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Grant Opportunities, Scholarships and Service Awards

Captain Planet Foundation Grants
(Deadline: March 31)
The Captain Planet Foundation (CPF) annually funds projects involving children and young adults. Recipients of these awards are often schools and non-profits that propose projects promoting understanding of environmental issues. These projects must include children and young adults (aged 6-18) and focus on hands-on involvement, interaction and cooperation within the group, development of planning and problem solving skills, and adult supervision. Generally, the moneta sum of awarded grants is between $250-2,500. www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html

Green America Awards
(Deadline: April 1)
The Nature Hills Nursery Green America Awards will be presented to groups and organizations tha are making a difference in their communities. Eligible applicants include community groups who a committed to improving their local environment by planting trees, bushes, and shrubs to make their communities a better place to live. One grand prize winner will receive $2,500 in plant materials. The first place winner will receive $1,500 in plant materials, and the second place winn $1,000 in plant materials. The plant materials can contain trees, fruit trees, bushes and shrubs, perennials, and vegetable seeds. www.naturehills.com/green_america_awards.aspx

2010 Spirit of Service Awards
(Deadline: April 12)
The Corporation for National and Community Service is committed to recognizing and celebrating outstanding service by their volunteers and members. The Spirit of Service Awards pay tribute to the most outstanding participants in each of the Corporation's programs - including Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America. Awards will be presented to the winners during special ceremonies at the 2010 National Conference on Volunteering and Service, June 28-30, in New Yor City. Nominations are currently being sought through April 12, 2010. Nominees must exemplify th spirit of national service, demonstrate exceptional service or leadership, and serve as role models for others in their community. Nominations should include information about the impact of the nominee's service. www.nationalservice.gov/about/spiritofservice/index.asp

Six Flags Friends Scholarships
(Deadline: April 30)

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DoSomething.org has teamed up with Six Flags Friends to award college scholarships to young leaders who are taking action to make their community a better place. Scholarships will be awarded based on past, current and planned action in the community as well as the applicant's passion, commitment and proven leadership skills. Six winners will receive a $1,500 college scholarships. www.dosomething.org/grants/sixflags/scholarships

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes
(Deadline: April 30)
Nominate a young service-learning leader for a $2,500 Barron Prize! The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2010 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive $2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nominatio deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit www.barronprize.org

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Announcing the USA Science & Engineering Festival Kavl Science Video Contest

Do you think Science is cool? Do you want to share your passion for science with others? Here is your chance to inspire thousands of people to be more curious, and to care about science & engineering the way you do: create a short video that explores the question "Why is Science Cool

We are seeking videos that are creative, surprising, and "contagious" in terms of spreading your enthusiasm about science to others. Videos might explore a scientific concept, show us the wonders of nature, give us a glimpse into the future, show us what scientific discovery has done f us in the past or will do for us in the future, introduce us to a great scientist or engineer.

Tell us why you think science is so cool or simply show us why we should care about science and/ engineering.

The contest opens on April 1, 2010 and closes on May 31, 2010.

For more information, visit:
http://www.usasciencefestival.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92&Itemid=9

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2010 Maryland 4-H Animal Science Leaders Forum-Registration Due April 7

The 2010 Maryland 4-H Animal Science and Horse Leaders Forum is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010 and will be held at the Animal Science Building on the University of Maryland campus in College Park, MD.

This forum will provide an excellent opportunity for animal science and horse volunteers, teens (ages 14-18), and UME staff to gain knowledge and skills in various animal science topics. We will also use this time to discuss updates, upcoming events, and gather volunteer input about the 4-H Animal Science Program. This event is replacing the Horse Leaders Forum that was offered for the first time last year.

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The registration form with directions and workshop descriptions as well as an agenda for the even were recently sent to the 4-H Team. Registration information can also be found on the Maryland 4-H Website homepage at http://www.maryland4h.org/. Participants must pre-register for this even Early-bird registration deadline is April 7.

For more information, please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu .

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Maryland 4-H "TREE-mendously WILD Weekend" – April 9 - 11 (Wildlife & Forestry Contest and Educational Weekend)

The Maryland 4-H Youth Development Environmental Sciences & Technology program is looking fo individuals interested in outdoor learning opportunities. This year we are encouraging folks of all ages to join us for exploring and learning about nature. We will be doing "TREE-mendous" activities that will help prepare you to learn and explore all about the forest; learn to identify trees identify diseases & insects that harm our forest, learn to measure a tree and to use a compass. W will introduce you to program sections from the Maryland/National 4-H Forestry Contest (The Maryland 4-H Forestry Contest will be held April 11 from 12:30pm - 5:00pm).

