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4-H INDOOR BUILDING EXHIBITS 72nd ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

4-H is one of the largest youth educational programs for youth in the world. The 4-H programs are offered to all citizens without regard to race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, genetic information, political affiliation, gender identity or expression. 4-H is for youth ages 5-18 as of January 1st, and is offered in every county and Baltimore City in Maryland. The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover and has four H's that stand for Head, Heart, Health and Hands.

4-H has many opportunities to offer youth. Thousands of exhibits are displayed during the Howard County Fair by more than 250 4-H'ers. Exhibits range from Art, Baked Goods, Clothing, Computer, Creative Writing, Crafts, Entomology, Home Environment, Photography, Woodworking, Robotics, Aerospace, and many others.

Exhibits are judged on the Danish System. This means that each exhibit is judged on its own merit first and awarded a quality stamp (Blue or Red). All Blue quality exhibits in the different classes are then awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places. Champions are selected in each department and are awarded champion ribbons. Youth who win special awards write Thank You cards that go to all sponsors who donate gifts and cash awards.

When you are at the Fair this year (August 5th thru 12th), feel free to visit the 4-H Indoor Building to see what projects may be of interest to your child. Projects are

carried for one year, and they can turn into a child's own entrepreneurship project. We invite you to come to the Fair to see some of the new and exciting contests and activities that are offered to youth ages 8-18. This year we will be providing a display and opportunity for several hands-on activities that highlight project areas in 4-H. We welcome the public to participate on Monday, August 7th from 10 am - 4 pm in the 4-H Activities Hall. Also look for the Robotic Contest, August 7th, 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Food & Nutrition Bowl and Dog Bowl on August 8th, Small Pets Contest, August 10th, Dog Agility Contest on Friday August 11th, the Rocketry Contest on Saturday, August 12th, and see a Worm Race crawling its way to victory on Saturday, August 12th.

4-H has given thousands of youth, and will continue to give them, the opportunity to show their talents and expand their possibilities to reach new heights by exploring the many avenues of their choice.

If you are interested in joining 4-H or being a Volunteer, you may contact Chris Rein, Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth and Development at 410-313-1915. Please visit the 4-H website at www.howard4-h.org to learn even more.

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