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the CENTAURS 4-H CLUB newsletter

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"Where's a mounting block when you need one?"

August 2011

It's Howard County Fair Time!

Our next Club meeting: Thursday, August 18th at the Hobbits Glen Swimming Pool.

Don't forget to bring:

✓ *Any Fair items or trophies you would like to share.*

This Month's Highlights:

- *Howard County Fair*
- *Centaurs Swim Party*
- *Avon Fundraiser*

The Hobbits Glen Swimming Pool is located at:

11130 Willowbottom Drive
Columbia, MD 21044
(410) 312-6332

THE MANE EVENT



Our August Club Meeting: Swim Party

- Our next Club meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18th at 6:00 at the Hobbits Glen Swim Club in Columbia, Maryland.



At this Club meeting, we will be having our annual Summertime Swim Party. The party will start promptly at 6:00 o'clock. We will be serving hot dogs for dinner. Please come with your bathing suit, a towel, and lots of stories about your Fair activities.

Park at the end of Willowbottom Drive near the tennis courts. There is a path located on the right hand side that will take you directly to the pool entrance. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our August Club meeting!

Good Luck to Everyone at the Howard County Fair!

- Its Fair time and we know that everyone is busy getting their animals ready, baking up a storm, and finishing off those crafts. We hope to see many of you at the 4-H Horse and Pony Show to be held at the Fair on Saturday, August 6th. Even if you



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do not have a horse, come and join in on the excitement.



Club members can always use an extra hand with grooming their horses, getting their tack clean, and providing moral support.

Good luck to everyone. We know the Centaurs will be well represented in all areas at the Fair. We can't wait to see what this year's Fair will bring!

Howard County Parade of Floats - The Howard County Fair Parade of Floats will be on Saturday, August 13th. We hope that all Club members are able to participate in this very fun event. The Float Committee has worked very hard on our Float and it would be great if all Club members supported their effort.

We are asking that all Club members wishing to ride on the float and march in the parade to meet at the parade set-up

area **at 3:00** (the front lot of the Fairgrounds). *We are asking that everyone arrive at 3:00 to help with the set-up.*

Each participant should purchase a T-Shirt from Michaels. They are about \$3.00 each. The T-Shirt must be a pastel color of your choice. Please wear a pair of jean shorts, if possible.

After the parade, we will have a Club picnic and a get-together. The Club will provide delicious fried chicken and soft drinks. **Bill Szypersky** has graciously offered to pick up the chicken from Harvest Faire.

In order to cover the cost of the chicken, we are asking that each family to provide \$10.00 (cash or check).

In addition, families whose last names end in A to K, please bring a side dish. Families whose last names end in L to Z, please bring a dessert.

Also, please bring any serving pieces that are necessary for your dish. Remember to bring chairs for your family. Folding tables would also be appreciated.

If you need additional information, please contact Marcie Barnard.

Horsemanship Contest and Pony Games Day to be Held at County Fair - The **4-H Horsemanship Hippology Contest** will be held at the Howard County Fair on Wednesday, August 10th at 10:00, usually in the Bingo Hall. All Club members are encouraged to participate. Refer to the Fair Book, page 257 for more details or give Daryl Ann

Bushling a call if you have any questions (301-854-2102).

There will also be an **English/Western Play Day** at the Horse Ring on Wednesday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m. and a **Miniature Horse Show** at 9:00 a.m. So come and join your fellow Club mates for a fun and exciting event.

Centaurs Avon Fundraiser – The Centaurs 4-H Club voted to have a fundraiser in conjunction with Avon. It's easy and participation by friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers is welcomed. The Club will benefit 25% of the order total.

Just go to www.youravon.com/mjones1522 and click on ONLINE EVENTS. Then, start shopping. At checkout, use the code CENTAURS and 25% of the purchase price will be donated to the Club. Orders over \$30.00 will automatically get free shipping. No additional code is needed. It's fast and easy. So spread the word and participate in the Centaurs Avon fundraiser.

Schooley Mill Update - The next Schooley Mill Horse Show will be held on Sunday, September 18th. The rain date is Saturday September 24th.

4-H Fair Building Watch - Reminder: The Centaurs have been assigned to watch the 4-H Building on **Friday, August 12th** from 6:00 to 10:00.