Also a part of this WILD weekend adventure will be investigating wildlife habitats and learning about habitat management; as we learn to identify birds, butterflies, and mammals and what they need to survive. We will explore the many parts of the Maryland/National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Contest and challenge you to test your skills and understanding about wildlife in Maryland. (The Maryland 4-H Wildlife Contest will be held April 10, from 12:30-5:00 pm)

So, if you are a 4-H member or UME volunteer interested in learning more about forestry and wildlife, this is the "TREE-mendously WILD weekend" for you. It will be an interactive and fun learning opportunity for all. So take this time to join us for a weekend in the great outdoors.

Download:

Tentative Schedule of Events
Registration Form

If you have questions please call the Patuxent River 4-H Center, 301 218-3079; email prfourhc@umd.edu

We look forward to seeing you!

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Maryland 4-H Forestry Invitational

The Maryland 4-H Forestry Invitational will be held on April 11, 2010 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center.

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tact: Kristen Wilson
-596-9478

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Juniors:

- Tree Identification
- Compass Orienteering
- Insect & Disease Identification

Intermediates & Seniors:

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

Please see the Maryland 4-H Forestry Invitational document for more specific information regardin specific study materials per age division.

Download: 4-H Contest Areas Document

Registration is due April 2nd!
Download: Registration Form

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Announcing the 2010 Maryland 4-H Engineering Camp!

Get ready for the 2010 Maryland 4-H Engineering Camp at the Rocks 4-H Camp in Harford County. At this camp intermediate and senior 4-H members and adult volunteers will receive a hands on introduction to 4-H engineering projects while meeting other 4-Hers from across the state. Engineering projects that will be highlighted include: large tractor operation, lawn tractor, small engines, welding, bicycle, and electricity/energy. The workshops will include safety training hands-on experience, and information about regional and state contests.

The Engineering Camp will be held April 16 - 18, 2010. The cost for the Maryland 4-H Engineering camp is $115.00. You can download Registration Materials listed below or go to the Maryland 4-H Website www.maryland4h.org.
Registration Materials:
Registration Form
Liability Release for Minors
Liability Release for Adults

For more information please contact Dwayne Murphy at dmurphy2@umd.edu or 410-666-1025.

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Maryland 4-H Wildlife Habitat Contest

The Maryland 4-H Wildlife Habitat Contest will be held on April 10, 2010 at the Patuxent River 4-H Center. The contest includes:

- Wildlife Management Knowledge
- Species Identification
- Wildlife Management Concepts

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- General Knowledge Quiz
- Wildlife Management Practices
- On-site Wildlife Management Practices (WMP)
- Written Plan for on-site WMP (Int. & Seniors only
- Oral Reasons - On-Site WMP Plan (Seniors only)

Please see the Maryland 4-H WHEP Contest Areas document for more specific information regarding specific study materials per age division.
Download: 4-H Contest Areas Document
Registration is due April 2nd!
Download the Registration Form

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Global Youth Service Day – April 23-25, 2010

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning.

GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in over 100 countries. On GYSD, children and youth address the world's most critical issues in partnership with families, schools, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and governments. Anyone can participate in GYSD activities.

To find guides on coordinating your service project, to register your project, or to find events and celebrations in your community, visit www.GYSD.org

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STATE 4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

Hopefully you have some excited Junior, Intermediate and Senior Champion Speakers who are ready to represent your county/city at our State Communications Contest on Saturday, April 24th

The transmittal form can be found on the Human Science page of our www.maryland4h.org website. Following our State 4-H Policy for Competitive Events – there will be a $5 participation fee for each contestant. IF YOU PROVIDE 3 OR MORE JUDGES FOR THIS EVENT – THERE WILL BE A $25 DISCOUNT. Let Sandy (corridon@umd.edu) know who you have contacted to serve as a judge and she will send them a letter. Judges will need to be onsight at 9:30 a.m. for judges' orientation and training. The contest will begin at 10 a.m. and judging will be finished by 1 p.m. We have three venues for this years' event: Symons Hall – Prepared Speeches, Plant Sciences Building - Interpretations and Extemporaneous Speeches, and Skinner Hall – Radio Spots. I'll be sending a letter to participants as the forms come in to the State 4-H Office so the youth will know to report to the proper location – sign in – and give their speech. At the conclusion of each category – Prepared/Interpretations/Extemporaneous/Radio Spots – awards will be given. By ear afternoon, all of our State Communications events will be completed and our 4-H families can enjoy the rest of the festivities at 2010 Maryland Day!!! PLEASE NOTE: Communication Rules ar Communications Score Sheets have been revised during the past year and ALL revisions are

currently up on the 4-H website. Any questions, contact Sandy (corridon@umd.edu) See you at Maryland Day!

