



Montgomery County 4-H

March 3, 2025



If you need a special accommodation for a 4-H program, event, or activity at the 4-H Extension Office in Derwood, MD, please call 301-590-3210 or e-mail jshriver@umd.edu.

If you need to reserve a room or need a special accommodation at the MoCo Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, MD for a 4-H program, please contact the Event and Sponsorship Coordinator, Ms. Monica Monroe at Monica@mcagfair.com.

The next issue of The Montgomery County 4-H News & Notes will be published the first week of March 2025. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu by March 26, 2025.

A PDF copy of this newsletter can be found, one week after publication, on the Montgomery County 4-H page.

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/montgomery-county/4-h-youth-development/news-notes/>

Positive Youth Development (PYD) Programs

“Together we help young people be ready for work and life.

The 4-H PYD - Positive Youth Development - Academy provides learning opportunities to equip 4-H and other educators with the essential knowledge and skills to plan, implement, and evaluate high-quality positive PYD programs that help youth thrive.

The 2025 4-H PYD Academy Beyond Ready series—an immersive virtual learning experience, is designed to strengthen your PYD practices, connect you with like-minded professionals, and empower youth to thrive. While Beyond Ready introduces innovative approaches to preparing youth for work and life, it is firmly rooted in the proven principles of high-quality PYD.

The multi-day conference is dedicated to understanding the developmental needs of youth and addressing retention challenges within 4-H programs. The Immersion series builds on the insights from the conference, offering actionable training tailored to 4-H professionals”.

Location: Virtual

Time: 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. EST

Dates of sessions are:

March 5, 2025

April 2, 2025

May 7, 2025

Registration and information at

<https://4-h.org/resources/professionals/4-h-pyd-academy/>

Small Engine Workshop

The Small Engine Workshops are Wednesday nights. Please see the below schedule for the remaining workshops. You must be a registered participant.

Workshop Schedule

March 5 Disassemble parts

March 19 Disassemble and reassemble

April 2 Reassembling, test run, troubleshooting

April 16 Work session on county fair-related classes

April 30 Wrap up, Q & A, driving practice, mock test

May and June TBD if needed
July TBD to run through county contests

For questions, email Catherine Savage at Csavage9@umd.edu

2025 Inbound Opportunities

Are you interested in other countries? Would you like to welcome an international student into your home? Host families come in all shapes and sizes and reflect the diversity of the United States. What they have in common is their eagerness to open their homes and hearts to a young person from another culture. Our families are warm, welcoming volunteers who are proud to share their American culture and lifestyle.

States' 4-H accepts applications from host families year-round for the month-long and yearlong programs.

For more information visit

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Terp Young Scholars

Applications close June 1, 2025

The Terp Young Scholars will take place in College Park from July 14 to August 1, 2025.

The program provides the participants the experience of learning how to navigate the college experience with the University of Maryland's Terp Young Scholars. The participants have the opportunity to take college courses in person or online. The students select one three-credit course (offered either in-person or 100% online). Classes are held weekdays, Monday - Friday, with meeting times varying according to the specific course.

Domestic Applicant Eligibility

- Applicants must be a rising high school sophomore, junior, senior, or graduating senior; and
- Applicants must have an unweighted academic average of 3.0 or better.

- If there are extenuating circumstances that have negatively influenced an applicant's GPA, submit a GPA Exception Appeal prior to submitting the Terp Young Scholars application.
- Submit Exception Appeal: Complete the GPA Exception Appeal form. The form requires an upload of your high school transcript, a letter of support from a high school teacher/administrator and a statement attesting to how you plan to succeed in the program.

Select Commuter or Online Option

Applicants who select a course offered through in-person instruction must participate via the Commuter Option. Terp Young Scholars does not offer a residential option.

- Applicants who select a course offered through 100% online instruction must participate via the Online Option.

For more information go to

<https://exst.umd.edu/pre-college-programs/terp-young-scholars/how-program-works>

Maryland Horse Bowl Contest

The primary objective of the Horse Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth involved in the 4-H Horse project to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. This contest provides an educational experience for participants and spectators.

The contest will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The 2025 contest will be held in person at the Plant Sciences Building, Room 1140, Regents Drive, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Contest check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Contest matches for all age divisions will begin at 10:00 am and run concurrently.

The Maryland Youth Institute

The Maryland Youth Institute is a life-changing experience at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore where high school students engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Maryland and around the world. The Maryland Youth Institute is hosted by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore with the generous support of MANRRS, Perdue Farms, Wal-Mart, and the USDA.

