youth programs
- Distinguished Service Award (DSA) - Seven (7) years or more in Extension youth programs.
- Meritorious Service Award (MSA) - Fifteen (15) years or more in Extension youth programs. Applicant must have previously received the NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award.
- 25 Years of Service Award - All current NAE4-HA Members who have completed 25 years or more of service as of December 15, 2006.

The NEW deadline to nominate MAE4-HA members (you may nominate yourself and colleagues!) for these awards is February 15, 2007. Please send questions and nominations to Kendra Wells, MAE4-HA Member Recognition Chair (klwells@umd.edu) and include:

- Name of nominee
- Mailing Address
- Email Address
- Fifty (50) word statement of accomplishments

National Ag Day Essay Contest

In 2007, for each county participating in the state contest, must submit 50 questions per team per age level. QUESTIONS ARE DUE February 9th. Questions must be in MSExcel format using the provided file MD 4H Dog Bowl_County Question Entry and must be s
Contact: Stacey Hofmann
410.822.1244

Feb 9, 2007

Horse Bowl Contest Registrations Due to State 4-H

Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-596-9478

Feb 10, 2007

Out of State 4-H Trip Interview

Interview judges will be given a set of questions in the area of citizenship, leadership or life skills that they will ask each candidate. Interview lasts about 10-12 minutes with several minutes in between to do scoring.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Queenstown

Contact: April Hall
410-996-5280

Feb 11, 2007

State 4-H Teen Council Meeting

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

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7317

Feb 11, 2007

4-H Foundation Board Meeting

Location: Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis

Contact: Quyen Tran
301-314-7835

Feb 13, 2007

Out of State 4-H Trip Interview

Interview judges will be given a set of questions in the area of citizenship, leadership or life skills that they will ask each candidate. Interview lasts about 10-12 minutes with several minutes in between to do scoring.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: Alga Piechocinski
301-590-2804

Feb 16, 2007

Horse Bowl Contest Questions Due Electronically

Questions due electronically to Kristen Wilson, kswilson@umd.edu; Each team participating must send 40 questions.

Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-596-9478

Feb 19, 2007

4-H Day in Annapolis

To download the Flyer, go to the URL listed below and click on 2007, then February 19th.

Location: Senate Office Building

Contact: Cynthia Warner
410-638-3255

Feb 20, 2007 - Feb 20, 2007

2007 Show and Contest

Theme for 2007 is "American Agriculture in 2025"

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 26, 2006 – The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is calling upon seventh- to 12th-grade students to submit an original essay of 450 words about the importance of U.S. agriculture. This year's theme is "American Agriculture in 2025," and the deadline for entries is Feb. 19. Teachers are asked to encourage participating students to focus their essays on the potential landscape of American agriculture in 2025 based on where we are today and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Participating sponsors are once again proud to be a part of this important celebration of agriculture," said Julie Rudnick, Case IH marketing communications manager. "Now, more than ever, it's important to recognize the essential role of agriculture in our economy and everyday life so we can help shape our future."

This year's national winner will receive a \$1,000 prize and roundtrip ticket to Washington, D.C., to be recognized during the March 15 Ag Day Luncheon held at the National Press Club. At the luncheon, the winning essayist will have the opportunity to join with industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and other friends in a celebration of agriculture. Statewide winners of the contest also will be selected. Each will receive a \$100 prize.

This is the 34th anniversary of National Ag Day. The goal of the ACA is to provide a spotlight on the agriculture, food and fiber industry the first of each spring (National Ag Day), to help consumers understand not only how food and fiber products are produced, but to celebrate accomplishments in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by Case IH, The Council for Agricultural Science & Technology, High Plains Journal, National Association of Farm Broadcasters, National Agri-Marketing Association, Country Living Association and McCormick Company.

All entries should be sent to: Ag Day Essay Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, KS 66210, or submitted by e-mail to essay@agday.org. Entry applications and official rules for the contest can be found at www.hpj.com/agdayessay.

Contact:
Janell Aust
816-584-8444
jaust@mccormickcompany.co

Youth Entrepreneurship Learning Group

Interested in finding out what's going on in youth

2007 Sheep and Goat Short Course - Part 1

Meat Goats 101 will cover 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 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 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

Location: P.G. Trap & Skeet Center

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 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

Contact: Jeff Semler
301-791-1304

entrepreneurship Extension education in the Northeast? Want to connect with other Extension colleagues in the northeast working in the area of youth entrepreneurship? If so, then you may want to participate in the Youth Entrepreneurship Learning Group sponsored by The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development. The Youth Entrepreneurship Learning Group provides a mechanism for Extension professionals at the county and state level to learn from one another, share research activities and educational programs, and enhance multi-state collaboration.

The next meeting of the youth entrepreneurship learning group will take place on March 20, 2007 from 10:00am to 11:00am via conference call. Jim McConnon from the University of Maine will be the group convener.

To participate in the conference call, please call (866) 208-4552 toll-free and enter the participant access code: 9624447.

PS: If you send your e-mail address to nercrd@psu.edu we will include you in the reminder notice sent out a week before the call.

