Kelli’s Korner

Happy Friday Everyone!

I had the privilege Monday evening to attend the Iosco Oinkers 4-H Club Meeting and I am excited to see so many new faces enrolled in the 4-H Swine Project area this year. I loved hearing all of the club’s ideas for what they will be doing this year. Thank you to all of the members for allowing me the opportunity to join you. If other clubs have a meeting that they would like me to attend, I am happy to do so! Send me an email and I will do my best to fit dates into my schedule.

There are some great opportunities coming up for our members including camp counselor recruitment, club officer training, and many state and regional leadership workshops. Please check out all of these programs in this week’s edition and make plans to attend the ones that interest you!

Have you liked the Iosco County 4-H Facebook page yet? As new programs and event registration opens, I do my best to share these on the 4-H Facebook page right away. Please be sure to keep an eye on the page so that you know when new things come up. There is something new each week and we do not want anyone missing out on an opportunity!

4-H Leaders’ Council Connection

Just a reminder, the 4-H Leaders’ Council is still looking for volunteers to serve on the 4-H Snack Shack Planning Committee. The 4-H Snack Shack is a food concession stand that is organized during the Iosco County Fair. 4-H clubs can sign up to work shifts and in return will earn money for their 4-H club. The committee will be responsible for all aspects of the Snack Shack including ensuring the trailer is set up, securing the appropriate licenses, and ordering supplies. If you are interested in being on this committee please contact Paul Grabstanowicz, 4-H Leaders’ Council President by February 28th.

4-H Fact of the Week!

The second H, hands is a promise to give the world as much as a member can. Giving your hands to larger service is when a member steps back from their own personal needs and gives to others what they can. Through “hands” 4-H members gain the ability to give strength to others. 4-H
members have the opportunity to get out in the community and show everyone how much care their hands hold. One way to express this is through community service projects. Each year, clubs should be working on at least one community service project to benefit others in Iosco County. How has your club planned to help others this year?

**Upcoming Club Meetings**

- The 4-H MOB Lamb Club will be holding their first club meeting on **Sunday, March 5, 2017** at 4:00 PM at the Whittemore Fire Hall in Whittemore. At this meeting they will be setting their schedule for the year and electing officers.

**2017 4-H Horse Camp T-shirt Contest**

Attention all 4-H Horse Project Members: The Iosco 4-H Horse Developmental Committee is now accepting t-shirt designs for the 2017 4-H Horse Camp! This year’s shirt will be blue and the theme of camp is “Cowboy Camp”. T-shirt designs can be hand drawn or computer generated. All designs must have a “stand alone” 4-H Clover on them that does not have any works or other designs covering the 4-H Clover. Please put your name, phone number, and address on the back of the design. Submission deadline is **March 18, 2017**! The winning design will receive a free camp admission for one horse. For more information or questions, please call Carla Johnson at (989) 965-0199.

**Iosco 4-H Cake and Craft Auction Fundraiser**

Iosco County 4-H will be holding a 4-H Fundraiser on **Saturday, March 18, 2017** to help 4-H members earn money for 4-H camp, Exploration Days, or another local 4-H summer events. The event will be held at the Plainfield Township Hall in Hale. There will be a potluck dinner beginning at 5:00 PM. Each member is asked to bring a dish to pass if they plan on auctioning off a cake or a craft item.

4-H members are able to bake and decorate a cake for the live cake auction that will begin at 6:00 PM and/or make a homemade craft item for the silent auction which will run from 5:00-7:00 PM. The profits from this auction will be divided amongst the 4-H members that participate in the event. All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in the event. Please RSVP to the MSU Extension Office by **Friday, March 10, 2017** if you plan to participate. It is the responsibility of the 4-H members to promote the event. To help ensure a great event, please share the event flyer and invite your friends and family to come for a great dinner.

For additional information please contact the event coordinator Carla Johnson (989) 965-0199.
Iosco 4-H SPIN Club

Put It Up!
Food Preservation Club

Put it Up! 4-H Food Preservation Club will offer hands-on lessons that explore science of safe food preservation. Each week, 4-H members will learn a new food preservation method and get to take home what they make!

Weekly Club Topics:
- Can My Crushed Tomatoes
- Make My Strawberry Jam
- Make My Pickles
- Dry My Fruit Leather
- Freeze My Berries

Put It Up! Club Coordinators:
Kelli Rau, MSU Extension
Iosco 4-H Program Coordinator
(989) 362-3449

Karen Fifield, MSU Extension
Food Safety Educator
(989) 785-8016

Who can participate:
Youth ages 8-13 years old.

