



Volunteers and 4-H

Making the Best Better!



The Maryland 4-H Program strives to grow competent, caring, compassionate and contributing citizens through high quality, positive youth development programming. All 23 counties and Baltimore City have 4-H Programs that are coordinated and managed by University of Maryland Extension (UME) 4-H faculty and staff housed at the local UME office (see back for listing). Each county/city 4-H Program is tailored to fit the needs and interests of the members, families and youth of their community and will include different 4-H clubs, outreach and camp programs. Despite their differences, each county/city 4-H Program could not grow, thrive or survive without volunteers! Volunteers are essential in assisting the 4-H Program reach its mission, vision and ability to educate and impact the lives of over 75,000 youth annually. Thank you if **YOU** are a Certified UME 4-H Volunteer and if not, read on to find out how **YOU** can become one!

VOLUNTEER ROLES

Adults and youth fill a number of volunteer roles in any 4-H Program, from setting up for the county fair to helping with a fundraiser; ALL help is valuable. However, 4-H clubs and 4-H programs are required to provide a **safe and inclusive environment** for youth. Therefore, positive, **caring adults** are sought to serve as Certified UME 4-H Volunteers. Individuals sought for this role must complete the onboarding/certification process (see back details and benefits) and can serve in any of the following roles:

- Club/Organizational Leader
- Activity Leader
 - Project Leader
 - Shooting Sports Instructor
 - Coach
 - Overnight Event Chaperone
 - Short Term Group Leader
 - Trip Chaperone
 - Camp Staff and other specified roles*



* additional roles available in some counties.

Contact your local UME Office to learn what roles are available in your county!

UME 4-H Volunteer Process

To become a Certified UME 4-H Volunteer, contact your local 4-H Team at the UME office nearest you. All volunteers must be on-boarded through their local 4-H Program. The onboarding/certification process includes:

- an application
- reference and background check
- new volunteer orientation (online and in person options available)
- interview with local 4-H Team
- appointment paperwork (appointment agreement, position description and code of conduct)

* Additional training may be required depending on volunteer role.

Benefits:

- Guidance, support and mentoring from Positive Youth Development Professionals at the county and state level,
- Ability to share knowledge and expertise with the next generation and affect change in your community,
- Membership in the Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association,
- Maryland 4-H Volunteer Card (accepted as an entrance pass to Maryland State Fair),
- Recognition through county and state events and awards.,
- Scholarship and training opportunities,
- Regional, state and national volunteer, event/trip opportunities,
- Membership in the largest and oldest youth development organization in the U.S.!



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Baltimore County.....	410-887-8090
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Carroll County.....	410-386-2760
Cecil County.....	410-996-5280
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Garrett County.....	301-334-6960
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Howard County.....	410-313-2707
Kent County.....	410-778-1661
Montgomery County.....	301-590-9638
Prince George's County.....	301-868-9366
Queen Anne's County.....	410-758-0166
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Somerset County.....	410-651-1350
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