HEALTH ROCKS!

We're pleased to announce that Maryland is recipient of a sustainability grant for Health Rocks! Dr. Lisa Dennis with a team of Maryland 4-Hers: Julie Bower, Katlynn Larrimore, Francis Morgan, Maryland 4-H Volunteer – Roz Morgan, and Teresa McCoy and Sandy Corridon has just returned from training at the National 4-H Conference Center. We will be offering state and local training opportunities and will be interested in expanding outreach and developing funding for the continuation of this Prevention and Healthy Decision Making Program for youth 8 – 16 years. Get Ready for some Health Rocks! programs in your county/city.

State 4-H Fashion Revue

Classes have been revised. The Maryland State Fair website reflects the changes. The State Fashion Show will again be on Labor Day at the Maryland State Fair. NOW WE NEED YOU. If you are interested in serving on the 2010 Committee contact Lacie (lashby@umd.edu),
Shante' (sstokes1@umd.edu) or
Sandy (corridon@umd.edu).

We need 4-H Educators, 4-H Youth and 4-H Volunteers – we need your help so that we can continue to showcase 4-H lifeskills!

National 4-H Conference

Special Thanks to Dale Bowling and Tanisha English, our chaperones for the 2010 National 4-H Conference. Last week Mary Harmon (Allegany County), Ashley Larrimore and Emily Ferver (Ceci County) represented Maryland at "the premiere youth development opportunity of the Departmen of Agriculture" – National 4-H Conference. Our Maryland Delegation, after training sessions, workshops and citizen excursions visited the offices of Congressman Roscoe Barlett, Congressman John Sarbanes and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. Call on these 4-H youth to share with others their experiences as a delegate on this National Trip. Special thanks goes to the Maryland 4-H Foundation for their support of this trip.

OUT–OF-STATE TRIPS – 2010 INTERVIEWS

The State 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee with the help of many 4-H Educators and 4-H Volunteers have completed the judging of the 2010 applications for out-of-state trips. Interviews were held in three locations and via CONNECT. Portfolios were judged and we were pleased with a record number of Counties represented!!! Decisions will be made by the middle of April for the 2010 trips and will be announced by May 1st. All those involved with the judging were impressed with the outstanding 4-H experiences that they shared and the communication skills – both oral and written of our Maryland 4-H Older Youth.

Summer Youth EFNEP Programs

The Summer 2010 EFNEP grant proposals are due April 2nd. As you develop your proposals for this summer, discuss with your UME colleagues (FCS, AG, MG and others) to implement a program that will develop collaborations building a strong community base for this FoodSMART/ HealthSMART connection!!!

Training will be held on May 27th or June 1st. If you're applying for a grant, let Dr. Mehta know which training date is best for you.

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EXPLORE OUR WORLD DURING MARYLAND DAY 2010

Maryland Day - the University of Maryland's popular - and free - open house - celebrates its twelft anniversary April 24. Now one of the top annual events in the state of Maryland, the university welcomes the entire region to "Explore our World."

All over Maryland's 1250 acre campus, visitors can "Explore Our World" with tours, exhibits and demonstrations. The university is broken up into seven specific areas of exploration, learning and fun: Science and Tech Way, Ag Day Avenue, Arts Alley, Sports and Rec Row, Biz and Society Hill, Terp Town Center and the Global Village on Hornbake Plaza.

All Maryland Day events on April 24 run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. rain or shine. Everything is family friendly. Don't miss a scoop of Maryland ice cream at the Dairy – a new express line means quicker service! Admission and parking are free, and there will be free shuttle buses to and from the College Park Metro and on campus. Visitors are encouraged to take Metro. Navigation is easy with the help of complementary activity maps that include descriptions of all events.

Plan your day online at:
http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/
Try our new mobile app at: http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/mobile
or email questions to: mddayhelp@umd.edu.

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Maryland Day 2010 – Not too late to join the fun!

