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## Upcoming Events

Jan 15, 2009 - Jan 18, 2009  
**Horse World Expo - 4-H Horse Art Contest**  
*Location:* Maryland State Fairgrounds  
*Contact:* [Kristen Wilson](#)  
301-596-9478

Jan 16, 2009 - Jan 17, 2009  
**State 4-H Teen Council Retreat**  
*Contact:* [Kendra Wells](#)  
301-314-7317

Jan 21, 2009  
**Application/ Resume/ Essay for 4-H Congress**  
West Virginia Older Members Conference  
*Location:* Virginia State Congress and Camp Miniwanca due to State 4-H Office  
*Contact:* [Sandy Corridon](#)  
301-694-1598

Jan 22, 2009  
**Maryland 4-H Natural Resources Mini Camp**  
date: TBD  
*Contact:* [Denise Frebertshauser](#)  
301-314-7819

Feb 7, 2009

## Holiday Greetings

Dear Maryland 4-H Family,

As we come to the end of another calendar year, take a few minutes to reflect on the ways 4-H has made a difference in the life of the children, youth, and families with whom you have worked this past year. You each make the world a little brighter with your commitment to providing positive youth development programs that allow youth to experience belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. We wish you a happy, healthy, relaxing holiday season and look forward to working with you in the new year to "Make the Best, Better"!

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## Human Sciences Update ~ "Every Day the Healthy Way"

### 2009 4-H Congress Design Team.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 2008 Congress Delegates to help plan the 2009 event!!! Our 2008 Delegates were told about this opportunity during Congress AND reminded them that the deadline is before the end of the year!!! If you think any of your delegates might be interested, encourage them to apply. You can find an application on the National 4-H Congress website (<http://www.National4-HCongress.com> - top link on the home page).

Applications are due to Sandy ([Corridon@umd.edu](mailto:Corridon@umd.edu)) by December 28th and to the National office by December 31st, 2008. Sandy will approve applications which will then be mailed to National 4-H Congress for their review. (Maryland can submit three candidates -- ONLY 7 are selected nationwide!!)

### LifeSmarts!!!

There is still time for teens to test their consumer skills.

**4-H Out of State Trip Interviews**

*Location:* Queen Anne's County Extension Office  
*Contact:* [Sandy Corridon](#)  
301-694-1598

Feb 10, 2009

**4-H Out of State Trip Interviews**

*Location:* Maryland 4-H Center  
*Contact:* [Sandy Corridon](#)  
301-694-1598

Feb 14, 2009

**4-H Out of State Trip Interviews**

*Location:* Carroll County Agriculture Center  
*Contact:* [Sandy Corridon](#)  
301-694-1598

Feb 16, 2009

**4-H Day In Annapolis**

*Location:* Annapolis  
*Contact:* [Cynthia Warner](#)  
410-638-3255

Feb 21, 2009

**Horse Leader Forum**

This forum will provide an excellent opportunity for horse volunteers, teen leaders, and MCE staff to gain knowledge and skills in various horse and youth development topics. We will also use this time to discuss updates and upcoming events in the Maryland 4-H Horse Program for the next year.

*Location:* Glenwood Community Center, Cooksville, MD (Howard County)  
*Contact:* [Karen Ellis](#)  
301-596-9478

The on-line consumer competition is open until February 27, 2009. Encourage youth to sign on – try some practice quizzes and then decide if they want to be a team member and compete. <http://www.lifesmarts.org/> The Maryland LifeSmarts State Competition will be held at the Maryland 4-H Center on Saturday, March 14th from 10 – noon. For some inspiration from other LifeSmarts competitors go to <http://savvyconsumer.wordpress.com/>

**Grant Opportunity:**

This message is from Suzanne Le Mentestrel – it's announcement of funding to be available after the first of the year!

See [Program Funding](#) (page 27) which reads: "The AFRI encourages integrated projects that lead to measurable, documented changes in learning, actions or conditions in Family and Consumer Sciences disciplines and/or projects suitable for 4-H audiences and stakeholder groups while meeting identified program priorities. 4-H projects should align with 4-H Mission mandates of Science, Engineering, Technology, Healthy Living or Citizenship. See guiding principles at <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/> or contact your university Cooperative Extension headquarters or Family and Consumer Sciences State Leaders. It is anticipated that the Requests for Applications will be published in early 2009.

Regards,  
Suzanne Le Menestrel

**2008 Maryland 4-H Poultry Competitors**

Congratulations to our 2008 Maryland 4-H Poultry Competitors: L to R: Donna Bailey, Coach; Nick Zimmermann, Poultry Specialist and Coach; James Riggs III, Frederick Co.; Travis Moxley, Frederick Co.; William Tomlinson, Charles Co.; Jonathan Stevens, Frederick Co.; Rebecca Baldwin, Carroll Co. Tomlinson earned 9th place out of 12 competitors in the Egg Preparation Contest. Riggs, Moxley, Stevens, and Baldwin competed in the Poultry Judging Contest and earned 4th place overall out of 19 teams nationally. Overall out of 81 individuals in the contest, Moxley and Baldwin placed 13th and 14th, respectively. In the Production Hens portion of the contest, the Maryland team placed 7th; Moxley and Stevens individually placed 6th and 7th, respectively. In the Market Poultry portion of the contest, the Maryland team placed 5th; individually Baldwin placed 5th. In the Market Egg portion of the contest the Maryland team placed 4th.

