2014 AWARDS & RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Join us as we celebrate the past year’s accomplishments of Delta County 4H members and volunteers.

Friday, December 12
Bay College Cafeteria
6 PM to 8 PM
A catered meal will be served.
Wear your club shirt or 4H shirt.

Please RSVP with the number of people from your family attending by December 5th to 4H staff at 786-3032 or on the Delta County 4-H Facebook page.

Deadline for applications and nominations is December 5th.

Application and nomination forms are available at the Extension Office or on the Delta County 4-H Awards section of the Delta MSUE website
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/delta/4_h_awards

Check out page 2 for a few of the possible awards and nominations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—U.P. TEEN OVERNIGHT

FEBRUARY 21-22ND, 2015

The U.P. Teen Overnight will be held in Dickinson county. Youth ages 12 and up are invited to attend this exciting. Several outside activities are being planned including downhill skiing.

This is a great opportunity to meet other youth from across the U.P. More details to come soon.
AWARDS & RECOGNITION - YOU STILL HAVE TIME!!!

You still have time to complete those project record books, submit your livestock record book, fill out project pin applications, create a portfolio (remember my challenge last year?) and apply for awards. You can also make nominations for 4-H Leader of the year, 4-H Club of the Year and many more awards. **Deadline for submission is December 5th.**

Here are just a few:

**OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER** - older youth (14 and older) recognized for outstanding achievement, accomplishments and involvement in club work and county activities.

Process: member completes application and obtains leader’s signature, submits portfolio to office, selection by Awards Committee on basis of application and portfolio submitted.

**LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD** – an individual who works over and above regular project leader work, serves as a resource person, gives guidance to several youth throughout the year, assists others, works at the county level, and has been a leader for more than two (2) years.

Process: nomination by 4-H member, parents and/or 4-H club, with resume of efforts, selection by Awards Committee.

**PROJECT PINS** – youth are eligible to receive a maximum of four (4) county project pins per year. Youth must show an understanding of the project as well as demonstrating growth within the area through completion of project summaries. A minimum of two (2) years in the project area is required.

Process: submission of project pin application form and project record book or Market Livestock record book with leaders signature.

**CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD** - outstanding achievement on local, county and/or state level including community involvement. Recipient club will have possession of a 4-H banner for the year. Club cannot receive award in two consecutive years. All club paperwork must be on file.

Process: nominations from 4-H members/ leaders or clubs. Selection by 4-H Youth Educator.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH 4H** - awarded to 4-H members who have shown personal growth through their 4-H endeavors and are on their way to making the best better.

Process: nomination by club leader or selection by Awards Committee.

**FRIEND OF 4-H** – an individual or organization who gives support to county club work.

Process: nomination by 4-H member, parents and/or 4-H club, with resume of efforts, selection by Awards Committee.

Check out the other award possibilities - on the Delta County 4-H Awards section of the Delta MSUE website http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/delta/4_h_awards

**AN OPEN INVITATION TO ATTEND DELTA COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Delta County 4-H Council meetings are open to all 4-H leaders and teen members of the Delta County 4-H Program and any interested parties including parents and volunteers. Council attendance has been dwindling. Council meetings are a great way to foster youth and adult partnerships in decision making. Please consider attending - meetings are no more than 2 hours.

Two of the most important objectives of the Delta County 4-H Council are:

- To develop, strengthen, and assist in coordinating the work of 4-H leaders, teen leaders, members, volunteers, and resource people in Delta County in cooperation with the State 4-H Youth Programs and Michigan State University Extension
- To advise and represent the common interests of the 4-H Youth Programs in planning cooperatively with representatives of advisory bodies in the determination of all County policies.

Without representation, you and/or your club miss the opportunity to provide input on the direction of our program. Consider designation someone from your club to attend or consider attending yourself. All Organizational Club leaders are sent Council meeting reminders. If you would like to be sent a reminder prior to these meetings, please contact 4-H staff. The next 4-H council meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2015
4-H WORKSHOPS AT KETTUNEN CENTER

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule

Kettunen Center is Michigan’s 4-H training facility located just outside of Cadillac, MI

Consider attending one of these great workshops this winter!!

