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Agricultural Fair Edition



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The next issue of The Montgomery County 4-H News & Notes will be published on the first week of September 2024. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu by August 26, 2024.

Nine Agency Rule Notification

The USDA Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (OASCR) recently sent out priority guidance regarding the revised 7 CFR Part 16 "Nine Agency Rule" on July 2, 2024. The revisions have clarified various provisions regarding notification requirements under the rule, which reestablishes important religious liberty protections for beneficiaries of federally funded social services (all extension programs).

AGNR operating units in whole or in part alert beneficiaries such programs and services are delivered on a nondiscriminatory basis through the utilization of public notification requirements and the University of Maryland's Policy on Nondiscrimination and Procedures VI-100 (B).



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Decorated Trees and Wreaths 2024

Your group can enter a tree, a wreath, or BOTH. In addition, if you are an individual who wants to participate, give me a call, we will talk.

Wreaths can be hung in your building/barn or we can find a place for them, so you do not need to have a place to hang them – hint, hint, 4H Groups!

Please focus on the 75th anniversary theme. Your building/barn/group may not have been around 75 years ago, so tell us your history. Signage is good, since these will be up all week and fairgoers are curious about them.

For the Wreaths-

They should be no larger than 24" across.

You can buy a grapevine wreath or you can build a wreath out of whatever materials you want. *Extra points if you make it yourself.

Wreaths can be decorated for any "holiday" you want, even something like National Paper Clip Day. You just need to have some signage as to what holiday you are celebrating.

Decorations must be made yourself – please make sure that they are securely affixed, twist ties work well.

For the Trees-

They should be no larger than 8' high

You must build them yourself, no purchased trees are allowed.

Decorations must be made yourself – please make sure that they are securely affixed, twist ties work well

Ms. Biener needs to know who will be participating by August 3. She needs time to set up judging sheets and plan the route for the judges.

Judging will be the Tuesday August 13 unless there is a deluge that day.

Ms. Biener would like a co-superintendent. She would also like some assistants who can walk better than she can, and who can help locate the entries, and place the ribbons and take pictures of the entries after judging.

Ms. Biener can always use help especially after judging to place the ribbons, so please let her know if you are willing to help with that.

Kunni Biener, Kdmc523@gmail.com 301-928-4513

Fair Parking Location

In addition to Lake Forest Mall, free Parking and Shuttle buses will also be available from **Montgomery College Rockville Campus**, located at 900 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850. Free Shuttle Buses will be available from August 10 -17 starting at 10:00 a.m. every day.

- The last bus leaves for the Fairgrounds at 9:00 p.m. during the week.
- The last bus leaves for the Fairgrounds at 10:00 p.m. on weekends.

Maryland State Fair

The Maryland State Fair spans three weekends in 2024, August 20 to September 8!

For detailed information about the 2024 Maryland State Fair, the Fair schedule, and 4-H/FFA Department information, visit the Maryland State Fair website on the Get Involved / Competitions / 4-H/FFA Competitions page at <https://marylandstatefair.com/4hffa/>.

Fair Volunteers Needed!

Please remember to sign-up to volunteer at the fair. Every single 4-H volunteer is very important and very much appreciated!

Youth volunteers: This is a great opportunity to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours towards graduation.

You also have the opportunity to become a life member of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fairgrounds and get a free life member pass to the fair (visit the fairground's website for information on this program:

<https://www.mcagfair.com/general-information/volunteer-information/>
and click on the Volunteer Information tab.

For General Questions or Volunteer Opportunities, please contact:

301-926-3100 ext. 205 or info@mcagfair.com

Do not forget to Sign In and Out when you get to the Fair!

If you are volunteering during the fair, you need to sign in at that location.

If you leave the fairgrounds, do not forget to get your hand stamped for re-entry. Otherwise, you will have to pay to get back on the grounds.

Remember, you must be 12 years or older to earn hours for your fair life membership, and must be entering 6th grade in the fall to be eligible for SSL hours.

Last Fair Workday

The last Fair Workday is August 3 – As always, WE NEED A LOT OF HELP!

