

Flying Lead Changes

the CENTAURS 4-H CLUB newsletter

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"I ride ... therefore I'm not here." - Unknown

DECEMBER 2011 **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF THE CENTAURS!**

Our next Club meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2011 6:00 p.m at Larry Sheet's Players in Westminster.

This Month's Highlights:

- Club Holiday Party – December 1st
- Equine Stockings for Horse Rescue
- Record Books Due in January
- Attend Horse Trifecta



Don't forget to bring:

- ✓ *A gift for the Gift Exchange*
- ✓ *Bring \$15.00 cash for the cost of the Amusement Center.*
- ✓ *Your Equine Stocking Community Service*

Our December Club Meeting: Holiday Party at Larry Sheet's Players - Our

next Club meeting will be held **Thursday, December 1st** at 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Larry Sheets' Players Family Amusement Center located in Westminster. In addition to being a great time for all Club members, this event will also be a fundraiser for the Club. The Centaurs will receive a portion of the proceeds for all customers that come that evening, 4-H Club members and non-club members alike. In addition, we will receive 15% of the total snack bar proceeds. This event has the potential of earning quite a bit of money. So get the

word out and invite all of your family, friends, schoolmates, church friends, girl scout friends, etc.

The cost of this event \$15.00 per participant and this includes one game of Glo Golf, plus **unlimited** play of Laser Tag, Bumper Cars, Inflatables, and Jungle Gym. **Friends and family members participating can pay at the door.**

Visit www.larrysheetsplayers.com for pictures and more information.

Holiday Gift Exchange - Club members will again exchange holiday presents to

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each other. Please bring a wrapped gift item that costs no more than \$10.00 to exchange. Usually, members exchange equine-related gifts, but other gifts can be exchanged as well. *Only those members that bring a gift will be able to exchange gifts.* **If a sibling or friend is coming and they want to participate, they must bring a gift also.**

Equine Holiday Stocking – The

Centaur's voted at the November Club meeting to perform a Community Service by creating a Holiday Stocking geared towards our equine friends and to bring this stocking to our Holiday Party at Larry Sheet's. We



will be creating stockings for the Lost and Found Horse Rescue

(<http://www.lfhr.org/>). Please purchase a holiday stocking at your local Dollar Store and fill the stocking with equine related treats, grooming essentials, and equine products such as:

Fly Spray

Tack (English)

Snacks

Halters

Grooming Supplies, etc.

Remember: It's the thought that counts!

You do not have to spend a lot of money.

Club Elections - Congratulations to the following Club members on their recent election:

President(s) – **Britta Hart**

Vice President – **Meredith Pecukonis**

Recording Secretary – **Lauren Hollidge**

Treasurer – **Katie Hollidge**

Corresponding Secretary – **Lydia White**
Historian(s) – **Kaylee Beklik and Maddie Farling**

Club Reporter(s) – **Sarah Butler, Eva Fogel, and Cameron Veals**

We will hold a special candle lighting ceremony at the January Centaur's 4-H Club meeting.

2012 Officer Training Workshop - The

2012 Officer Training Workshop is scheduled for 7 pm, Thursday January 11th, at the Glenwood Community Center. **All Centaur Club members must attend this workshop.** It is important that you attend this workshop even if you have held the office before. At the workshop, you will receive guides for you to refer to throughout the year and materials needed for you to fulfill the duties of your office. Also, the responsibilities of your office will be explained more in depth. If you are unable to attend, you will be required to complete an alternative assignment to better help you understand your officer position. Please contact Sheryl Bennett by Friday, January 7th at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu if you have any questions.

Glenwood Community Center

2400 Route 97

Cooksville, MD 21723

Holiday Parade – The Centaur's 4-H

Club will be participating in the Lisbon Ole Fashion Christmas Horse Parade on Saturday



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December 10th . The schedule for the parade is as follows:

10:00 a.m. - Check In - Participants must and check in arrive by this time or they will not be judged.

10:30 a.m. - Line Up - Participants must line up in numerical order

11:00 a.m. - Parade Start - The parade officially begins at this time. Spectators may arrive at this time.

Parade End - There is not a specific end time, but it will end after the awards ceremony.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Best Pony Entry
2. Best Horse Entry
3. Best Mule Entry
4. Best Donkey Entry
5. Best Carriage Entry
6. Best Wagon Entry
7. Best Group/Stable/Club Entry
8. Judge's Choice
9. Best Youth Entry (12 and Under, excluding side walker)
10. Most Christmas Spirit

All Centaur Club members will be allowed to participate, whether they are marching with their horse or not. Janina Vickers, our Club President, is coordinating this event. More information will follow very soon!

