Hello 4-H Families,

Summer is almost here and that means that there are many fun and exciting opportunities coming up for 4-H members. Please take note of all of the 4-H camps that are going on locally, here in Clare County this June. For the 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp on June 19 we will have a school bus available to take youth to Camp Neyati from Brown Corners Church in Clare and Carrow’s Supermarket in Farwell. Also, all of our camps are open to non-4-H members, so invite your friends and family!

We are also still in need of teen counselors and adult volunteers for all three camps; 4-H Camp at Camp Neyati and Summer Camp Blast. Please see me as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you,

Alex Schunk
4-H Program Coordinator, Clare County

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Plant Sale Fundraiser

The 4-H Council is asking that all Clare County 4-H Families sell 3 plants during the Plant Sale Fundraiser. Order forms are included in this newsletter and all administrative leaders have a form for each family. **The club that sells the most will win a $50 pizza gift card to throw a pizza party with your club!** The money raised from this fundraiser goes directly towards things like the 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship, 4-H camp and Exploration Days registration fees, Make A Wish Scholarships, Holiday Craft Day and much more! **Forms are due to the MSU Extension office no later than May 10.**
4-H Workshops

May 5-7: Outdoor Adventure Challenge Orientation
Manistee River near Kingsley

May 13: Michigan 4-H Agriculture Career Fair
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=1FE621BAB4FD36B0
Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center, Frankenmuth

May 13-14: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_regional_shooting_sports_air_pistol_training
Demmer Center, Lansing

May 20-21: Teens as Teachers Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3828E28B31B3CA578
Kettunen Center, Tustin

May 26-29: Rock Climbing, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 3
Manistee River near Kingsley

June 3-5: 4-H Companion Animal Spring Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

May 11: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=194D71E9BDAF67A7
MSU, East Lansing

May 20: State 4-H Poultry Show
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E025CAFF6B2A6962
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

June 3: 4-H Day at Michigan’s Adventure
https://www.miadventure.com/events/things-to-do/special-events/4H-Day
Michigan’s Adventure, Muskegon

June 10: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo
Contact Katie Ockert (ockertka@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 18: Michigan 4-H at the Tigers
http://m.mlb.com/tigers/tickets/special-events/4h
Comerica Park, Detroit

June 21-23: Michigan 4-H Exploration Days
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days
MSU, East Lansing

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

2017 Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp

This exciting, hands-on training opportunity – presented by MSU Extension (http://bit.ly/lsdvYu8) 4-H Youth Development (http://bit.ly/l2NxiLN) – will provide participants with opportunities to:

- Gain new ideas and information about companion-animal projects, while being able to work with their own companion animal
- Attend various sessions such as:
  - Ask a vet
  - Games to play with your dog
  - Learn hands-on skills from a veterinarian
  - Try out new training techniques
- Have an overnight workshop experience
- Share, learn and explore new information about companion animals with others 4-H’ers from around the state
- Practice skills such as team building and leadership
- Bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs, county programs and local communities
- Participate in activities such as:
  - Hiking trails
  - An evening campfire
  - A climbing tower
  - Make-it and take-it crafts and more

Remember, there will also be awesome sessions for your dogs in obedience, games, agility and much more!

Who Should Attend? Michigan 4-H’ers who are 5 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017. Cloverbuds are welcome with parent chaperones.

When Is the Workshop? June 2-4, 2017

Where Will the Workshop Be Held? Camp Tuhsmehta (https://camptuhsmehta.org) in Greenville. This facility offers various lodging options to participants. That is, lodge, tent or camper/RV sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

How Can Someone Register? All camp registration forms (for 4-H youth members, 4-H volunteer leaders and 4-H parents) are available on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2nhoqbk). Submit your registration form and payment to:

- Katie Ockert, Room 240, 446 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Camp registrations must be postmarked by May 5, 2017.

What Is the Cost of the Workshop? The $50 registration fee covers lodging and meals.