Clubs on duty supervise the entire 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building, plus a portion of the Vegetable Building. You will be responsible to watch the front and back of each building where there are exits, as

well as answer any questions from the public. This is not a time to visit with friends. You must be alert to ensure that entries are not damaged or stolen. You must also keep the central information area presentable, as well. This is a great opportunity to gain some extra Leadership points and experience for your Record Book.

We will be working in two hour shifts. Following is a list of the families who have signed up to help:

6:00 to 8:00

**Patty, Katie, and Lauren Hollidge
Lydia White**

8:00 to 10:00

**Sue and Britta Hart
Danielle Wheelbarger**

Critter Barn Volunteers - The Kids and Critter Barn is a "petting" barn at the Fair. It is staffed by 4-H volunteers. Any 4-Her is welcome to come work. They need help holding animals for children to pet or touch, cleaning pens, feeding, exercising animals, and answering questions from the general public about farm animals.

The following Centaurs have signed up to help at the Kids and Critter Barn at the Howard County Fair on Sunday, August 8th (The Day of the Horse).

Danielle Wheelbarger: 9:00 to 10:00

Allison Szyperski: 9:00 to 10:00

Maddie Farling: 11:00 to 12:00

Hollidges: 2:00 to 3:00

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Thank you for volunteering your time. It will be a great experience!

Volunteer Certification Training – The Centaurs encourages all parent volunteers to become officially certified. You can now do this online. It's quick and easy and only takes a few minutes.

If interested in becoming a volunteer, you must register for the online training offered by the State 4-H program and complete the volunteer paperwork with the Howard County office prior to attending an online class. Once you have registered for a class, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or crein@umd.edu to obtain necessary paperwork.

Six UME Volunteer trainings have been scheduled for 2011:

September 13th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
October 13th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
September 15th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
November 15th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
October 11th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
November 17th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Volunteers may register at the following link:

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Seminars/Description.cfm?ID=127>

We strongly recommend that each parent of a Centaur 4-H Club member becomes officially certified so that they can fully understand the responsibilities of being a 4-H Volunteer.

Traveling with Your Horse in Summer
(take from the American Quarter Horse Journal) - Do you know how to keep your

horse healthy when you're traveling in extreme heat?



When hauling your horse in the summer heat, make sure your trailer is clean and well-ventilated.

There may be no more debilitating weather condition than extreme heat for man or beast. It drains energy, creates fatigue and can even cause certain organs of the body to malfunction or shut down.

With that thought in mind, it's immensely important that every precaution be taken when transporting horses across the desert in the summer. In areas where air temperature can reach upward of 115 degrees, knowing what to do and how to do it is information that is crucial to desert hauling. Here are some suggestions for safe summer hauling.

Night Travel

- If possible, try to do your hauling in the early morning or late at night, when temperatures are cooler.
- Be sure that you are not overly tired when you set out. After all, a mishap on the road would undoubtedly offset any advantage

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you might have had with night travel.

Fluids

- Make sure that your horse is properly hydrated.
- Take a good supply of water with you, ensuring that your horses won't refuse to drink the water that you offer them in a strange area because they don't like the taste. Also, extra water is helpful if you find yourself in an area with no water during a breakdown.
- Combat "strange-tasting" water by adding a little flavoring to it, such as with apple juice or Gatorade.
- Use electrolytes when you are transporting during the heat. Start the horses on electrolytes a couple of days before the trip to allow the horse to get used to having them in the water.

Preparation is Key

- Make sure your trailer is clean and well-ventilated. Open all the vents and windows, and use screens, which will keep your horses from sticking their heads outside of the trailer. You can also put fly masks on to save your horses the aggravation of contending with insects the whole way.
- Have a trailer with good footing, such as rubber mats or rubber-coated lumber. The horses are

always working as they ride, and this makes for good traction.

- Add wood chips to help with shock absorption. Avoid making your wood chips too deep, though. If you do, it will be hard to keep the trailer clean, and it is also hard for the horse to find balance if they're too deep.
- Pack extra lead ropes, so if you have to unload the horses for any reason on the trip, you will have an adequate number in good working order.

Mark Your Calendars!

August 6th – Howard County Fair 4-H Horse and Pony Show

August 8th – Kids and Critter Barn Volunteer

August 12th – Building Watch

August 13th – Parade of Floats

August 14th – MWA Horse Show

August 18th – Centaurs 4-H Club Meeting: Swim Party!

September 15th – Centaurs 4-H Club Monthly Meeting

September 24th – Centaurs Club Trail Ride in Gettysburg



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