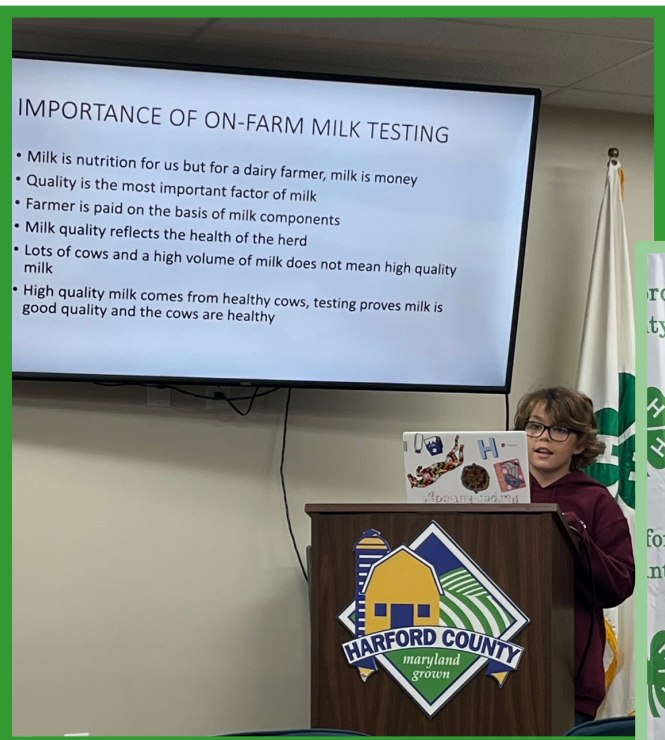




Happy Holidays! Just a reminder, this publication is a forum for you, our 4-Hers, Clubs, and Volunteers! We encourage you to submit pictures and articles highlighting your activities, ideas, and outstanding accomplishments! To be included in our next issue, please email all submissions no later than 1/5/24 to Marylisa Schaedel at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).

# 2023 4-H Demonstration Day!



Tripp Rutledge (above) gave a demonstration on the importance of a Milk Tester.

4-Hers Marie and Eliza Gallion (pictured below) gave a demonstration on how to show and care for Rabbits.



More pictures can be found on page 12!



# UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



*As 2023 comes to a close, we hope you reflect fondly on your 4-H memories, not just your accomplishments but the new skills, knowledge and most importantly the friendships you have made.  
~Marylisa Schaedel*



We encourage all families and volunteers to offer their feedback by taking a very brief survey using this link: <https://forms.gle/DDb2fJtfMgro4o1B6>. The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete and will offer some insight for 2024! If you have great ideas to improve upon an existing program or ideas for a new venture, please let us know!



Record Book changes are complete! Visit our website to find the new, streamlined Summary Record and Title Page. 2023 forms are still acceptable if you keep them saved on your home computer! Also, be sure to check out our new e-Record Book category for Intermediates! This option will allow our 4-Hers aged 11-13 to express their creative side by turning their record book into a slideshow or video presentation. Again, this is strictly optional! Traditional Record Books will **always** be accepted for all age groups! To read the new guidelines and to check out the forms, visit our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

Record Books will be due on 2/5/24. Historian Books will also be collected at this time to follow the calendar year. Interested clubs can leave books for judging on or before 2/5/24. If you have questions regarding the Historian Books, please contact Lynne DiBastiani [ldibasti@umd.edu](mailto:ldibasti@umd.edu).

We are looking for Record Book Judges! If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Taylor [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu).



Save the Date! Winter Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 2nd! Please consider teaching a class or two! Instructor forms can be found on page 8. We encourage 4-H Volunteers and Intermediate and Senior 4-Hers to participate! Great mentoring opportunity for all!



# Upcoming Events



Camp Counselor Applications are due 12/15! Applications and Information can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

Steer Weigh In and Tagging will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 10 am –12 pm at the Equestrian Center with an inclement weather reschedule date of Sunday, January 14. Registration forms were mailed to all 2023 Beef exhibitors. Paperwork and payment is due to our office on or before January 4, 2024. If you are new to the beef project forms can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>



## *Start planning your menu.....*

Just a reminder, Meal Appeal will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 8 am-1 pm at the 4-H Camp. We are continuing with our mystery list of ingredients and mystery kitchen tools! Once clubs are registered to participate, they will receive the 2024 mystery list!