The Delta County 4-H Council recently increased compensation for traveling to Michigan 4-H Workshops at Kettunen Center. Mileage reimbursement has been increased to $125 in addition to up to $90 for hotel costs. Participants pay the first $15 for the workshop and the remainder of the workshop costs is covered by the Council. Contact 4-H Staff to register. Transportation may be available with another U.P. County.

Contact 4-H Staff to register for any of these workshops.

January 17-18: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
Kettunen Center, Tustin
The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! In the spirit of “thinking globally and acting locally” participants in this exciting, energetic, hands-on workshop will participate in small and large group sessions to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, and international cultures. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 to 112 (by Jan. 1, 2015), who seek to develop skills to serve (or assist youth serving) in leadership roles in clubs, schools, communities, the state and the world.

January 31-February 1: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest15
Kettunen Center, Tustin
4-H Winterfest is a hands-on educational program that is open to youth ages 8 to 12 years old. Youth spend two days learning about many different project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Winterfest offers participants an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that range from crafts to shooting sports. This event offers an opportunity to spend time outdoors enjoying all the Michigan winters have to offer! Youth have the opportunity to go learn new skills, make new friends, while enjoying Michigan winter.

February 27-28: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their careers. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach attendees how to help members recognize healthy, sick, and/or injured animals. Meet other youth and leaders who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. New resources will be provided to all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2015) and older.

February 28-March 1: 4-H Beef Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin
This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, breakout sessions will include livestock and meat evaluation, animal management and more. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged for exchanging of ideas and programs and connecting with other volunteers in the same project areas. The workshop will also offer ways to enhance communication and teaching skills as well as learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Resources will be available for all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2015) and older.

NOTE: I will be attending this workshop. Interested youth and adults can contact the Extension Office to reserve space in my vehicle.
STATE LEVEL AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Mark of Excellence Award
4-H'ers who are 11 or 12 years old are eligible to apply for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To enter, a young person needs to write an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can . . . " Counties select their representatives, and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. For more information and instructions, see the “Overview and Instructions” link listed on the 4-H web site at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program. Deadline for submission is February 1.

State 4-H Awards Program
The State 4-H Awards program, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth, is for 4-H youth aged 13 and up who have at least three years of 4-H experience. Youth compete in 19 different award areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences. To apply, youth submit the State 4-H Awards application to State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu by February 1. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees. Delegates are invited to participate in either an advanced leadership development program (juniors) or competitive interviews (seniors) during 4-H Exploration Days. State 4-H Award winners are announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, during 4-H Exploration Days. Complete instructions (including an overview and a webinar) and the application, are on the “4-H Awards and Recognition Program” web page at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program. http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/MI4HKeyClubApp.pdf.

OTHER STATE 4-H EVENTS

January 30-31: Green & White Hog Show
Contact Carla McLachlan (mlach12@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
Youth educational program that includes a live hog show, showmanship and educational events http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/Livestock/2014_Green_and_White_Swine_Show_Entry.pdf

February 6-7: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

March 22-25: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience
Lansing
4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Participants experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

When: Sunday, March 16, 2014 to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Tours and agency visits will take place at the State Capitol and surrounding area.

Who should attend: High school students at least 14 years old and adult participant-chaperones. All participants must have pictured identification.

Cost: $310 4-H members, $320 non 4-H members. Includes all meals, lodging and material fees. Scholarships for up to half the participant cost ($155.00) are now available. To qualify, a completed application must be sent to the State office as outlined on the scholarship application. The Delta County 4-H Council also offers scholarships for youth to attend this event. Contact 4-H staff and attend the next 4-H Council meeting.

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
CLUB DISPLAYS AT THE UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR

Delta County 4-H Clubs made another grand showing at this year's fair. Congratulations to the 18 clubs on their displays! Premium Checks may be collected at any 4-H Council meeting until September 2015.