Registration due date March 25

You can find more information at

https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/world_food_prize_foundation_youth_institutes/maryland/

Central Cluster Public Speaking Contest

Central Cluster Public Speaking: March 15, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 W Patrick St., Frederick MD.

More information can be found at

<https://forms.gle/Z28mAuEmdRCEVZxc8>

Maryland 4-H Tech Engineering Day

Event on March 29 at Baltimore County Extension Office.

Registration is now open and closes March 23, 2025

The 2025 Maryland 4-H Tech Engineering Day is intended for 4-H youth and UME 4-H volunteers interested in learning about the different types of 4-H STEM projects and contests connected with Engineering and modern technologies.

Diamond Clover Level 6 Application Workshops

Are you a Senior 4-H'er who hopes to submit a Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposal in the Fall of 2025? This series of workshops will help you build a strong application for the Maryland state office's review. It will also give you time to talk to an educator and your peers about your ideas.

We will meet every 3 weeks at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855). **This opportunity is open to Senior 4-H'ers who have completed a Diamond Clover Level 5 project.**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event!

The times for the workshops are as follows:

- Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 25, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Please register on 4-H Online by April 9, 2025.

Mother's Day Craft Night

Come join us to make a free, special Mother's Day craft for your mother or another special person! We will be hosting the Mother's Day Craft Night on Monday, May 5, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855).

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event!

Welcome to Fair Workshops

May 19 and June 9 - Learn how to get involved with Fair, including indoor building, volunteer opportunities, and more! Location TBD

Kitchen Clinic

Save the Date: We are announcing a new 3-day event for 2025! Save the Date for 6/30, 7/1, 7/2 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. This event will have limited seating so keep an eye out for the registration. More details will be announced as we get closer, but you can expect to learn to make jam, bread, candies, cookies, and cake decorating!



Montgomery County Fair Updates

To encourage members to expand their hands-on experiences, the Montgomery County 4-H Office is sponsoring a new special Challenge Ribbon and extra cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in a Challenge. Each Challenge has its unique ribbon.

1. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Arts & Crafts Challenge: 1 entry in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (total of six (6) entries).
2. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the STEM Challenge: 1 entry in Divisions 7, 8, 9, and 11 (total of four (4) entries).
3. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Horticulture Challenge: 3 entries in Divisions 13 and 14 (total of six (6) entries).
4. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Mini Baker's Dozen Challenge: 1 entry in Divisions 16, 16A, 17, 18, 19, and 20 (total of six (6) entries).
5. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Meal Challenge: 2 entries in Divisions 21 and 22 (total of four(4) entries).
6. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Candy Challenge: 4 entries in Division 23 (total of four (4) entries).
7. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Food Preservation Challenge: 5 entries in Division 26—1 butter, 1 jam, 1 jelly, 1 marmalade, and 1 preserve (total of five (5) entries).
8. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Home Life Challenge: 1 entry in Divisions 27, 28, 31, and 32 (total of four (4) entries).

9. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Flowers Challenge: 3 entries in Division 29, and 1 entry in Division 30 (total of four (4) entries)

10. The Montgomery County 4-H Office offers a special ribbon and cash award to each Junior and Senior 4-H member who participates in the Photography Challenge: 6 entries in Division 33 OR 6 entries in Division 34 (total of six (6) entries)

2025 UMD Summer Camps

By Karen Shih '09
Feb 13, 2025

The University of Maryland offers a summer bounty of camps for children of all ages, ranging from six weeks of campus adventures for your youngest tots to research-based programs for aspiring scientists and engineers. Whether your kid loves playing music, creating code or challenging a massive climbing wall and ropes course, you will find great options at UMD.

Some popular camps fill up fast, so mark them down for next year. You can find more information at

<https://today.umd.edu/2025-umd-summer-camps>

Advanced Physics Summer Program. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28-Aug. 8

Amazing Science Discovery Camp. Students entering grades 3-5. July 14-18

Brin Maryland Mathematics Camp. Students entering grades 10-12. June 16-27

Bug Camp: Insects, Science & Society. Ages 7-11.