More information about this camp is available from:
- Katie Ockert (ockertka@anr.msu.edu), Michigan 4-H Animal Science Educator
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)

Fairgrounds 4-H Workday

Thanks to a few generous sponsors, North Central Michigan Arbor and Bouchey and Sons Inc., we will be redoing the flowerbed landscaping and paint around the doors of the MSU Extension Building and 4-H Foodstand on Sunday, May 7, starting at 2pm. Please contact Alex at the MSU Extension office if you plan to attend. We could still use some tools to help get the job done. Please plan to bring water and food for you and your family and dress for the weather!
You’re invited to an open house in celebration of 100 Years of Michigan State University Extension in Clare County

Where: Clare County Building Lobby
When: Tuesday, May 23
11am to 2pm
Come celebrate the history of MSU Extension in Clare County.

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**CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May**
1: New Club Member Enrollment Deadline
1: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Clare County Building
7: Fairgrounds 4-H Workday, 2pm, Clare County Fairgrounds
13: 4-H Small Animal Swap Meet, Harrison Moose Lodge-CANCELED
16: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Clare County Building
20: 4-H Dog, Cat, and Goat Workshop, Clare County Fairgrounds
24: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Family Farm and Home—Clare

**June**
5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Clare County Building
10: 4-H Heartland Rabbit, Cavy & Poultry Show, Clare County Fairgrounds
19: 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp, Camp Neyati
20: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm Location TBD
20-23: 4-H Overnight Camp, Camp Neyati
27-29: Summer Blast Camp, MMCC
28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm Location TBD

**July**
10: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm Location TBD
18: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm Location TBD
19: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm Location TBD
24-29: Clare County Fair

**October**
5: Science Blast, 5-7pm, MMCC Harrison

**December**
2: Holiday Craft Day, 10am-1pm, Jay’s Sporting Goods
Congratulations to the Clare County 4-H Livestock Judging Team on competing in their first contest which was held in April at the Michigan Spring Beef Expo at MSU. Pictured are junior Erin Judge, senior Makayla Ogg, senior Morgan Shea, coach Travis Schunk, and junior Cole Drake.

Adopt-A-Highway

We are in need of groups to volunteer for Adopt-A-Highway. This can consist of clubs, associations, committees, or anyone age 12 or older who is willing to volunteer!

July 15-23: Open

September 23-October 1: Hill Top

SAVE YOUR JUNK!

Thank you to the members, volunteers, and parents of the Brushwood and Country Neighbors clubs for taking on the community service project of Adopt A Highway in the month of April!

Please save toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, bottle tops, pop can tabs, wire, or anything that can be used to make junk drawer robotic cars for Summer Camp Blast. Please turn in your "junk" to Alex at the MSU Extension office before June 1.
Home Arts Information:

Youth Home Arts Judging: Friday, July 21, 3-7pm at the Grand Stands and Home Arts Building

Teens are needed to help clerk the Home Arts Judging. Contact Donna at 989-539-9011 at the Fair Office if you are interested in volunteering.

Livestock Information:

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA): Any youth that plans on having a swine project needs to be PQA certified. PQA is scheduled for the following dates:

June 15, 3pm Clare County Building Room A

Small Animal Information:

Project Sheets: Due by mail May 15 to Parker Thompson 6731 North Rodgers Avenue, Harrison, Michigan 48625.

Auction Sheets and Membership Forms: due July 3 to Ursula Jehnzen 2933 Timberlane Road Harrison, Michigan 48625

Fair Information:

Fair Entry Forms: Due by Noon on Saturday, June 24, 2017, to the Clare County Fair Office PO Box 698, Harrison, Michigan 48625. **There are new forms this year which can be found in the 2017 Fairbook. Past forms will not be accepted.

