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**MARYLAND YOUTH SHOWCASE FEATURES FASHION AND STYLE
AT THE 136th unFAIRgettable MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR PRESENTED BY TOYOTA**

TIMONIUM, MD - The ***Maryland 4-H Fashion Revue*** will provide an opportunity to be inspired by the creativity skill and showmanship of **Maryland 4-H youth, ages 8-18, Friday, September 1, 2017, 6 PM, in MY Maryland State Fair Cow Palace.** Throughout the year, 4-H members learn, practice and refine their skills in design, construction and recycling garments with the hope of competing at the Maryland State Fair. **The Fashion Revue will begin with senior youth (ages 14–18), an intermission featuring juniors (ages 8-10) and Intermediate (ages 11-13), followed by the Awards Ceremony.** Fashions will come from across the state, with youth modeling outfits they have created, constructed or purchased using their consumer skills.

Each Maryland county and Baltimore City may send two representatives to compete in either the *Constructed or Ready to Wear Divisions of Sports/Lounge Wear, Costumes, Formal Wear, Business/Professional Wear, Outer Wear, Dresses, Separates, Redesigned and Creative Choice* categories. The 4-H youth will compete in these categories for ribbons as well as the title of *Division Champion*. An overall *Constructed Grand Champion* and a *Ready to Wear Grand Champion* will be honored as the ***Maryland 2017 4-H Fashion Revue Champions***.

“We are delighted to announce that again this year, one of the two overall champions in the ***4-H Fashion Revue*** will have the opportunity to complete their 4-H portfolio in order to be selected as a MD 4-H Fashion representative for our 2017 National 4-H Congress Delegation,” said 4-H Foundation Executive Director Amanda Brown Clougherty. “1600 youth from across the country will participate in this premiere National 4-H Leadership event held in Atlanta, Georgia in November.”

The 136th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment that are sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, opens **Thursday, August 24 with a Ridemania Preview night and runs through Monday, September 4, 2017. General Fair hours are Noon to 10 PM, Monday through Friday and 12 Noon to 10 PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and Labor Day Monday. See below for detailed Fair Hours.**

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Hear **Live National** and **Local Entertainment** featuring **Halestorm** with opening act **Fatally Yours**; and, **Sabrina Carpenter** with opening artist **Alex Aiono**. Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway or Kiddie Land tame rides**. Taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**. Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**; Explore the **4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden, Exhibition Hall and the Mosner/Miller Museum/DNR Buildings** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits. See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Participate in **U-Learn Farm agriculture education activities, Nature Play Space** and more.

The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden and Exhibition Hall hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays – Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. **Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building hours:** Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 8 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM. **Main Midway and Kiddie Land rides, games and food stands area hours:** Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – Close and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10AM – Close. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to www.marylandstatefair.com for schedule.

Admission to the Fair is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (62 and older) and \$3 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5. Taking the Light Rail is recommended. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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