4-H Exploration Days 2017 News

June 21-23, 2017, on the campus of Michigan State University

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life!

The Exploration Days registration book and forms are now available online or you can pick one up at the MSU Extension office. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1.

County staff will begin registration starting March 14. You are strongly encouraged to turn your registration form in prior to that date, as our office staff registers participants online in the order that they are received. Many of the sessions fill up the very first day. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 26th, but usually by that date, most of the popular sessions are already filled, so DON'T WAIT!

The 2017 cost has been set at $165. There is an additional $10 4-H participation fee for youth not yet enrolled in 4-H. The fee includes meals, a shared room in a dorm, sessions and a t-shirt. A deposit of $80 is required at the time your registration form is turned in to the Calhoun County MSU Extension office. The balance due is required no later than the Orientation Meeting date on Monday, June 5th. Youth must be age 11 by January 1st of the year they wish to attend 4-H Exploration Days. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1st of the current year.

Website: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days Contact the 4-H staff in Calhoun County at 269-781-0784 for more information on 4-H Exploration Days, and any specific details pertaining to your county's delegation. Orientation: Monday, June 5th, at the Fredonia Township Hall, 8803 US Highway 27 S, 6:30-8:30pm

4-H Council Corner

Did You know? Michigan 4-H has a youth leadership program that encourages individuals to have a voice at the state level. This year, I applied and interviewed to serve the council. Check out this awesome opportunity at the State Youth Leadership Council website. SYLC provides training to learn public speaking skills, networking skills, and leadership skills. As a group, SYLC meets twice a year at Youth Global Spectacular and MSU Expo Days in June.

Youth Global Spectacular is a two-day adventure every January at the Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI, 4968. It's a program's motto is, “think globally, act locally.” The program provides hands on activities to develop leadership skills and encourage civic engagement. In 2017, seven foreign exchange students shared a presentation about their culture. I hope to more youth representatives there in 2018.

I personally want to invite you to join fellow Calhoun County youth at the Michigan Expo Days. The extension office is accepting application. Explore what classes are being offered at the website http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information. I did see a course offering for “Lemonade Stands as Serious Business.” The 4-H Council plans to take our Lemonade business on the road to Cool Mama’s Ice Cream, Battle Creek, MI. Please, consider how you can help manage or staff our Lemonade Stand this summer either at Cool Mama’s or Calhoun County Fair.

Samuel Lawrence, 4-H Council Reporter

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Calhoun County Local Scholarships

4-H Beef Club Scholarship: To assist students who will attend a school of higher learning and who has been a member of the Calhoun County 4-H Beef Club. **Deadline is June 1st.** Please contact Mr. & Mrs. Mike Flynn of the Calhoun County 4-H Beef Club.

Burrell E Henry College Scholarship: To assist Calhoun County students who will attend Michigan State University and are accepted in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, including the Ag Tech Program, or pursuing a career in Veterinary Medicine or other opportunity in the field of agriculture or family and consumer science related careers. **Deadline for application is May 15**, send to: BE Henry Scholarship Committee c/o Patti Jarvis, Secretary/Treasurer, 7705 29 Mile Road, Concord MI 49237 Or email to: michfarmgal@yahoo.com

Calhoun County 4-H Swine Club Scholarship: Two yearly scholarships of a minimum of $300 will be awarded to a high school senior or high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying and must be enrolled as a Calhoun County Youth Swine Exhibitor at the time of application. Applicants may not be older than 19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. **Applications are due March 15**. Previous recipients are not eligible. The applicants will be judged on livestock participation, leadership, and citizenship. The scholarship is administered by the Homer Area Community Foundation and will be paid to the accredited institution in the name of the recipient. Recipients must apply the entire scholarship towards their education at a technical school, college, or university. Applications can be turned in at the MSU Extension office by close of business, or mailed (with postmark on or before March 15th) to the Homer Area Community Foundation at P.O. Box 201, Homer, MI 49245.

Elaine Furu-Baker Memorial Horse Show Scholarship: Scheduled for the last weekend in June. Details coming soon on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/Elaine-Furu-Baker-Memorial-Horse-Show-273362608077/
Deadline for application is 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, June 24, 2017.**

Furu Family 4-H Legacy Scholarship: Implemented to honor the Don & Virginia Furu family. Applicants must be a current or past year member of a Calhoun County 4-H Club who has exhibited at the Calhoun County Fair and High school senior who is currently accepted at a college or technical school or currently enrolled in post-secondary or a technical training program. Applicant must have a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5; and previous recipients will not be eligible in future years. **The deadline is June 30th.** A complete application must be received on or before this deadline to: MSU Extension Office, Calhoun County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

LaVern Smith Memorial Scholarship: Applicants must be a member of a 4-H Club or a Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter within Calhoun County, Michigan. At the time of application for this scholarship, applicants must be either a senior in high school or a high school graduate enrolled in a technical school or college. Applicants must be available for an interview if requested by the selection committee. Previous recipients are not eligible. **Deadline for application is April 1.** Mail or fax applications to MSU Extension 315 W Green St, Marshall, MI 49068. The LaVern Smith Memorial Scholarship selection committee shall establish the selection criteria. The committee will meet to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded and to select scholarship recipients. The recipient(s) will be announced after May 1. Scholarships will be presented to recipients during the Calhoun County Fair in August at the Fairgrounds in Marshall, Michigan. For details, contact the MSU Extension Office or your local FFA Advisor.