Just a reminder, clubs and individuals are invited to participate! Individuals may also enter a nutritional poster, place setting or healthy lunchbox.

If you would like more information regarding the contest or to register, please visit our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

# Town Hall Feedback

Here are the ideas, thoughts and suggestions shared at our first 4-H Town Hall! We hope you are able to join at an upcoming session. If you have ideas but were unable to attend, please complete the google form shared on page 2!



Create a Mentor list for 4-Hers to access for new projects or help with existing projects.

Add fun categories to Fashion Revue! Change the time and move away from the Fair schedule to encourage participation.

Hold a meeting in 2024 for those families new to the Fair-both Indoor and Outdoor Exhibitors.

**Solicit sewing machine repair shops to obtain used machines that 4-Hers can sign out from our office. Offer sewing basics workshops to encourage participation.**

Bring back the display screens at the Livestock Sale so kids or parents can see the buyer name and thank them during the sale to lessen the burden on those working the table.



Start laying the foundation for a Buddy program so youth of all abilities can show livestock and other animal projects.

Announce a "Buyer Picture Station" at the Sale so the exhibitor can meet their buyer and take a picture.

*Bring back the monthly sign up for clubs to decorate the office bulletin board!*



Add a few team fun classes like a animal costume contest or a team goat dress up!



**Community Service Opportunity! The Harford Center is always looking for activities, especially during the winter months!**

Create a point based 4-H Member of the Year award!

*Provide resources for clubs such as grab and go craft ideas that other clubs are willing to share.*

Hold a check in for new and returning families twice a year for project work progress, club attendance and community service projects.

More Clover Workshop Days!!



## Calling All 4-H Horse & Pony Enthusiasts!

Horse Bowl Prep – This is for any 4-H member who wants to learn about horses. You do not need to own a horse, attend the Horse Bowl competition or be enrolled in the 4-H Horse and Pony program to attend these classes. These classes can help prepare for Horse Standard Tier tests.

▯ 11 classes, 1st class December 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Classes will be weekly starting January 2nd every Tuesday through March 5th.

▯ 6:30pm-8pm, Harford County Ag Center

**No Class Feb 13, 2024**

▯ Horse Bowl Contest March 9, 2024

### **Study Topics**

- o Parts of the Horse and Skeletal Anatomy
- o Root Words and Muscular Anatomy
- o History, Evolution and Behavior
- o Way of Going and Lameness
- o Reproduction and Genetics
- o Breeds, Colors and Color Genetics
- o Nutrition
- o Riding Tack, Training and Equipment
- o Trivia

RSVP by December 14, 2023 if you plan to attend, [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)

*~Karen Taylor, 4-H Program Assistant*

# State 4-H Opportunities



## Outbound Opportunities!

This year Maryland 4-Hers have the opportunity to explore the world and become culturally aware in 6 different outbound locations: Argentina (4-week), Costa Rica (4-week), Japan (4 & 8-week programs), Norway (4-week), South Korea (4-week), and Taiwan (4-week). Each outbound opportunity provides a unique cultural immersion experience. Delegates will experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own! Applications are due by Dec. 15th.

Program fees include lodging, meals, transportation, camps and cultural excursions throughout the program. The scholarship opportunity is available through States' 4-H upon application approval. If you are interested, please submit an application <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92010-States-4-H-International-Exchange>

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Maryland 4-H is seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12-17 years old and show them the American Culture. From mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. For more information contact Carrie Wivell at [cwivell@umd.edu](mailto:cwivell@umd.edu).

**Looking for Host Families**

States 4-H International Exchange

Do you know any families wanting to experience the world all in the comfort of their own home? We are seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12-17 years old and show them the American Culture. We need 14 families to host a Japanese Delegate this summer from mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. No special trips or accommodations are required; simply let a delegate change your and your children's cultural awareness for the better! If you are interested, please submit an application <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

For more information on both Inbound and Outbound Opportunities, please contact Joseph Y. Cho at [jcho8@umd.edu](mailto:jcho8@umd.edu).

