4-H Exploration Days 2017

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan State University’s (MSU) largest pre-college program, annually attended by 2,500 youth and adult chaperones from across Michigan. The 2017 conference was held June 21-23 on the Michigan State University campus.

With a theme of, “JOURNEY TO SUCCESS” approximately 200 hands-on classroom and field trip sessions were offered. Calhoun County sent 40 Youth and 6 Adults to participate in this year’s event.

4-H Exploration Days gives youth ages 11 to 19 an authentically collegiate experience as they live in MSU residence halls and explore interest areas and career options, increase their awareness and readiness for college, and develop decision-making, independence and teamwork skills. They also have fun and make friends with people from different backgrounds and areas.

An exciting part of the Exploration Days experience was the entertainment at the Wharton Center featuring The Detroit Circus, keeping everyone on their toes for the whole show.

Enjoyment was had by all Calhoun County participants who attended.

4-H Council Corner News

The 4-H Council wants you! 4-H Council events that need volunteers include:

- Lemonade Stand Fundraiser at Cool Mama’s Ice Cream on July 16, from 4-7 pm. Youth are invited to the fundraiser. Please bring a project or an animal to talk about. Volunteers will help make lemonade, and raise awareness about 4-H.
- Calhoun County Relay for Life on July 21 & 22. Additionally, the Lemonade Stand will be at the Relay for Life. Consider helping to serve fresh squeezed lemonade for donations on July 21st from 4-9 pm and July 22nd between 10 am to 2 pm. During the Relay for Life all proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life.
- Kid’s Day at Fair on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, The Youth Council needs help with games and the book give away. The Youth Council is accepting book donations (gently used or new books). Call Kathy Fischer at the MSU Extension office to help or donate books.
- Help with selling lemonade during Fair week, please call Jeremy Blunt at 269-753-5229.

As a final point, I personally want to invite youth to attend a 4-H Council Meeting. Our next meeting is on July 6, 2017, 7:30 pm at the Calhoun County Building, lower level Conference room.

Submitted By: Sam Lawrence, Calhoun County 4-H Council Reporter

Don’t forget

Please nominate your favorite Leader for the “Legend of 4-H Award”. Leaders must have been serving Calhoun County 4-H for 10 or more years. Anyone may make a nomination. Recipients will be awarded during the Show of Champions at the Fair on August 19. For more information call the MSU Extension office 269-781-0784.
**LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

was held June 26th at the B.H. Henry Building with 17 youth ages 5 - 8 years old. The Youth and Volunteers had a great time learning new things, making new friends and memories.

“This is what 4-H is all about,” stated Kathy Fischer, 4-H Youth Program Coordinator. Kathy wants to thank all the volunteers for their help and in making a difference in the lives of Calhoun County youth.

#### July 13: Michigan 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa_livestock_judging_contest
MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI 48910

#### July 15: CC Blazers Educational Horse Show and Horse Judging
Calhoun County Fairgrounds, Marshall, MI

#### July 17-21: 4-H Youth Dairy Days
http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-dairy-expo-and-4-h-dairy-days
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

#### July 21: Michigan 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

#### July 21: 4-H Mentoring Weekend
Samantha DeLeeuw, deleeuw8@anr.msu.edu, 517-353-3425
Kettunen Center 14901 4H Drive Tustin, MI 49688

#### July 22: Boots & Buckles 4-H Club Annual Open Horse Show
Calhoun County Fairgrounds, Marshall, MI

#### July 21 & 22: Calhoun County Relay for LIFE
4-Hers raise money for the American Cancer Society Calhoun County Fairgrounds, Marshall, MI Starts at 3:00 pm

#### July 24-28: 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=95D877C85D23203A
MSU, East Lansing

#### July 29: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=F198C7D927BE52AE
Centerline of Calhoun County, 23100 13 Mile Rd., Bellevue, MI 49021

#### July 30-August 3: National 4-H Forestry Invitational
http://4hforestryinvitational.org
Jackson’s Mill State 4-H Conference Center, Weston, West Virginia

#### August 2-4: 4-H Health & Food Science Camp
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=A11B8C3CF0D2FB86
MSU, East Lansing

#### August 19: State 4-H Dog Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/%20events/state_4_h_dog_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

#### August 11–13: State 4-H Horse Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4-h_horse_show
MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane Road, East Lansing, MI

#### August 13 - 19: 169th Annual Calhoun County Fair
Marshall, MI

#### August 26-27: Global Village and Global Gateway Experience With 4-H
http://howellnaturecenter.org/programs/heifer-global-village/global-gateway
Howell Nature Center, Howell, MI

#### September 2: 2017 Michigan State 4-H Poultry Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza1
46100 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 483742017

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events

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**4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning CITIZENSHIP LEADERSHIP and LIFE SKILLS**