Session 1: June 23-27

Session 2: July 7-11

Camp Shule (Nyumburu Cultural Center). Registration information forthcoming. Students entering grades pre-K-12. June 16-Aug. 8

Center for Young Children. Ages 3 through kindergarten. June 23-Aug. 1

Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering Summer Program. Students in high school and community college. July 14-Aug. 15 (based in Rockville, Md.), Monday-Thursday

Data Detectives Camp. Students entering grades 6 or 7.
Session 1: July 7-11 in person in Atlanta, Ga. (at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters).
Session 2: Aug. 4-8 in person in College Park, Md.

Digital Story telling Camp. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28 - Aug. 1

Discovering Engineering Summer Program. Students entering grades 11-12.
Session 1: July 27-Aug. 1
Session 2: Aug. 3-8. Residential

ESTEEM/SER-Quest Summer Program. Students entering grade 12. July 7-Aug. 1.

Fire Protection Engineering Design Challenge. Students entering grades 11-12. July 7-11 (based at Mount St. Joseph's Catholic High School Monday-Thursday; students bussed to UMD on Friday)

Girls Talk Math. Students entering grades 9-12. July 7-18

Gymkana. Ages 5-15. June 23-Aug. 1

iDTech Camps. Ages 7-17. June 23-Aug. 8

Innovative Materials for Technologies. Students entering grades 10-12. July 28-30

LiFE Sports Summer Camp. Ages 9-14. June 23-July 17, weekdays

The Physics of Quidditch. Students entering grades 6-8. July 7-11

Pre-College Scholars Program. Students entering grades 11-12. July 7-25, weekdays

Promoting Meaningful Interaction and Social Engagement (PROMISE) summer program. Children ages 5-15. July 12-Aug. 16 (in Rockville, Md.)

Science and Math Innovators MaSTErMinds Camps: Math Mania and Rocket Science. Students entering grades K-3. June 23-27

Science and Math Innovators MaSTErMinds Camps: LEGO Robotics. Students entering grades 4-9. June 30-July 3

Secure IT Summer Academy. Students entering grades 6-8

Session 1: July 7-11 (beginner/intermediate)

Session2: July 14-18 (intermediate/advanced)

Shirley Povich Sports Journalism Summer Camp. Students entering grades 9-12. July 7-11

Summer Reading Camp. Students in grades K-8. July 7-24

Terp Quest. Ages 6-12. June 23-Aug. 8

Terp Quest Adventure Camp .Ages 10-12. Aug. 4-8

Terp Young Scholars. Students entering grades 10-12 (including graduating seniors). July 14-Aug. 1, weekdays

Terrapin Music Camp. Students entering grades 5-12

Band: July 13-18

Orchestra: July 20-25

Choir: July 20-25

Volcano Camp. Students entering grades 10-12 and UMD Terrapin Teachers. Dates TBA. Free, Prince George's County high school students and future STEM teachers from UMD's Terrapin Teachers program get to do hands-on volcanology research. Students learn how to identify and analyze crystals in volcanic ash, and visit the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

WIE Change the World! An Introduction to Maryland Engineering. Students entering grades 11-12. July 6-11

WIE Aspire! Explore Engineering. Students entering grades 9-10. July 14-18. For women but open to all.

WIE em Power! Students entering grades 7-8. June 23-27

WIE RISE! A Summer Research Program. Students entering grades 9-12. July 28-Aug. 1

SPORTS CAMPS

Field Hockey. Ages 12-18

Session1: July 27-29

Session2: Aug. 3-5

Nike Elite Golf Camps. Ages 12-17 (advanced skill levels). June 8-9, Aug. 3-4

Nike Junior Golf Camps. Ages 10-18 (all skill levels). June 15-18

Gymnastics. Girls ages 7-18. Two-day sessions from June 28-Aug. 5

Soccer Day Camp (boys). Ages 6-12. June 23-26

Soccer Elite Camp (boys). Students entering grades 6-12 (separate camps for middle and high schoolers). June 28-July 1; July 11-14

Soccer Day Camp (girls). Students entering grades K-8. June 16-19; June 23-26; July 21-24

Soccer Residential Camp (girls). Students entering grades 6-12. July 21-23

The Volleyball Academy (girls). Students entering grades 7-12. July 11-13

Wrestling. Ages 7-18. June 23-27; July 7-9 and July 7-11

CLOVER BY 4-H

Whether you are new to 4-H or you are a 3rd generation 4-H'er, you may not have heard of CLOVER by 4-H. This is different from a Cloverbud or a clover program. Instead, CLOVER by 4-H is the National 4-H Council's catalog of interactive online classes! There are classes for ages 5-18 and on any topic you can imagine, from financial literacy, to agriculture, to cooking.