Deadline to apply for the **2017 Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship is June 1**, Application details available at www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf. For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application. For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application.

**Michigan 4-H Youth Development Rabbit & Cavy Project Scholarship** To apply for the 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Project Scholarship, you must be a high school senior for 2016-2017 and currently enrolled in 4-H. You must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit/cavy project for three or more years. Award amount: Varies, two to four given annually. **Deadline is November 1, 2017.** Website for more information and an application: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships#MI4HRabbitCavySchl](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships#MI4HRabbitCavySchl)

Calhoun County MSU Extension Website has 4-H Information

Have you visited the Calhoun County MSU Extension website lately? If not, you’re missing out on a lot of easily accessible forms, scholarships, events and other valuable information.

**Check it out at:** [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/calhoun](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/calhoun)

We have updated the Administrative Leader Yearly Club Forms and have added several Project Guidelines for members to use.

Several of these scholarships are posted and can be printed off from our website.

Please let us know what you think about the website. We are always willing to receive input to help our 4-H Family members and leaders keep up to date with news you can use!
New Tractor Operator Program Underway

The Calhoun County 4-H Tractor Operator Program (TOP) is a nine week course. It teaches youth tractor operation, along with safety, maintenance and repair.

Michigan State University Extension offers the Tractor Operator Program through the 4-H Youth Development Program. Successful completion of the 4-H TOP provides completion certificates to 13-19 year olds. 14-15 year olds may be eligible to receive a certificate of training from the US Department of Labor required for operation of a 20 PTO HP or greater, garden or agricultural tractor by youth employed on property not owned, leased, or operated by a parent or legal guardian.

The deadline to register has passed but we wanted to highlight this very interesting and educational program.

Fun pictures of 4-H Day at the Breslin Center Lady Spartan Basketball Game

This event is held annually and many go early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families. So next year plan ahead to get your FREE tickets to this fun basketball game.

4-H International Exchange Programs

Michigan 4-H provides youth the chance to interact with other youth from different cultures and with different customs and values. International Exchange is the perfect way to promote friendship between Michigan families and those from other countries as well as increasing cultural competence. Exchanges vary from month-long to year-long opportunities.

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Want to see the world with 4-H?

Through 4-H International Exchanges, we hope to increase the friendship between people in Michigan and other countries and to help our young people develop an Global perspective. We offer travel programs for youth ages 12 to 19. In addition, Michigan families can host an exchange student for as short as one month in the summer or as long as ten months for an academic school year. We also need hosts for two weeks in the summer for our international adult chaperones.

For an overview of Michigan’s 4-H International Exchange Programs, go to: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/international_exchange_programs

Or contact:
D’Ann Rohrer, Extension Educator Michigan Coordinator drohrer@anr.msu.edu 231-757-4789
Heather Gray, 4-H International Exchange Coordinator grayhea2@anr.msu.edu 517-355-2361
**Statewide Calendar of Events**

### 4-H Workshops

**March 4:** Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee  
Contact Taylor Fabus ([tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu))  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

**March 11-12:** Challenge U 4-H Funfest  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**March 17-19:** Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=62E0A083A0F38132](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=62E0A083A0F38132)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**March 18-19:** 4-H Robotics Workshop  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=CFBB42F26791A2C6](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=CFBB42F26791A2C6)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**March 20:** Youth Business Guide to Success . . . Make the Most of Your 4-H Market Animal Project  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF)  
Ottawa County MSU Extension Office, West Olive

### Other 4-H Events

**March 19-22:** 4-H Capitol Experience  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=087C25CC2694CBDE](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=087C25CC2694CBDE)  
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

**March 26:** Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest)  
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

**April 8:** Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4-h_hairy_horse_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4-h_hairy_horse_show)  
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

**April 15:** State 4-H Goat Expo  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F)  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

**May 20:** State 4-H Poultry Show registration is open! Deadline to register is April 21, 2017  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HPoultryShow2017/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HPoultryShow2017/)  
Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 Cochran Ave. Charlotte, MI 48813

**June 26-30:** The Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp  
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)  
Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! Camper applications are due by May 1, but space is limited so early application is encouraged.

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h)

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### Horse Bowl

**Members needed**

The Calhoun County HORSE-BOWL TEAM is actively looking for members! We have space for both junior and senior members.

The first competition is April 22nd, 2017. The first and second place winners travel to Columbus, OH for the All American Quarter Horse Congress (Where NATIONALS are held).

If you are interested, contact Tracy Myers 269-788-7380. Meetings are held every Monday night from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Moose Lodge in Marshall.

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**2017 4-H Equine Educational Expo**

**April 22, 2017**  
MSU Campus, Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI

Looking for a great opportunity to introduce SCIENCE to your 4-H members? Here is your chance! Combine youth interest in horses with the importance of science literacy & life skill building, and you’ve got the 4-H Equine Educational Expo!

*NEW THIS YEAR* We’re offering Cloverbud members the opportunity to participate in the hippology division!

*NEW THIS YEAR* The 4-H Equine Communications Contests will take place on Saturday afternoon, following the completion of the hippology and horse bowl contests.

The complete 2017 Equine Educational Expo Handbook can be found at:  
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)

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