You do not need to register for the Fair Workday in advance—just show up. Sign in on the computer at the Fair Office Gazebo off Chestnut Street, or at the Heritage Building.

Workday will begin at 8:00 a.m., department superintendents will determine when the workday ends, usually between 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. If you arrive and sign in by 9:00 a.m., you will receive one free lunch ticket. Do not forget to ask for it.

Remember, you must be 12 years or older to earn hours for your fair life membership, or SSL hours.

Bake Sale Volunteers Needed

Help the Home Arts Department cut and package award winning pastries! If a 4-H member attending is under the age of 12, parents are welcomed to stay, 4-H'ers 12 and up do not need to have an adult present.

Please sign up at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AB29A5FCC25-50098063-montgomery#/>

4-H Volunteer Opportunities

We still have several Volunteer Opportunities open during the Fair this year:

Color Guard

We still need 3+ members to lead the parade as Color Guard. You will need to be able to carry the flags during the parade physically. The flags weigh roughly lbs. If interested email Catherine Savage at Csvage9@umd.edu

Indoor Entry Days

We are always looking for more hands to help on the indoor entry days. Tasks will include; helping direct youth to the right tables for entries, manning the doors, and keeping the area organized. We will need extra

help on Wednesday, August 7 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, August 10 from 2:30 – 6:30 p.m. You will be able to earn either Fair hours or SSL hours. For questions, contact Catherine Savage at Csavege9@umd.edu.

Info Desk

Volunteers and youth are encouraged to volunteer at the Indoor 4-H Building at the Fair. You will be responsible for keeping the building clean, organizing, and answering questions from the public about 4-H and how amazing it is! For questions, reach out to Catherine Savage at Csavege9@umd.edu, or Sheila Ford or sheilaf@umd.edu.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A8A622A4FFC70-50186068-4hindoor>

Bake Sale

We will need volunteers and/or youth to run the bake sale on Saturday, August 10, and Sunday, August 11. Youths 12 and up do not need to be accompanied by an adult to volunteer. Tasks will include keeping the baked goods organized, the space clean, packaging, cutting, answering questions, collecting cash, and making change.

Contact Karen Rothbaum or Karen Witt at kdrothbau@aol.com or kawitt625@yahoo.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AB29A5FCC25-50098063-montgomery>

Ophthalmologist Assistants

We will have two Ophthalmologists in the 4-H Building doing vision screening for the public again. They will need a youth volunteer to help them from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Monday-Wednesday of Fair week.

Sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A8A622A4FFC70-50466917-vision>

Thursday after Entry Day Fair Help

We will need a few hands to help us on Thursday, August 8, the day after the non-perishable entry day, to help set up netting, covers, and switching the room over for Saturday Judging and Entries. This will be from 11:00 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. (tentatively). If interested, email Catherine Savage at Csavege9@umd.edu or Sheila Ford at Sheilaf@umd.edu.

All of these are opportunities to earn Fair hours or SSL hours.

VIP Day at the Fair

All 4-Hers ages 12 and up can perform a very worthwhile community service and earn fair hours or SSL hours. Volunteer hosts on VIP Day escort children with disabilities or who are chronically ill around the fairgrounds on Monday, August 12, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Remember the 4-H Pledge '...My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service...' Give some of your time to helping these children enjoy their day at the fair.

There will be a training session for all interested volunteers on Monday, August 5, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Heritage Building at the fairgrounds. PIZZA dinner will be provided.

If you have any questions, call Dennis and Besilica Castaneda at 301-379-1169 or e-mail at dennisandbesilica@gmail.com.

Volunteer at the Big Cheese Booth

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is just around the corner! This year the Fair will be August 9-17, 2024. Volunteers are needed during the Fair preparation and the Fair days for the Cheese Booth. This is a fun and easy way to earn Student Service Learning hours or Agricultural Center Membership hours. Training sessions are scheduled so everyone becomes familiar with the responsibilities. The Cheese Booth also needs help before and after each training session to help prepare the booth for the Fair. To register for preferred work shifts, you MUST attend ONE of the below sessions. This requirement is for everyone, new volunteers and prior year volunteers.