Attendance for the day is anticipated at over 70,000 visitors to campus and this is a great chance to showcase the Maryland 4-H Youth Development program and our proud connection with both the University of Maryland Extension and College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Many thanks to the club, county and city 4-H units who will be providing hands-on exhibits for youth participants and their families.

Do you have an exhibit you would like to set-up? It is not too late to join the fun!

Please contact Denise Frebertshauser at dfrebert@umd.edu.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Maryland 4-H Camp Staff Training – May 1st

A Camp Staff Training will be held May 1st at the Maryland 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 event, is youth ages 14 and older and adults working with either resident or day camp settings.
Download:

Registration
Tentative Agenda

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 shortly.

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Livestock Bonanza

Come One, Come All !! to the 1st Maryland 4-H Foundation Livestock Bonanza, Saturday, May 8, 2010 5pm-10pm.

This event benefits Maryland 4-H Livestock programs like Skill-a-thon, Judging and Round-Up. We are accepting donations for silent and live auction items.

Please see the **flyer** for more information.

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Eastern Shore 4-H Camp

4-H Educators, Volunteers and Teens are planning a great full week of overnight camp for this summer at the Thendara 4-H Center in Dorchester County. An exciting program is being planned to include classes and programs featuring GPS, Robotics, Entomology, Aerospace and Photography. In addition, campers will be encouraged to step outside and enjoy activities like fishing, canoeing, archery, rifle and exploring nature. *Giddy Up Go* is another option camp planners are hoping to include where campers will get an introduction to horses and riding. Campfires and special programs will highlight the week.

The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association. All staff members receive extensive training and are prepared to work with young children. Co- Directors for the camp are Cindy Morris, Coordinator 4-H Youth Development, Worcester County and Conrad Arnold, Extension Educator 4-H, Dorchester County.

Camp week is June 21 to 25, with campers arriving Monday morning and leaving camp late Friday afternoon. Cost of the camp is $275 for 4-H members and $325 for youth not yet enrolled in 4-H Youth ages 8 to 14 are invited to camp. Camp will be limited to approximately 20 girls and 20 boys. A $100.00 non-refundable deposit is due with registration by May 12th. A detailed information packet will be mailed once the camper's deposit is received. The fee balance will be due on June 6th.

For more information contact Cindy Morris, phone 410-632-1972, cmorris1@umd.edu or Conrad Arnold, phone 410-228-8800, carnold@umd.edu

Download: **Camp Flyer**

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Wilderness Adventure Camps – Patuxent River 4-H Center

June 28-30, 2010 - Ages 10-12

Experience the great outdoors and overnight camping. Hike, fish, kayak, explore nature, and stay in cabins overnight. Program includes an introduction to TENT camping – no prior experience needed.

July 28-30, 2010 - Ages 8-12

Enjoy an overnight adventure! Campers will sleep in cabins, and experience creek stomping, habi traking, fishing, and geo-caching in wilderness areas. Have fun singing around the campfire, listening to stories, and creating funny stunts and skits. Of course there will be canoeing, archery, crafts and favorite camp foods. We'll incorporate many environmental activities and learn to appreciate our surroundings. As always, campers learn about group living, being independent and making new friends. So don't miss the memories.

For more information call (301)218-3079, email prfourhc@umd.edu , or visit web-site www.patuxentriver4hcenter.com

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Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships are now available. We look forward to receiving your applications.

Any questions, call Amanda Clougherty at 301-314-7835 or akbrown@umd.edu

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Maryland 4-H Foundation Announces New Scholarship!

The Irene G. and Nicholas A. Porter scholarship is now available! The $500 scholarship is available to youth who are studying any horticulture/plant science field in any post secondary institution.

To apply, please complete the Maryland 4-H Foundation **Scholarship Application** and exchange the essay question for a Horticulture essay response. Please download the **Flyer** for more details.

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2010 State Fair 4-H Premium Book Update

4-H/FFA Superintendents and others have worked hard over the winter to make plans for the 201 Maryland State Fair.

The 2010 Maryland State Fair 4-H Premium Book has been updated and is ready to be posted on-line on the Maryland State Fair Website. However, as you are likely aware, there has been significant budget activity and discussion on the Maryland Ag Fair Board funds and as a result, the process of posting the Premium Book on the State Fair website is being delayed until the final outcomes of the budget process are known.

Please feel free to contact Chris Anderson if you have specific questions on 4-H/FFA activities and

guidelines for the 2010 Fair. We will inform you as soon as we are permitted to post the 2010 4-H/FFA Premium Book on-line. Thanks for your patience and understanding in these tough econom times.

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