If your child is under 13 years old, a "parent account" is required to assist with monitoring your child's online activities.

Club Leaders can also sign up for CLOVER by 4-H and can view all of the content to find potential club activities and even manage multiple learner accounts for their clubs.

In addition, the very best part is that CLOVER by 4-H is free!

Enhance your 4-H experience by trying CLOVER by 4-H. You may just find your new passion!

To learn more about CLOVER by 4-H, and to create your free account, visit: <https://4-h.org/clover/about/>

Are you Interested in Teaching a Workshop?

The Montgomery County (MoCo) 4-H is looking for volunteers and people to spread their knowledge and passion in anything from sewing, to baking, to cake decorating, to computer technology. Contact any of the MoCo 4-H Team if you are interested in teaching in a workshop and passing on your passions to our 4-H Youth!

St. Mary's County Soil Conservation (MASCO) Coloring Contest

At the end of this newsletter, you can find this year's picture to be colored. Coloring must be done **ONLY** by the participating child. **Wax crayons** are the only medium that can be used - nothing else. Judging will be based on neatness, attention to detail and how well directions were followed.

The colored pictures are due to the Montgomery County Soil Conservation Office by June 1. Please double print the entry pages, staple the Coloring sheet with the entry information or with a card

The entry must have contestant's name, address, age, grade, class, county, and home phone number. Entries received that do not have all of the required information will be disqualified and not displayed for judging at MASCO.

Please send the entry to:

Montgomery County Soil Conservation Office
Attn: Karen Walker
18410 Muncaster Rd
Derwood, MD 20855

Camp Tawasentha

Registration is now open at

<https://forms.gle/93ijC9WRQZbC6AWM7>

SAVE THE DATES!!!! Camp Tawasentha will be July 20-25, 2025. The camp is ACA certified, and all adult volunteers are certified through the University of Maryland's Extension program.

Camp is open to all children ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2025. Those that are 14-18 years old as of January 1, must hold a teen leadership position.

2026 Tentative date: July 12 -17

CLUB CORNER

Damascus Community 4-H Club

By Chace B.

Last month, the Damascus Community 4-H Club had an awards ceremony to celebrate all of the member accomplishments in 2024. Members displayed their projects and were given awards and gifts from their project leaders.



Photo by Addy B.
Quilting Club

4-H Calendar

Due dates and Events

MARCH

- 1 Maryland 4-H State Livestock Skillathon, Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- 5 Small Engine Workshop. Disassemble parts
- 5 Positive Youth Development (PYD) Program
- 8 Maryland 4-H Horse bowl Contest, Plant Science Bldg., UMD, College Park
- 12-16 Ignite by 4-H, Marriott Marquis, Washington D.C.
- 15 Central Cluster Public Speaking Competition, Frederick, MD
- 19 Small Engine Workshop. Disassemble and reassemble parts
- 22 Maryland 4-H Dairy Skillathon, Carroll County Extension Office
- 23 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon State Team Selection, Maryland 4-H Center, College Park
- 25 Maryland Youth Institute
- 29 Tech Engineering Day

APRIL

- 2 PYD
- 2 Small Engine Workshop. Reassembling, test run, troubleshooting
- 5 Maryland 4-H Horse Communication Contest, Maryland 4-H Center, College Park
- 12 Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, Animal Sciences Bldg., UMD College Park
- 16 Small Engine Workshop. Work session on county fair-related classes
- 19 Fair Workshop
- 26 Maryland Day, UMD College Park
- 26 Maryland Public Speaking Contest, UMD College Park
- 30 Small Engine Workshop. Wrap up, Q & A, driving practice, mock test.

MAY

- 1 Terp Young Scholars Application due date
- 9 Fair Workshop
- 5 Mother's Day Craft Night
- 30 Kitchen Clinic

JUNE

- 11 Soil Conservation District Contest registration due date



**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE MASCD COLORING CONTEST:**

**STUDENTS
NAME** _____

**MAILING
ADDRESS** _____

HOME PHONE# _____ **AGE** _____

**NAME OF
SCHOOL** _____ **COUNTY** _____

**CLASS (A, B OR
C)** _____ **GRADE** _____

(CLASS A -Kindergarten & 1st grades)
(CLASS B - 2nd & 3rd grades)
(CLASS C - 4th & 5th grades)

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