



4-H News and Views

January 2009



4-H Ethics Trainings 2009

Ethics training is required each year in order to exhibit home arts and livestock at the Washington County Ag Expo & Fair. This year trainings will be held in four locations around the county. 4-H'ers must pre-register to attend. Ethics trainings are based upon the CHARACTER COUNTS!SM curriculum.

Tuesday, February 24- 7:00 p.m.

Shiloh United Methodist Church
19731 Shiloh Church Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742



Saturday, March 28- 10:00 a.m.

Extension Office
7303 Sharpsburg Pike
Boonsboro, MD 21713

Monday, April 27- 7:00 p.m.

Smithsburg Fire Hall
22 North Main Street
Smithsburg, MD 21783

Thursday, May 7- 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Church
211 East Cumberland Street
Clear Spring, MD 21722

4-H Recognition Night



Maryland Cooperative Extension and the Washington County 4-H Youth Development Program invite you to the annual 4-H youth and volunteer recognition program. This year's county recognition night will be held **Saturday, March 14**. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a light dinner and a silent auction to support the Washington County Junior Fair Board. At 7:00 p.m. we will recognize volunteers and youth that make Washington County 4-H Youth Development such a success. We are so proud of all the 4-H members, volunteers, and families for helping each other, our communities, and Washington County 4-H Youth Development throughout 2008. If you set goals and

reach for the stars there is so much you can do and learn in 4-H.

Please RSVP to Diane Woodring 301-791-1404 or dwoodrin@umd.edu by March 9.



Thank You to Volunteers, Parents and 4-H Members

December 6 was Beef Steer and second year Dairy Steer weigh-in. There were 54 Beef Steers and 19 second year Dairy Steers tagged and weighed. Thank you to everyone who assisted including Beef Superintendants Chris Thomas and Jamie Beckley. Nine new youth have added beef as a 4-H project for 2009. The weather may have been 22 degrees outside but everyone gave it 100 percent!

Horse News

For up-to-date information regarding 4-H horse clubs visit <http://www.4horsecouncil.org>.

The MD 4-H Horse Art Contest will take place again this year during Horse World Expo on January 15-18 in Timonium, MD. Entries must be received by no later than January 7. Entries will be judged the first day of the expo and will be displayed throughout the expo. For more information, please visit <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/artcontest.html>. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Ellis at kellis1@umd.edu or 301-596-9478.

The 2009 Horse Bowl Contest is right around the corner and is scheduled for Saturday, March 7. The updated rules & regulations are available online at <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/horsebowl.html>.

Please keep the following dates in mind:

Friday, February 6th - Entry forms due to Extension Office.

Friday, February 13th - Each team participating in the state contest must submit 40 questions. Please check the rules and regulations on how the questions should be formatted. Questions not formatted correctly or submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

A new reference will be used for the 2009 contest as listed in the rules and regulations. This reference will be used in its entirety by the intermediate and senior divisions. For the junior division, only chapters 1 to 5 will be used. Below are details about the new reference:

Equine Science – Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages, by Jean T. Griffiths.

Horse Books Etc. (www.HorseBooksEtc.com) 1-800-952-5813 and use ISBN # 978-1-929164-42-4.



4-H Day in Annapolis- Monday, February 16

Are you interested in learning more about Maryland State Government and your role as a citizen and constituent? Then this program is for you.

Come spend the day with other Maryland 4-H'ers and volunteers as we:

- Tour historic Annapolis, our state capitol
- Meet with Maryland legislators to share information about Maryland Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Youth Development Program
- Meet new friends
- Learn "How a Bill becomes a Law" in Maryland
- Listen to various government officials describe their role and learn how we as citizens can be involved in government

For more information about this unique citizenship opportunity, contact the Extension Office at 301-791-1404

Space is limited. Transportation will be provided.

WANTED: TEEN LEADERS

Are you interested in being a teen leader for Adventures in Agriculture Day Camp? If working with younger children and 4-H'ers is for you, then come to a teen leaders' meeting. Teen leaders must be between the ages of 14 and 18. Meetings for teen leaders will be held once a month beginning January 22. In compliance with American Camping Association (ACA) regulations, camp volunteers and staff must complete 40 hours of yearly training.

