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NOW IS THE TIME TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR FAVORITE CREATIONS ON-LINE TO COMPETE FOR RIBBONS AND PRIZES AT THE 136th unFAIRgettable MD STATE FAIR PRESENTED BY TOYOTA

TIMONIUM, MD - Now is the time to pre-register on-line to compete for ribbons and prizes at the 136th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota. The Fair offers more than 3,000 competition classes for 4-H/FFA members and/or Open Class (general public) to enter. The 2017 Premium Catalog, complete with competitions, schedules, rules, regulations and entry forms, is now online.

To enter your favorite cow, quilt, flower, tomato or other creation **go to www.marylandstatefair.com and follow the easy instructions.** All 4-H, Home Arts, Farm & Garden and Open Class Livestock entries may be entered on-line. Or, print out all entry forms (except 4-H) and mail. Entries must be postmarked and mailed to the Maryland State Fair by **11:59 PM on July 31, 2017.** 4-H/FFA members may only enter their exhibits on-line at www.marylandstatefair.com by **11:59 PM on July 31, 2017.**

Only Open Class livestock and horse entries require an entry fee that may be made with a credit card on the secured web site. "Our goal is to make entering the Fair less time consuming and much more convenient," said Maryland State Fair General Manager Andy Cashman. If an exhibitor does not have access to a computer, they may access the Maryland State Fair Internet site via a computer at the local library.

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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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