The last fair working session is August 3 from 11:00 to noon. The Session will meet at the Cheese Booth. The Fair workday sign-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers who sign in before 9:00 a.m. will get a free lunch ticket. Your help is always welcome. Volunteering is more enjoyable with friends and family, so bring them along too!

Direct questions regarding the Cheese Booth to, Sue Sullivan, 301-325-4384 email at Suesonline@aol.com

Volunteer at the Information Booths

The Information booth is a great way for 4-H'ers, 12 years old and up, to volunteer and start working toward their fair memberships or SSL hours. IN ADDITION, we need parents and other adults to help supervise.

We have four booths throughout the fair grounds. Teams of two to three people work each booth for a minimum of four-hour shifts. Shifts are 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 2:00 - 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Friends and families can work together and entire clubs can sign up together if they want. We would like 4-H'ers to be in the booths while adults help by monitoring each booth and by visiting the booths at intervals and dropping off any needed information materials. Good public speaking is great, but an enthusiasm for the fair is all that is needed. In order to volunteer, you must attend one of the orientation meetings. Clubs that want to sign up together may request to receive training at one of their meetings.

The info booth orientation will take place on August 3, 11:00 p.m. - noon.

To register, and for more information contact Sue Sullivan at suesonline@aol.com

Tram Spotters Needed

If you will be 18 years old or older at the time of the fair (calendar age, not 4-H age), we need you as a spotter on the tram that ferries visitors around the fair. You will assist those who need on and off the tram

and hand out fair brochures to riders. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Leslie Swartzwelder at Leslie@mcagfair.com, 301-926-3100 ext. 205.

Animal Exhibitor Orientation Required To Show!

All 4-H animal exhibitors (this includes ALL animals, even the pet show) at this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will be required to attend an exhibitor orientation meeting. Topics will update you on new rule and procedural changes for animals, public health, 4-H rules, fair policies, and other helpful tips to make sure you have a positive fair experience.

The session will be held at 8:30 a.m. sharp on August 3, in the Heritage Building at the fairgrounds. Doors will be closed promptly at 8:30 a.m. and no late entry will be allowed once the program begins. A parent must be present to sign the attendance form. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Savage at csavage9@umd.edu or (301) 590-2813.

Pet Show Requirement

The Pet Show is a super fun casual dress contest. Pets entered should be friendly and have no history of aggression.

ALL PET SHOW EXHIBITORS: The 4-H'er and a parent or guardian must attend one of the quality assurance meetings held in the Heritage building at 8:30 a.m. sharp on August 3.

Please check the fair catalog for all requirements of pets entered in the pet show. All required identification and testing requirements/certificates for all species will be enforced the same as any other livestock event at the fair. This could be tattoos, RFD tags, etc.

Dogs and Cats MUST have a current rabies certificate at check in. Rabies tags will NOT be accepted as proof of current vaccine.

Please read the rules carefully for everything, including promotion. Pets shown in the pet show cannot be shown in any other fair event.

We want 4-H'ers to have the most positive, fun experience possible. Feel free to contact Lisa Righter at LocustSprings@aol.com, or 301-538-0004 with any questions. Email is best.

Rabbit Exhibitors

As per Maryland Department of Agriculture, all rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear for positive identification. This is a rule that must be enforced as animals in the pet show are subject to inspection and held to the same standards as all other livestock. The Montgomery County Rabbit Club has generously offered free tattoo(s) for any rabbit(s) entered in the pet show on the last workday, August 3 in the morning. Please look for the Fair Veterinarian if your rabbit needs a tattoo.

The Pet Show is about having lots of FUN! Please join us.