Fair Theme: Animated Movies. Colors—Pink, Orange, and Lime Green

Barrel Decorating Contest: The fair board has purchased new metal trash barrels for the fairgrounds and they are looking for clubs to decorate them. To sign up contact Donna at the Fair Office at 989-539-9011 by May 17, 2017. Barrels will be supplied but need to be picked up at the fairgrounds. Clubs are responsible for supplying the paint and making sure that it is weather proof. Barrels need to be decorated and returned to the fairgrounds by July 21.
4-H
Cat, Dog, & Goat Workshop
11am to 2pm
May 20, 2017
Clare County Fairgrounds
418 Fairlane Road, Harrison, Michigan

◊ Free workshop open to all 4-H youth age 5 to 19
◊ Youth are encouraged to bring their own cat, dog, and/or goat. Animals MUST be contained appropriately.
◊ Proof of immunization for dogs and cats MUST be provided
◊ All Clare County Fairground and Fair rules apply

RSVP and Questions contact the Clare County MSU Extension office at 989-539-7805 or msue18@msu.edu

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Alex Schunk at 989-539-7805 or schunkal@anr.msu.edu, by May 5, to make arrangements. Request received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

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4-H Heartland Show

A Rabbit, Cavy & Poultry Exhibition Show

Saturday, June 10, 2017
Clare County Fairgrounds
418 Fairlane Rd, Harrison, MI

Registration by 8:00am
Showmanship begins at 9:00am

⇒ Sanctioned Show
⇒ Breed classes to follow immediately after completion of showmanship classes.
⇒ ARBA and APA Standards to be followed. See show rules for more information.
⇒ All birds MUST be pullorum tested prior to the show.

Cost: $2.75 per rabbit or cavy
      $2.75 per bird

Extra Events: $1.00 each entry
               Costume Contest
               Educational Posters
               Photography (5x7 matted or framed)
               Breed I.D.
               Question Challenge

Cloverbud Events: NO CHARGE
(Non-competitive events for youth ages 5-8 years old)
               Coloring/Display
               Costume Contest
               Showmanship

Showmanship Class Ages:
      Junior — ages 9-11
      Intermediate — ages 12-14
      Senior — ages 15-19

Questions?
Contact the Show Superintendent, Brenda Spivey at 231-429-4230 or
Clare County MSU Extension 989-539-7805 msue18@msu.edu

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4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

Who: 4-H and Non 4-H Youth who are between the ages of 5 and 8 as of January 1, 2017.

What: A one day camp experience for youth, including crafts, t-shirt painting, swimming, nature study, snacks, and transportation to and from your county (Midland/Clare)

Where: Camp Neyati located at 2052 Hillcrest Drive, Lake, Michigan 49632

When: Monday, June 19, 2017

How: Register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/DayCamp4HMidlandClare/ beginning March 14. A packet of information with specific details will be sent as soon as you have registered and paid.

Cost: 4-H Members $50 and Non 4-H members $61

For more information and questions contact Midland County 4-H Program Coordinator Dee Howe at howedolo@msu.edu or Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator Alex Schunk at schunka@msu.edu.

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4-H Overnight Summer Camp

Who: 4-H and Non 4-H Youth who are between the ages of 9 and 14 as of January 1, 2017. (Youth 15 and over needed as counselors)

What: An opportunity for youth to focus on a topic of interest while participating in all camp experiences.
- Shooting Sports & Fishing
- Swimming & Boating
- Crafts & Sports & Campfires

Where: Camp Neyati is located at 2052 Hillcrest Drive, Lake, Michigan 49632

When: June 20 (9:00 AM Arrival) to June 23 (9:00 AM Pick Up)

How: Register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/Overnight/ beginning March 20. A packet of information with specific details will be sent as soon as you have registered and paid.

Cost: 4-H Members $125 and Non 4-H members $136

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Discover the culinary arts, robotics and wilderness survival skills during this interactive summer camp experience for ages 7 - 11.

June 27-29
9am - 3pm
Mid Michigan Community College
Houghton Room
Harrison Campus • 1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison

June 27
Master Chef Junior Day
Campers will learn chef techniques in the kitchen, make jelly preserves, and get involved in a cook-off competition with other campers.

June 28
Survival Day
Learn how to be "smart" when in the woods. Campers will build a shelter, take part in a scavenger hunt and much more.

June 29
Robotics Day
Find out what junk works best as you make a Junk Drawer Robotic Car. Discover engineering through Legos.

Registration is open NOW through June 14 or until the camp fills. Maximum Enrollment is 25!

Sign up today! midmich.edu/summerblast

ONLY $45 per participant!