## Save the Date!!

2024 Dog Advisory Webinar– Sunday, January 7, 2024, 6 pm to register contact Ashley Travis [ashley90@umd.edu](mailto:ashley90@umd.edu).

2024 Dairy Advisory Webinar– Friday, January 12, 2024, 7 pm to register, please use this link: <https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcodu2urDgiGdBbSEiOUHeAXAwaV0IZJVRU>

**ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! SAVE THE DATE!!**

Please join us for a Harford County 4-H



**Nacho Average**  
**VOLUNTEER**

**Appreciation**

**FIESTA**  
**LUNCHEON**



**Saturday, January 27 at**  
**12:00**

**Harford County Ag Center**





# Winter Workshop

## March 2, 2024



### Volunteer Instructor Registration Form

Please submit this form by January 12, 2024

Instructor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a 4-Her? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Your Class:

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Supplies needed for participants:

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Please return this form by January 12, 2024 to [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) or mail to 3525 Conowingo Rd, Street, Suite 600, MD 21154.

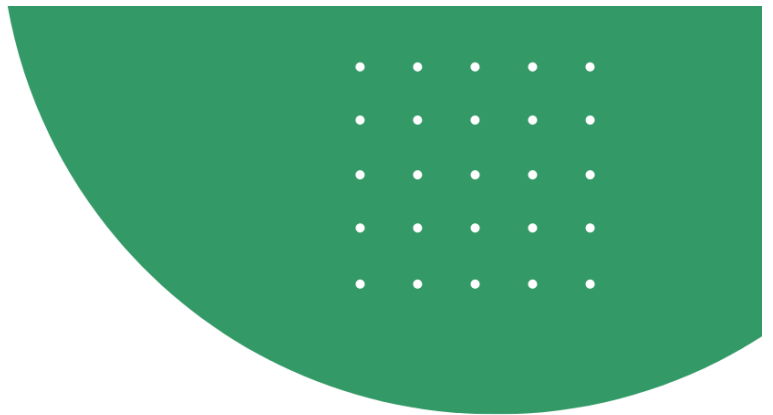
THANK YOU!!

If you require special assistance, please call the Extension Office two weeks prior to the event: 410-638-3255.

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# ATTENTION FORMER 4-H MEMBERS

Are you a Maryland 4-H alumni member? We are asking that you please take a moment to complete a short survey about how being a 4-H member affected you. Your input is greatly appreciated. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes for you to complete. Participants will be asked a screening question to confirm eligibility. More information about the research study including the consent to participate and survey link can be found at:

<https://go.umd.edu/4halumnisurvey> or swipe the QR code below.



Thank you for your time.

This institution is an equal  
opportunity provider.



**Quantities are Limited! Order your Shirts Today!!**

### 4- H T-Shirt Order Form

We are pleased to share our winning design featured below! Thanks to all who entered into our contest! Shirts will be available for purchase for \$15 each (2XL and 3XL, \$17 each). Mail or bring orders and payment to the Harford County 4-H Office 3525 Conowingo Rd. Suite 600, Street, MD 21154. Checks should be made payable to Harford County EAC.

***All proceeds will benefit the Harford County 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Association.***



***Congratulations to Emily Troyer***, a member of the Black Horse 4-H Club for creating the winning design (left). The design will be screen printed on to a kelly green cotton blend t shirt. Emily did a great job highlighting many popular 4-H projects! She will receive a free shirt for winning the contest! This shirt design is sure to appeal to many of our 4-Hers. Time is limited to order!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate size and quantity:

\_\_\_ Youth Small

\_\_\_ Youth Medium

\_\_\_ Adult Small

\_\_\_ Adult Medium

\_\_\_ Adult Large

\_\_\_ Adult XL

\_\_\_ Adult 2XL (+\$2)

\_\_\_ Adult 3XL (+\$2)

Total Shirts Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  Check  Cash

**Shirts can be picked up at the Extension Office, M-F 8 am—4:30 pm.**

## WANTED!!

- ◆ **Do you have a sewing machine taking up space in your attic or garage that you do not have any use for? Please consider donating your working sewing machine to the Harford County 4-H Program! We are looking to begin a sewing machine sign out program to promote sewing and Fashion Revue!**
- ◆ **The 4-H Camp will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, 12/9. If you are a senior 4-Her and would like to help with the event, please contact the camp at [info@deercreekeverlook.com](mailto:info@deercreekeverlook.com) for details.**



# Looking Ahead...



Mark your Calendars!!