New Rule for information for Division 13 - Vegetables and Fruits, and Division -14 Flower Specimens

Although pre-entries for Fair were required by July 20, under divisions 13 and 14 (Horticulture) pre-entry will not be a requirement but is still encouraged, before the indoor entry day. This includes all vegetables, fruits, and flower specimens. We understand that many times the weather and other environmental factors play such a vital role in these entries and their success, making it difficult to know what your entries might be a month ahead of time. We encourage you to enter your project online, but on-site entry is allowed for Divisions 13 and 14.

Blank entry tags will be provided at check-in for divisions 13 and 14. These items will be received on Saturday, August 10, from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. as usual. Remember to arrive early to give our youth enough time to fill out their tags. Poster boards will be placed with a "how-to" on filling out your tag and volunteers will be stationed at the check-in to help our youth fill these out.

How to bring your indoor entries to the 4-H Building at the Fair

Monday, August 5 – only day to enter club booths and banners, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Club books are optional on Monday.

Wednesday, August 7 – 4-H non-perishable entry drop-off, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
DOORS WILL BE CLOSED AT 7:30 P.M. NO LATE DROP-OFFS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Saturday, August 10 - Perishable entry drop-off, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pick up day—Sunday, August 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All exhibits unclaimed by Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. will become the property of the fair.

EXHIBITS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BACK TO THE 4-H OFFICE.

The Fair or the 4-H Office will NOT be responsible for any damage to an exhibit while at the fair.

Booths and Banners State Guidelines

Please remember, the State Fair guidelines for entering booths and banners are different from the Montgomery County Fair.

Banners: ALL clubs may enter their banners in the State Fair. However, Clubs must enter them themselves using the online State Fair entry system.

Booths: ONLY County Fair champion "State Fair Themed Booths" can be entered at the State Fair.

If you wish to enter your banner or booth, make sure it complies with the State Fair Catalog rules.

You are responsible for getting your booth or banner to and from the State Fair.

The 2024 State Fair Booth/Banner Theme can be found under "Department T - 4-H/FAA Promotion".

Banner dimensions: 50" wide X 38" tall. The opening for the pole should to be a minimum of 3", and is included in the overall size of 38" long. Do not bring your own pole. You MUST use these dimensions or you will be disqualified.

4-H Cake Auction Sunday, August 11

You are cordially invited, along with all of your friends and family, to join in the annual 4-H Cake Auction. The Cake Auction will take place in the Cattle Pavilion on Sunday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. Cakes that won blue ribbons at the fair will be auctioned off to the highest bidder—this is our main fundraiser for the Montgomery County 4-H Program. All money raised from the auction goes to Montgomery County 4-H to provide programs and opportunities for our 4-H youth and volunteers. Some of the things the funds are used for include resource materials, ribbons and awards, registration fees, and scholarships.

We need your support for the cake auction. Even if your child's cake is not in the auction, please join with friends and family to form a group to bid on a cake. If you know a business that would be interested in participating in this charity event, please encourage them to attend the auction on Sunday.

If you know someone, or a group of people, who want to bid on a cake and need fair passes, please contact Jeannine Shriver at jshriver@umd.edu. We have a limited number of passes to use for this purpose.

Ag Education Display Contest

The Ag Education Display Contest (Department 86) is designed to educate or promote agriculture. Each club can create a display. Displays will be shown either in your barn, or in the area designated by the Ag Education Committee. Displays from previous years may be brought up to the Fair but will not be judged for premiums.

Please contact the Fair Office at 301-926-3100 ext. 205 if you need space.

Inventors Club Science Demonstration

The Inventors Club is looking forward to showing several of the projects they have designed and built at the Montgomery County Fair. Stop by and see them Wednesday August 14 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. There will be hands on projects. The club will be demonstrating its most complicated Rube Goldberg machine yet, this year we have a catapult and zip line! We build a new one each year. Come try your hand at the Giant Robot Operation Game and pick your color for the HarmonGraph, you can take the paper graph design with you.

The Inventors have also built a 9-foot Giant LED display built on a Raspberry Pi and Tinsy 4.0, and will be on display showing messages in the Rabbit Barn.