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WHAT'S UP WITH THE RE-ENROLLMENT PROCESS

It looks like the new 4-H enrollment system will not become active until after the first of the year. Campus is still negotiating with 4-H online. From the information given, it looks like families will not be able to pay online with credit cards due to changes in security requirements. Please submit your $10 enrollment fee to your club leader or pay directly at the office. For the time being, club leaders will be receiving a temporary re-enrollment form and distributing them to members. New members can use the 2013-14 enrollment forms found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/236/38889/Member_Enrollment_form_final.pdf](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/236/38889/Member_Enrollment_form_final.pdf)

Families will need to enroll in the new online system when it becomes available. Sorry for the inconvenience.
Market Livestock Record Books will be available in December. The Market Livestock Record Book Project will be using an adapted version of the new Michigan 4-H Animal Marketing Record Book. The U.P. State Fair Market Livestock Record Books will contain additional essay questions. If you want to start your record keeping early, this book is available on the Michigan 4-H Animal Science page: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/animal_science/resources. This site also provides a direct link to the Michigan 4-H Animal Marketing Record Book: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/resource/4_h_market_animal_record_book.

The Delta County 4-H Council in partnership with the Escanaba Noon Kiwanis is excited to announce that heifers are available this year to 4-H members through the 4-H Beef Heifer Calf Program. The goal of the 4-H Beef Heifer Calf Program is to provide a 4-H member with a purebred animal to explore animal breeding. In return, the youngster receiving this animal shows this animal at the U.P. State Fair and donates the first female offspring to another deserving 4-H member. Recipients are selected through an application and interview process conducted by members of the Delta County 4-H Council and the Escanaba Noon Kiwanis.

The 4-H member and parent must comply and agree to the following qualifications:

- Be an active 4-H member in a livestock club or project and interested in a beef project.
- Member can not be less than twelve (12) or more than eighteen (18) years old.
- Member must have completed at least one year in the 4-H Beef Project (breeding stock and/or steer).
- Parents/guardians agree to accept the calf and sign the agreement form.
- Have facilities to care for the animal.

The calf becomes the property of the 4-H member with the agreement that the first heifer calf born is returned to the program and in turn is given to a deserving 4-H member. If a heifer calf is not produced within 4 years of this contract, a replacement animal must be purchased with the approval of the Escanaba Noon Kiwanis. For an application, contact 4-H staff.
PARTICIPATION FEE PROPOSALS
There are funds available for club or committee use to develop new programs or update, enhance, and expand existing programs. Applications are available at the Extension Office and on the Delta County Leader's Corner section of the Delta MSUE website: 4-H http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/delta/delta_county_4_h
The guidelines for proposals are listed on the first page of the application. Proposals are due to the MSU Extension Office by 4:00 pm by March 6, 2015. The 4-H Council Executive Committee will review proposals after this date. You will be notified if your proposal has been accepted and the amount of funding your project will receive.

Note: 4-H Clubs will need to be in compliance with county club certification requirements to be eligible to receive funding for their project (All your annual club paperwork needs to be in).

Clubs and committees who receive funding from the participation fee fund will need to submit a project report to the 4-H Council. If you have any questions regarding completion of the proposal or use of the participation fee funds, please contact 4-H staff.

CLUB PAPERWORK REMINDER
Just a friendly reminder that even though there are no enrollment forms to turn in at this time, all other annual club paperwork is due to the Extension Office by December 1, 2014. This includes:

- financial summary for 2013-14 (please sign and put a zero if your club does not have a checking or savings account)
- a September bank statement
- Club certification form
- 2014-15 club program plan
- a copy of club insurance policy
- a signed Civil Right Compliance form
- fundraising report forms for any fundraisers held in the 2013-14 program year

2012-13 PARTICIPATION FEE REMINDER
There are still a few clubs and some individuals who have outstanding participation fees dues. If you or your club have submitted your payment for last year, please do so ASAP. If you are unsure, you can always contact 4-H staff to verify if your fees were paid. Collection notices will go out in January.