Poultry Team 2008

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Opportunities and the Networks we develop!!! Here are opportunities to put our heads together to develop / expand / highlight Maryland 4-H Youth Development in collaboration with our FCS and AG colleagues. If you want to bounce some ideas around– or want help writing up a proposal for any of the following call Sandy!

### **Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Call for Proposals Announcement**

Please visit the [Maryland Healthy Eating & Active Lifestyle Coalition website](#), for information on grant availability in the "What's New" Section. Sixty grants will be given nationwide – with HUGE funding amounts over a 4 year period! Check it out – we are all about Healthy Kids and Healthy Communities. You just might end up with some funding for a project that you're currently working on and you'd love to expand or to fund one of those GREAT Ideas you've been contemplating!!! Deadline is February 3rd.

### **UnitedHealth Heroes Service Learning Grants**

UnitedHealthcare and Youth Service America are excited to offer the UnitedHealth HEROES service-learning grant program for youth-led community education projects in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee, and in the following specific areas: Florida—selected counties, Illinois—Chicagoland and Peoria, and New York—Long Island, New York City and Syracuse.

These grants of up to \$1,000 support teachers, service-learning coordinators and students in the health professions to implement service-learning projects around childhood obesity and engage children and youth ages 5 to 25 as volunteers. We encourage semester-long projects that launch in February, and celebrate Global Youth Service Day, April 24-26, 2009. Deadline is January 15th! Check out the [website](#) or send them an email with questions. Questions? E-mail: [healthheroes@ysa.org](mailto:healthheroes@ysa.org).

### **Workshop/Training Support Offered**

#### **Fashion Revue**

Yes, we're already working on the 2009 State Fashion Revue. If you'd like to be on the committee or have youth or volunteers who might be interested send contact information to [Corridon@umd.edu](mailto:Corridon@umd.edu).

**WORKSHOP** – You Need to Start with a Good Foundation! Maybe that's not the name we'll use (we're open for suggestions), but we are offering a workshop for ALL Fashion Revue interested youth and adults. WE'll bring the program to YOU and also will have a session prior to State Fashion Revue for those participants. Contact [Corridon@umd.edu](mailto:Corridon@umd.edu) for more information.

## **State Communications/Presentation Workshop**

Request a Workshop – NOW! Remember that the Collegiate 4-H Club offered a Visual Presentation and Public Speaking Workshop. If your county has an interest in such a training contact [Corridon@umd.edu](mailto:Corridon@umd.edu) and we'll work out the details for you!

## **Maryland Day**

PUT April 25th – MARYLAND DAY on your calendars to come to Campus for lots of activities – among them – the State 4-H Communications Contest! .

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## **4-H Winter Camp, January 17-19 2009**

The winter winds are blowing, it's a great time to be outside and maybe it will start snowing. The 4-H Clover is going "GREEN"-think of how much fun it will be making snow, hiking, and discovering alternative energy sources. The winter time is dark and cold, but here at camp it will become green and bold. We will learn that green is a color for all seasons-come and help us make it happen!

[Download the registration flyer](#) for the 4-H Winter Camp at the Patuxent River 4-H Center. This camping program is open to youth ages 8-15. For more information contact the Patuxent River 4-H Center at 301-218-3080 or 301-218-3079.

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## **Applications for State 4-H Chaperon/Coach Positions Announced**

There are some fantastic opportunities for you as volunteers and MCE employees to be able to chaperon/coach out of state trips for the upcoming year. If you are interested please review the specific job description for the position you are interested in and framework for selecting volunteer/employees for State Positions on the [volunteer website](#).

You can then fill out the appropriate application by the due date and return it to the State 4-H Office.

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## Forum Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2008 Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum the biggest and best ever. The Forum in just four years has grown to become one of our biggest and most popular events. A special thanks to members of the Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association who served as the planning committee and to the State 4-H Faculty who helped with class selection. And, thanks to those who provided administrative support at all levels.

The heart of the Forum is the many great classes offered on Saturday. Thanks to all of the dedicated instructors who gave so generously of their time, talents and knowledge. Thanks also to those who helped improve the Forum by providing "hands on" classes Friday evening and to everyone who conceived of and conducted the well-received Operation Snowflake. Thanks to those who provided Share Fair displays and to those who donated and/or purchased items from the Silent Auction. And, thanks to the Maryland 4-H Foundation for the Putt for 4-H fundraiser and the 4-H Store.

Among the many reasons for the Forum's success is because it's family friendly and affordable. A generous grant from Monsanto and support from National 4-H Council have helped us keep rates low the past two years. Lastly, thanks to the staff of the Carousel who went above and beyond to provide everything we requested.

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## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to all the individuals within the 4-H program across the state of Maryland and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources that participated in this year's Share a Bear program.

Over 2500 bears were collected this year. These bears will be given to children in need this holiday season and throughout the year.

Thursday, several MCE employees along with Dr. Nan Booth (retired College of Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty member) had the opportunity to deliver the bears to a local family center. The center staff had been very concerned about how they were going to continue their program this year as donations have been very light. They were simply overwhelmed with your generosity and support. We wish all of you could have experienced the faces of the staff and children as we delivered the bears. Photos will be forthcoming. Until then, we say Thank You for making

many children's holiday season a little brighter.

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