Quilt Auction to commemorate the Fair's 75Th Anniversary

The Damascus Community 4-H Club Quilting and Sewing Project Groups worked on a t-shirt quilt to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the fair. The t-shirts came from 4-H clubs in the county, vendors that have made the fair successful, and catalogue covers. It is large, approximately 72 inches long by 60 inches wide. The quilt will be auctioned at the 4-H Cake Auction on Sunday August 11. The completed quilt top was made from approximately 70 blocks.

For questions please contact Kit Noonan at kmndakota@gmail.com or Maureen Levy at mlaf1@comcast.net



CLUB CORNER

Damascus Community 4-H Club

Excitement at the Damascus Community 4-H Club

By Renee H.

There was a lot of excitement this month in the Damascus Community 4-H Club. 4-H'ers are prepping for the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, and finishing up their projects. They cannot wait for the Fair to start on August 9! However, that is not all what they did in July.

During the Damascus Days Parade, some of the members walked and handed out candy, and encouraged people to join in. This was a great practice for their walking unit that is participating at the parade at the Montgomery County Fair.

Every year, they host a Senior Center birthday party. The Senior Center allows the 4-H members to host a birthday party for the seniors that attend. This year was a bit special. The members who attended got an excellent opportunity to display leadership. The members took the initiative and scooped ice cream, served cake, called Bingo numbers, and overall made the whole event run a lot smoother.

Be sure to be on the lookout for the Damascus Community 4-H Club entries in the upcoming Montgomery County Fair. They will dazzle!



Maryland State Council

Maryland 4-H State Council Members Enjoy a Fun-Filled June Meeting

By Caitlyn Y.

Frederick County, June 29, 2024 - On the afternoon of June 29, 2024, the Maryland 4-H State Council met for their bi-monthly meeting at the Frederick County 4-H Camp Center.

The meeting kicked off with a delightful outdoor picnic, featuring hot-off-the-grill dogs, hamburgers and veg burgers grilled by the state council advisors and 4H educators. The council members and parents brought various other side dishes, snacks, fruits, and drinks. The state council members were able to benefit from the pleasant weather and engage in some fun icebreakers before delving into the official business of their meeting.

With the effective goal setting, the council members engaged in a dynamic brainstorming session, exploring a variety of potential workshop topics for the upcoming “Launch into Leadership” event. During the discussions, members focused on identifying subjects that would offer the greatest value and benefit to the participants, such as resume writing or interviewing skills.

The myriad of potential topics and new ideas gathered made the June meeting not only productive but also enjoyable. The collaborative discussion sessions and engaging activities ensured that everyone left with a sense of accomplishment and enthusiasm for the upcoming event.

Four members from Montgomery County— Abby W., Diego R., Noah M., and Caitlyn Y.,—joined the meeting and had a blast hanging out with their friends from all over Maryland! The council members may be from different counties and different backgrounds, but they all got a chance to voice their opinions and share their thoughts.



MoCo 4-H State Council Members Lend a Hand at MoCo Fair Workdays

By Caitlyn Y.

On July 27, 2024, 4-H State Council members volunteered their time and effort at the MoCo Fair volunteer workdays.

Caitlyn Y. and Noah M., dedicated members of the council, arrived early in the morning at the 4-H Indoor Exhibition Building to assist with preparations for the upcoming fair. Their tasks included cleaning the room, hanging up the awnings, painting the wooden display stands, and setting up the display tables for the 4-H exhibits. Both Caitlyn and Noah were happy contributing to the setup of the 4-H Indoor Exhibition room, ensuring it was ready for the upcoming 4-H entry days.

Abby W. and Noah M. helped to manage the volunteer lunch in the Heritage Building.

Hannah W. and Tarini T. volunteered at the horse barn, helping to prepare the facility not only for the horses, but for the public as well. They painted the horse arena fence, prepared the horse stalls with shavings, did some gardening work such as pulling weeds and planting flowers, and so much more.



MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club

MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club Shines at Maryland Day

By Caitlyn Y.

University of Maryland College Park, April 27, 2024 — The MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club made a splash at Maryland Day, showcasing their impressive range of science projects, robotics, and community contributions. Held at the University of Maryland College Park, the event was a vibrant celebration of innovation and learning.