*2023-24 Dates are Tentative and Subject to Change!*

- **December 15 Camp Counselor Applications Due**
- January 4, 2024 Steer Registration, Tagging Payment and Paperwork DUE!
- January 5, 2024 Meal Appeal Registration Due (Clubs and Individuals)
- January 13, 2024 Steer Weigh In (Snow Date January 14, 2024)
- January 18, 2024 Livestock 101 for new Exhibitors
- January 27, 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 12 pm
- February 3, 2024 Camp In Service Howard County Fairgrounds
- February 5, 2024 Record Books and Historian Books are DUE!
- February 10, 2024 Meal Appeal 8 am– 1pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- March 2, 2024 Winter Workshop at the Extension Office
- March 16, 2024 Officers Training at the Extension Office
- March 23, 2024 Public Speaking Contest
- April 4, 2024 Spring Clover Workshop at the Extension Office
- April 14, 2024 Achievement Day 2 pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- Intermediate Camp: June 17-21, Clover Camp: June 23-25, Junior Camp: 23-28

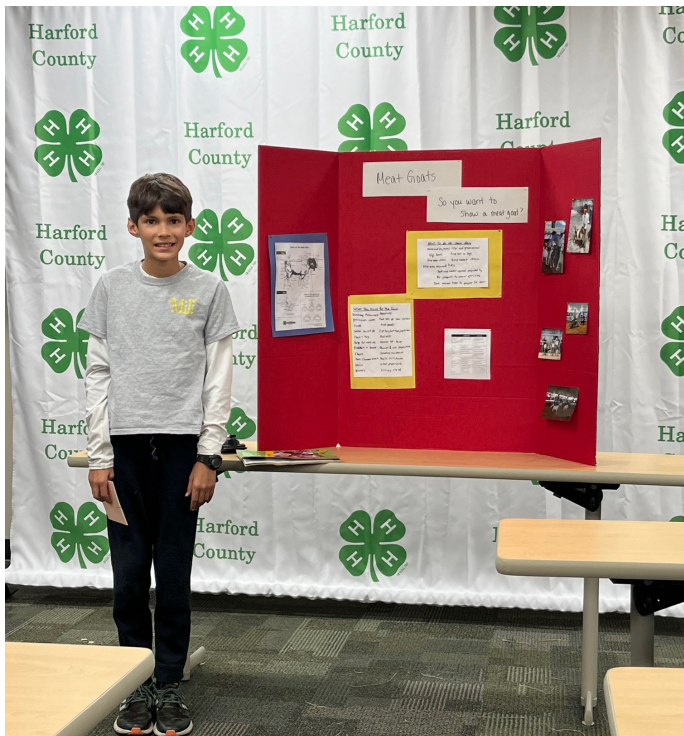
Looking WAY ahead.....July 20-27, 2024 Harford County Farm Fair

# 4-H Picture Pages

Demonstration Day is a new addition to our yearly calendar, giving 4-Hers an opportunity to present on their project knowledge!



Harper Rutledge gave a presentation about Boer goats.



Jason Widman also gave a demonstration about goats...and brought one to show how to trim their hooves! (pictured right).



# 4-H Picture Pages

Elisabeth and Isabella Holmes (right and below) gave a demonstration on swine by products and demonstrated how to make pigs in a blanket!