Record Books Due - By now, all of you should be familiar with the Record Book mantra! You should all be Record Book pros! *All Club members are required to turn in a Record Book.* Record Books teach wonderful organization and record keeping skills to 4-Hers. It is the only way that County and Club officials can

recognize and reward the progress your child has made in 4-H.

Record Books are due to your Club Leaders at the **January** Club meeting. If you need help in completing your Record Book, Sue or Marcie will be glad to help. Log onto our web page at [www.centaurs4hclub.org](http://www centaurs4hclub.org) for a complete listing of all 2010 Club activities (located under the Calendar link), which will serve as an aid in completing your Record Books. All directions and forms are on the 4-H web site at www.howard4-h.org. Information can also be found in the Centaurs Parents Handbook, located on the Centaurs 4-H Club website. ***Don't wait until the last minute - work on your Record Books now!***

If you recently joined the Centaurs the last few months of 2011, you are not required to submit a Record Book until 2012.

4-H Camp Teen Leaders Needed -

Planning for the 2012 camp year has begun, so if you are between 13-18 years old, think about becoming a Teen Leader. The Howard County 4-H Camp session will be held from June 24th-June 30th at the Western Maryland 4-H Center in Garrett County, Maryland. Applications will be mailed out shortly and are due **NO LATER THAN** December 7th. In addition to the submitting an application this year, we will be holding two trainings on Saturday, December 10th 9-11 a.m. and Sunday, December 18th 1-3 p.m. It is mandatory that you attend at least one training, in order to receive a interview. Please register with Amy Brueckmann at 410-313-1906 or amyb@umd.edu, by December 7th. Applications will also be made available

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at www.howard.umd.edu. If you cannot make a training please contact Chris Rein as soon as possible.

Interviews are scheduled for Saturday, January 7th. Once applications are reviewed, interview notifications will be made. If you are age 13, and are not assigned a Teen Leader position, you will still be eligible to attend camp. Camp registration will begin in early spring. For more information, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu. We look forward to another great year! Mrs. Barnard will be happy to answer any questions that you may have concerning general questions about 4-H Camp.

Introducing the Howard County 4-H Horse Trifecta! Are you interested in learning more about horses? Whether you are enrolled in the horse project or are just interested in horses, all are welcome. The Horse Trifecta involves horse bowl, horse judging, and horse Hippology. Horse Trifecta includes weekly educational and fun workshops for horse enthusiasts to learn more about horses. Workshops will continue through the winter and lead up to the Maryland State 4-H contests. If you have any questions about Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, or Hippology, please contact Marcie Barnard.

Horse Bowl: Imagine a game of "It's Academic" where all of the questions are about horses. That's what Horse Bowl is like.

Horse Judging: Involves evaluating and placing classes of 4 horses based on ideal standards.

Horse Hippology: Learn about feed, anatomy, equipment, breeds and many other horse related facts.

Pop Quiz – (From Equus, July 2011)
You won't see a healthy horse squinting on a sunny day. That's because the equine eye includes a structure that extends over his pupil like an awning, to shield it from sunlight. What is the name of this structure?

- a. Limbus
- b. Vibrissae
- c. Corpora nigra
- d. Caruncle

Answer: *c - Corpora nigra. These dark brown bulbous projections line the upper margin of a horse's pupil and extend out to shield the lower portion of the retina from sunlight. In addition to being called corpora nigra meaning "black bodies," they are also sometimes called granula iridica, meaning "iris granules." A horse who squints in bright sunlight is probably in pain and may have uveitis. Keep him indoors until your veterinarian can do a full ocular exam.*



Mark Your Calendars!

December 1st – Centaurs 4-H Club
Holiday Get Together/Fundraiser at
Players in Westminster

December 10th – Lisbon Ole Fashion
Holiday Parade

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January 12th – Centaurs 4-H Club
Meeting: RECORD BOOKS DUE!
January 14th – Spur and Stirrup Tack Sale
at Howard County Fairgrounds
January 20th – World Horse Expo
February 11th – 4-H Model Horse Show
February 16th – Centaurs 4-H Club
Meeting
February 26th – Howard County 4-H
Horse Bowl Competition

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