Club members presented their exciting science projects. Their hard work was recognized with awards from local and state fairs, as well as from Virginia fairs. These accolades highlight the club's dedication and talent in the STEM field.

In addition to their impressive displays, the MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club brought along a selection of fun games that delighted both adult visitors and kids alike. The interactive activities were a hit, adding an extra layer of enjoyment to the day and drawing smiles from the attendees.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for the MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club to engage with the community, showcase their achievements, and share their passion for STEM. Their participation at Maryland Day was a true testament to their commitment to education and community service.

MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club Triumphs at Public Speaking Competitions

By Caitlyn Y.

University of Maryland College Park, 2024 — The MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club achieved remarkable success at recent public speaking competitions, bringing home multiple prestigious awards.

In a series of competitive events, club members displayed their exceptional oratory skills. Their outstanding performances earned them championships in the Visual and Demonstration categories at the 2024 Central Cluster Public Speaking Contest, and they received reserved champion honors at the 4-H Maryland State Public Speaking Competition.

The club's members actively participated and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their impressive accomplishments. Their success at these competitions reflects their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence in public speaking.

MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club Participation at the Montgomery County Fair Volunteer Information Session

By Caitlyn Y.

Gaithersburg, MD, July 15, 2024 - The MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club, in collaboration with the Potomac Community 4-H Club, the Chinese American Parent Association of Montgomery County, the Capital Youth Outreach Club, and other groups, co-hosted an information session about volunteer opportunities at the Montgomery County Fair. The event took place at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Building at the Montgomery Fairgrounds.

This event was initiated by the Potomac Community 4-H Club eight years ago.

This marks the second time that the MoCo Sunny STEM 4-H Club was invited and worked with other clubs to share information about volunteering at the fair.

During the session, representatives from each club and groups discussed various volunteer opportunities. The Sunny STEM 4-H Club, highlighted 4-H-related opportunities, including the three volunteer workdays in the 4-H Indoor Exhibition Building, the 4-H Indoor Building entry days, the 4-H information desk during the fair, and other available volunteer roles.

The club's co-founder and representative Caitlyn Y. created a PDF with step-by-step instructions for the Fair 4-H Online Entry registration, which was shared with meeting participants and other club leaders. Additionally, they set up a table to showcase their club's science projects and community service activities to attendees.

All the Sunny STEM 4-H Club members and parents pitched in to set up the meeting tables, hand out the hard copy of the Fair catalogs, share the barcode for online catalogs and Fair entries, and help out with the events.

Sunny STEM 4H Club Members and Parents Volunteer at Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Workdays

By Caitlyn Y.

On July 27, 2024, members and parents of the Sunny STEM 4H Club arrived early in the morning at the 4-H Indoor Exhibition Building to help prepare for the upcoming 4H indoor exhibitors and judgings. They dedicated their time and effort to the MOCO Fair volunteer workdays.

Volunteers contributed by cleaning the room, hanging up the awnings, painting the wooden display stands outside the building, setting up supply boxes for the judges, and placing the display tables for the 4H exhibits in the Indoor Exhibition room. Their efforts ensured that everything was ready for the entry days.

Their dedication and enthusiasm highlighted the true spirit of the 4H community, making the fair a welcoming and organized event for all participants and visitors.



CALLING ALL 4H-ERS CAN YOU HELP US?

We need
volunteers for
VIP day!



What will you do?

Use your expertise to show a student with disabilities or chronic illness around the fair



What will you get?
Make a new friend
SSL Hours or Fair Hours
Professional Training
Lunch Ticket
Ice Cream Ticket
and a Carnival Wrist Band!



When?

Monday, August 12th, 2024 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the fairgrounds

INTERESTED?? SIGN UP HERE!



Calendar

AUGUST

3 MoCo Agricultural Fair - Work day
9–17 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
22-25 Maryland State Fair, Timonium
29-Sept 2 Maryland State Fair, Timonium

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