Teen leaders will learn and teach classes to campers, serve in a leadership role, meet other teens from Washington County and earn community service hours for school.

Adventures in Agriculture Day Camp will be held June 29-July 3

First Teen Leader Meeting Thursday, January 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.
If you are interested please call the Extension Office to register.



Public Speaking Contest

Tuesday, March 10
Extension Office
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

All entries are due to the Extension Office by Thursday, March 5th.

The top two individuals in each category and age group will be asked to represent Washington County 4-H Youth Development at the **State Public Speaking Contest on April 25 at Maryland Day at the University of Maryland College Park.**

The contest consists of four categories:

- **Prepared Speech**- Juniors: 3 to 5 minutes; Intermediates and Seniors: 4 to 6 minutes.
- **Extemporaneous**- Juniors and Intermediates: 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors: 3 to 5 minutes.
- **Radio Spot**- 30 seconds for all age groups.
- **Interpretations**- Juniors and Intermediates: 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors: 3 to 5 minutes.

Speeches are given by individuals, not teams.

For detailed rules, regulations, and score sheets please visit

www.maryland4h.org/4HFiles/HSSStateCommConRules.pdf

Reminder for All Club Leaders!

Just a reminder... the following items are due to the Extension Office on or before February 13:

- Club information Sheet
- Club Meeting Calendar
- Financial Sheet- If you don't have a club treasurer you still need to turn this form in.
- Club Leadership Form



Thank you to MCE Volunteers Shawna Corbett and Mary Ann Marvil for their leadership at the Record Book Training in December.

DUE

February 2

By 4:30 p.m.
Record Books or
Portfolios

Diamond Clover Award
Applications

Washington County 4-H
Scholarship Applications

Volunteer Recognition
Nominations



Pictured is Seth Marvil, member of the Rifle and Sharpsburg Clubs, with Tom Tate, USDA and Anne Haywood, the project director of My Wonderful World, National

Family Geography Night

4H'er Seth Marvil's work with community mapping was spotlighted during Family Geography Night at the Patriot Center on November 17 when George Mason University took on Brown University. Supported in part by the National Geographic Society, the event opened the home basketball season with geography fun for all ages including a half-time video about the importance of geography, a youth basketball game, geography quiz, educational displays and giveaways.

4-H Calendar of Events

Washington County 4-H

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January

January 1: New Year's Holiday Extension Office Closed

January 12: Portfolios for Out-of-State Trips due to Extension Office

January 15-18: Horse World Expo- 4-H Horse Art Contest @ Maryland State Fairgrounds

January 17-19: Patuxent River 4-H Center Winter Camp

January 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Extension Office Closed

January 22: First Teen Leader Meeting @ Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.

January 29: Livestock Superintendents Meeting Extension Office, 7:30 p.m.

February

February 2: Record Books due to Extension Office

February 9: 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting @ Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.

February 10: 4-H Out-of-State Trip Interviews @ Maryland 4-H Center (Snow Day February 24)

February 13: Club Leaders: Club information, 4-H Club Meeting Calendar, Club Leadership form- Due to Extension Office

February 14: 4-H Out of State Trip Interviews @ Carroll County Ag Center (Snow Day February 28)

February 14: Spring Swine Show, @ Four States Livestock Auction, 9:00 a.m.

February 16: 4-H Day in Annapolis

February 21: Record Book Judging @ Extension Office, 10:00 a.m.

February 24: 4-H Ethics Training @ Shiloh United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

February 27: 4-H Rabbit Club Meeting @ Shiloh United Methodist Church, 6:00 p.m.

March

March 5: Public Speaking Contest Entry deadline

March 10: Public Speaking Contest @ Extension Office, 5:00 p.m.

March 14: 4-H Recognition Night Washington County Agricultural Education Center, 6:00 p.m.

March 28: 4-H Ethics Training @ Extension Office, 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

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