



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

## February 2012 *Happy Valentine's Day!*

*Our next Club meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2012 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building*

### **This Month's Highlights:**

- 4-H Model Horse Show
- Howard County 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
- Volunteer Trainings Set

### **My Neighbor My Friend**

Just a small gesture  
From your neighbor so near  
To let you know how we find you so dear  
Thank you neighbor for being so kind  
For today I ask  
Will you be my valentine?

*Don't forget to bring:*

- ✓ *A smile on your face!*

### **THE MANE EVENT**



**Our February Club Meeting: Team Demonstration** - Our next Club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the 4-H Building located at the Howard County Fairgrounds. **Ava Fogle** and **Cameron Veals** will be giving a Team Demonstration on How to Make A



Horse Treat. Afterwards, we will all enjoy a human treat!

The following families are responsible for bringing snack items and setting up at the February Club meeting:



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Setup: **Darrow Family**  
Sweet snack (**Valentine Theme**): **Iager Family**  
Salty snack (**Valentine Theme**): **Martin Family**  
Drinks (including paper napkins and cups): **Owens Family**

If you are assigned to Setup, you will be required to arrive at 6:45 to get the tables and chairs set up so that we can start our meeting promptly at 7:00. *You must also stay and ensure that all tables and chairs have been put away.*

**Save the Date for the 4-H Model Horse Show** – Calling all 4-Hers! Please mark Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00 for a special 4-H event: The Howard County 4-H Model Horse Show! Again, this year, the **Centaurs** will be sponsoring the Model Horse Show and we are going to need your help. The **Pecukonis Family** has graciously agreed to organize this event. Thank your **Marya and Meredith!**

Not only is the Model Horse Show a very fun activity, but it will also serve as a fundraiser for the Centaurs 4-H Club. The Centaurs will make a profit on the snack items sold. We are asking **each Centaur family** to donate one baked good/candy item packaged for sale such as cupcakes, cake, cookies, etc. **Equestrian-themed baked goods would be very much appreciated** as these sell fast. Please bring your donation the day of the event or drop it off at a Club member's home who will be attending.

Ingrid Parker, a Breyer horse dealer, will be serving as a judge at the Model Horse Show.

*In addition, Ingrid is a model horse dealer.* Model horses, tack, and equipment can be **pre-ordered** and Ingrid will bring the pre-ordered items to the show. You can easily pre-order any item that you would like to purchase for use at the show by going to the following website and by using the Contact Us Form, enter the item(s) number(s) and a description of the item that you would like, along with your name and telephone number. Ingrid will bring the item to the show.

Now, how easy is that?

Ingrid Parker  
Rainbow's End Tack Shop  
Largest Selection of New and Discontinued Breyers  
Buy More For Less!  
[www.Rainbowsendtack.com](http://www.Rainbowsendtack.com)  
email: [rainbowsendtack@cs.com](mailto:rainbowsendtack@cs.com)

**Centaurs Banquet** - The 2012 Centaurs 4-H Club Banquet is fast approaching. This year we will be holding it at the 4-H Building during our March Club meeting. Invitations will soon be sent out. We hope that everyone can make it to this wonderful event. We have many new things planned and know it will be a great reward to all of your hard work (Club members and parent volunteers alike!).

So, be sure to mark your calendars for one of our most fun events of the year.

**Howard County 4-H Horse Bowl Competition** - Good luck to everyone who is trying out for the Howard County Horse Bowl competition. The Howard County contest will be held on Saturday, February 26th at 1:00 at the Howard County Extension Office. There are many

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members from the Centaurs who are competing for a spot. We know how hard you have worked at practices and wish you the best of luck. For those of you who are not participating, you are welcome to come and observe and find out what Horse Bowl is all about. Good luck to everyone who is competing!

The Howard County Extension Office is located at:

3300 North Ridge Road  
Suite 240  
Ellicott City, Maryland  
21043  
410-313-2707

#### **4-H Volunteer Training Classes**

**Scheduled** – 4-H Volunteer Webinar training classes have been scheduled by the University of Maryland. We expect that all **Centaur 4-H Club parents** become certified volunteers. It will not take very long, only two hours, and you can take it from the privacy of your home. Details about the class follow, along with registration links.

The class will provide participants basic information on the University of Maryland Extension (UME) 4-H Youth Development program. It will cover UME policies and procedures and detail the process to becoming an appointed UME 4-H Volunteer. The course will be taught via Webinar. Participants will need access to a computer with internet connection as well as telephone. The sessions will not be recorded.

**However, before taking the class you must contact Chris Rein at the Howard County office at 410-313-1915 or email [Crein@umd.edu](mailto:Crein@umd.edu) for UME Volunteer paperwork that must be completed before attending the training.**

Go to this site to register:

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

February 28th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
March 6th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
April 19th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
May 15th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**4-H Hippology Clinic** –The Maryland 4-H Hippology Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the Carroll County Extension Office in Westminster, MD. The objective of the Maryland 4-H Hippology Clinic is to provide an opportunity for Maryland 4-H youth, volunteers, and Educators to acquire skills and knowledge about horses and the Hippology contest. Participants will hear talks from industry professionals with special breakout sessions for junior, intermediate, senior, and volunteer/coach tracks. All attendees will participate in a mock contest in the afternoon with a review session following. Participants will learn valuable information to make them better horsemen and prepare them for the 4-H State Hippology Contest. This clinic can also serve as a good educational event to help 4-H member learn the information needed to pass Horsemanship Standards Tests. Adults interested in coaching Hippology teams are encouraged to enroll in the volunteer/coach track.

Registration for the one-day clinic is \$25.00, which includes lunch.

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Registration paperwork can be found at:  
<http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/hippologyclinic.html>

Registration is due by Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Registrations submitted after the due date will be charged an additional \$10. Pre-registration is required. Enrollment may be limited to 80 individuals.

We hope that all of the Centaurs participate in this event. Mrs. Barnard will be there – so join her in this fun event.

**Attention All 4-H Horse Lovers** - In collaboration with the Frederick County 4-H Program, several new opportunities are being offered for those interested in learning more about horses. For more information please contact Frederick County 4-H at 301-600-1589 or Kathy Axline at [kathyaxline@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyaxline@yahoo.com). Most of the events will be held at the Frederick County Fairgrounds.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
March 24th	Tack Swap
April 7th	Showmanship Clinic English and Western
June 30th	Equitation Clinic English and Western
July 28th	Trail Clinic

**Pop Quiz** – You’ve been keeping a close eye on a minor cut on your horse’s coronary band for a few days. Now the tissues around the cut seem red and

tender, and a thick, white fluid is oozing from the center of the wound. What is it?

- Serum
- Sebum
- Pus
- Synovial fluid

See below for the answer.



**Mark Your Calendars!**

- February 11<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Model Horse Show
- February 16<sup>th</sup> – Centaurs 4-H Club Meeting
- February 26<sup>th</sup> – Howard County 4-H Horse Bowl Competition
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Hippology Clinic
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Centaurs 4-H Club Banquet
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Maryland State Quarter Horse Tack Sale

*Pop Quiz Answer: c. Pus, the liquid product of inflammation, is a mixture of white blood cells and other cellular debris floating in a thin fluid called liquor puris. Pus can be whitish gray and even brown, depending on its components, and is one indication of infection. If a wound is producing pus, a call to your veterinarian is in order. Serum is the straw colored liquid portion of blood remaining after the solid components have been removed by clotting. Sebum is a greasy, secretion produced by the subcutaneous glands of the skin. Synovial fluid is the viscous, lubricating liquid found inside joint capsules.*

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