Marie and Eliza Gallion

# 4-H Picture Pages



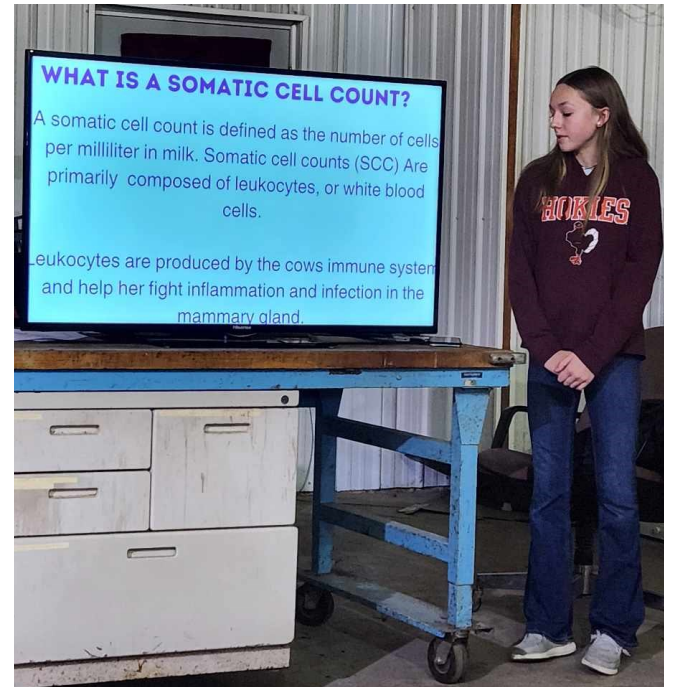
Birdseed  
Ornament  
Workshop



Fall  
Camp  
Clean Up



# 4-H Picture Pages



The Livestock and Dairy Skillathon/ Dairy Bowl group kicked off their season last month with a demonstration night. We learned about everything from somatic cell counts to artificial insemination. Everyone did a wonderful job. Our next meeting will be held Friday, December 15th at 6:00PM in the Brooks shop. Please reach out to Jodi Troyer ([jtroyer1984@gmail.com](mailto:jtroyer1984@gmail.com)) or Tracy Brooks ([tlbrooks28@gmail.com](mailto:tlbrooks28@gmail.com), 410.937.0575) if you have any question or would like to join us this year.  
~Submitted by Tracy Brooks





# Club Notes



In November, 4-H members of the Super Clover Kids Club volunteered at Eastern Family Resource Homeless Shelter to serve a Thanksgiving meal and complete crafts with residents. At the November meeting, Evie Joy and Avery Anderson did a demonstration on caring for and showing pigs. Club members also created cards for an assisted living in Forest Hill. ~submitted by Club Leader Heather Tognocchi







# Club Notes



The Blackhorse 4-H Club has been very busy this fall. Many club members helped out at the Jarrettsville Sunflower Fields. We have done road clean up a few times. In November a few members took their animals to the Norrisville Fire Department, where we have a lot of our meetings, for a petting zoo at their open house. The club also had a food drive and donated to Char Hope. We all got into the Christmas spirit at the Highland Tractor Parade this past weekend. Thank you to the Wilson family for heading up the float committee. We will finish out our year with a Christmas Party and officer elections. ~Submitted by Virginia Brooks, Reporter





# Club Notes



The Harford Stockyards brought animals to share with the visitors of the Eden Mill Fall Fest and also sold crafts at the Bel Air Craft Fair on December 3rd. ~Submitted by Club Leader Debbie Heston



# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>  4-H Online Closes for 2023	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>  Dog Bowl College Park	<b>4</b>  Record Book Workshop 7 pm EO	<b>5</b>  Horse Bowl Meeting 6:30pm Submissions to Cloverleaf Chronicle DUE!	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Happy Hanukkah Hanukkah Begins	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Camp Counselor Forms DUE  Last Day of Hanukkah	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Horse Bowl Practice 7 pm EO	<b>20</b>  Camp Board Meeting DCO 6 pm	<b>21</b> Reading Contest Logs and Pictures DUE! 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve	<b>25</b>  Christmas Day Office Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 						

# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  Office Closed	<b>2</b>  Horse Bowl Practice 6:30 EO	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Teen Council Meeting 7 pm EO Steer Paperwork and Payment DUE!	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Leaders' Association Meeting 7 pm EO	<b>9</b>  Horse Bowl Practice 6:30 EO	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Winter Workshop Instructor Forms DUE	<b>13</b>  Steer Weigh In and Tagging Equestrian Center
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Horse Bowl Practice 6:30 EO	<b>31</b>			



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