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The State of Young Black Men Colloquium at UMES

A friend in the UMES Public Relations unit provides this "heads up". On Thursday, February 22nd from 10am to 12:30pm in the Student Center, Dr. Ramona Brockett, J.D., Ph. D. and acting chair of the UMES' Criminal Justice Department, will present a program on "The State of the State of Young Black Men in Washington DC and Baltimore,". Scheduled guest participants include Maryland Congressman Elijah E. Cummings; Joseph Richardson, Ph.D., professor of African-American Studies at University of Maryland College Park; Judith Sachwald, Director, Division of Parole and Probation, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Garland Stillwell, Esq., Senior Associate, Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw and Pittman; Donna Britt, Washington Post; Anthony Lemelle, Ph.D., Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; UMES President Thelma B. Thompson, Ph.D. and Dr. Brockett. The program is free and open to the public.

Launch of DiversityData.org

On January 24, the Harvard School of Public Health in partnership with the Center for the Advancement of

Mar 24, 2007 - Mar 29, 2007
2007 National 4-H Conference
Location: National 4-H Center,
Chevy Chase, MD
Contact: Kendra Wells
301-314-7317

Mar 24, 2007
Dog Bowl
Location: Glenwood Middle School
(Howard County), Glenwood, MD.
Contact: Stacey Hofmann
410-822-1244

Mar 24, 2007
**4-H Shooting Sports Safari
Club Banquet**
Location: Annapolis
Contact: Conrad Arnold
410-228-8800

Mar 30, 2007 - Apr 1, 2007
Staff Camp Training
Location: Patuxent River 4-H
Center
Contact: Denise Frebertshouser
301-314-7819

Mar 31, 2007
**Advanced Sheep Shearing
School**
This school is for persons who
have attended previous sheep
shearing schools or sheared more
than 150 sheep and want to
refine their skills and increase
their speed. Registration fee is
\$25.
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Thompson Farm in
Westminster, MD
Contact: David Green
410-386-2760

Health and with support from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation launched a website (DiversityData.org) that brings together a wide range of indicators of how people of different racial/ethnic backgrounds live. The site includes comparative data about housing, neighborhood conditions, residential integration, and education—and goes beyond many similar websites by including information on health factors such as disability rates, health insurance, births to teenager mothers, births to unmarried mothers, prenatal care, smoking during pregnancy, preterm births, and low birthweight rates. In addition, this data can be viewed within racial/ethnic subcategories. The launch will be accompanied by the online publication of the first report in a series of data analyses drawn from DiversityData.org. The report, “Children Left Behind: How Metropolitan Areas Are Failing American Children,” examines the well-being of children in the 100 largest metropolitan areas—where about two-thirds of American children live. The report scores metropolitan areas for the living conditions they provide to white, black, Hispanic, and Asian children based on indicators of health, family income, home ownership, residential and school segregation, and neighborhood and school socioeconomic environment. Using a summary measure of neighborhood socioeconomic conditions, the report shows the metropolitan areas with worst and best neighborhood environments for children of different racial/ethnic groups.

Crisis Management Manual

Very few of us have the ability to think clearly in an emergency. A Crisis Management Manual will be most helpful when something happens at a 4-H event requiring immediate action. When you need to do more than call 911 and notify parents, you’ll appreciate the time you invested in thinking about potential risks and the thoughtful planning of each step to follow when something unfortunate occurs. Having a risk management plan for each event and activity, including club meetings, is a great idea as it’s not a matter of “if” but “when”.

Dan shares this personal example: In the mid 1970’s, my 4-H volunteers sponsored a “Lock In” fundraiser twice a year. The events were very popular and at their peak attracted over 500 4-Hers and friends and 100 adults (I know this is hard to believe, even for me, and I was there). With so many adults helping, we rarely had problems worth mentioning. The facility included a large indoor pool and lifeguards were provided. I recall being summoned to the pool one night when a 14 year old teen had been injured. We had several RN’s at the event who quickly decided an emergency room visit was necessary. We later learned the teen was inebriated which contributed to

him breaking his leg. When the teen's mother (a valued club leader) was called, she became very angry that her son had become drunk at a 4-H event. We later learned the teen had been drinking prior to the Lock-In and had consumed no alcohol at the event. The volunteers at registration later mentioned the teen was acting somewhat strangely, but since he was a "regular" who had never been a problem and because we had no previous problems with alcohol, no one was suspicious. In this case, everything worked out but the potential for a public relations nightmare was a very real possibility and we could have lost a good volunteer and maybe even one of our best clubs. Behavioral Expectations were unheard of in those days. Following the incident we instituted a number of safeguards and never had that problem again.

We have an emergency notification plan for camping programs that you may want to use as a guide for your crisis manual or you can purchase a manual from The Non-Profit Risk Management Center (currently on sale for just \$10). If you prefer to create your own manual, take a look at the NRC manual's Table of Contents by going to: <http://nonprofitrisk.org/eneews/eneews013107.htm> . It would be wise to encourage your club leaders to develop their own crisis management manual. Please direct Risk Management questions to Denise Frebertshauser and volunteer development questions to Dan Tabler.

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