Where:
Knights of Columbus Hall, East Tawas

When:
Every Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 PM
starting on February 14, 2017 and ending
March 21, 2017

Registration:
Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Iosco MSU Extension Office at 989-362-3449 to reserve a spot by

Cost:
$30 for 4-H Members;
$42 for non 4-H members (this fee includes the $10 annual 4-H fee and $2 insurance fee for non 4-H members.)
4-H Office Roles and Parli-Pro Training

Attention all 4-H Club Officers, Teen Leaders, and member that want to know more about officer roles and parli-pro! We are holding a fun, hands-on workshop on Monday, March 13th from 5:30-8:00 PM at Ogemaw Heights High School to learn more about how to run your 4-H club meetings. We will start with dinner and then begin our program at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please call the MSU Extension Office at 989-362-3449 to RSVP by Friday, March 10th!
Iosco 4-H Pork Quality Assurance Certification Training

Where: Whittemore Prescott High School
When: Sunday, March 19, 2017
Time: 4:00 P.M.
Who: All 4-H swine exhibitors

PQA Qualification is MANDATORY for all swine members and exhibitors. A certified PQA advisor will be conducting the youth education program to get exhibitors up to date on all things needed to make sure your animal stays safe and healthy. 4-H members will be educated in food safety, antibiotic use and animal well-being. To find out if your current certification will expire prior to the 2017 fair, please call the MSU Extension Office at (989) 362-3449.
Attention all teens ages 15-19: We are currently recruiting potential summer camp counselors for our multi-county 4-H Summer Camp that will be held on June 14-16, 2017 at Camp Nissokone in Oscoda, MI. Cindy, 4-H Summer Camp Counselors must be 15 years old or older (as of 1/1/17), submit a complete application by February 17, 2017, attend an overview orientation on February 22, 2017, be selected by 4-H Camp Staff, and attend all required 4-H Counselor Trainings as outlined below.

As a counselor, you can practice your leadership skills, help young 4-H members have a great camp experience, and have fun yourself. We are looking for 12 counselors who would like to share three days of their summer vacation working with 4-H’ers ages 8-12 from various counties. We welcome returning teens; however returning teens need to apply again.

Each of the counties will be inviting teens to come to the orientation on February 22, 2017. From the group of young people present, we will choose up to six female and six male counselors, with the goal of having counselors from each county. All participants will be notified in a letter whether or not they were selected.

What would my responsibilities be as a Camp Counselor?

- Model positive behavior management techniques and not use any form of physical or emotional abuse.
- Assume the responsibility for one or more assigned areas:
  - Cabin Counselor, Program Coordinator, and/or Activities Coordinator
- Be directly responsible to the Extension Staff in charge of camp and perform duties as requested.
- Work cooperatively with all other camp personnel whether permanent staff, summer staff, volunteer, or teen counselor.
- Know camp rules, abide by them, and enforce them with all persons in camp.
- Recognize that counselors are at camp for the camper’s benefit and only secondarily for their own development and enjoyment.
- Arrive on time for assigned responsibilities
- Exercise mature, good judgment in assuming responsibility for and working with youth.

Required Counselor Trainings Dates:
- February 22, 2017 at Ogemaw MSU Extension Office
- April 22-23, 2017 at Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center, Hale, MI
- June 14, 2017 at Camp Nissokone, 9:30-11:30 AM

If you would like to be considered for one of the 2017 4-H Camp Counselor positions, please email Kelli at raukelli@anr.msu.edu for an application!
4-H Capitol Experience

When and where: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 2017 to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the Okemos Conference Center. 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. All participants must have pictured identification.

Cost: $350 4-H and Michigan Farm Bureau members, $360 non 4-H members. Includes all meals, lodging and material fees. All registrations must be paid in full by Feb. 10, 2017. Any registration not paid in full by this time will be canceled and the space will be offered to registrants on the waitlist.

Registration process: Participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited to 150 total participants. Each participant will need to register online. Note that communications for this event are made via email, so please provide and email during registration that is checked on a regular basis. All registration payments must be made in full by Feb. 10, 2017.

Cancellation policy: Voluntary cancellations received between Feb. 3, 2017 and Feb. 24, 2017 will incur a $30 cancellation fee. Cancellations received after Feb. 24, 2017 are non-refundable.
The Challenge U 4-H FunFest scheduled for March 11-12, 2017, at the Kettunen Center is now open for registration. A complete flyer with session descriptions and a link to register can be found by visiting: https://events.anr.msu.edu/challengeu17/.

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**4-H Challenge U FunFest**

The Challenge U 4-H FunFest will challenge participants and chaperones in hands-on sessions that range from physical fitness, snack making, dancing, and more.

### When and where:

March 11, 2017 - March 12, 2017
Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

### Who:

Any youth age 9-13 (as of January 1st) and chaperones.

### What:

Are you ready to accept the challenge? Youth and adults who attend Challenge U 4-H FunFest will spend 2 days learning about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.

### Cost:

- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$70.00
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$119.00
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources. Persons canceling without a replacement by Friday, February 24, 2017, will be charged a $40.00 cancellation fee. Persons who do not cancel within 48 hours prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full amount.
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

### Registration information:

- The deadline to register for this event is Friday, February 24, 2017
- To register, visit https://events.anr.msu.edu/challengeu17/

### Find out more...

Visit the registration site for additional details. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Michelle Neff at 989-539-7805 or hydemich@msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.
Michigan 4-H Robotics Workshop

Iosco County 4-H is in the process of developing a 4-H Robotics club. At this time we are looking for additional volunteers and teens interested in being leaders to attend this workshop on March 18-19, 2017 at the Kettunen Center. For more information, please visit the Robotics workshop website.

**MICHIGAN 4-H ROBOTICS WORKSHOP**

**When and where:**

March 18-19, 2017

4-H Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

**Who:**

4-H members age 13-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers interested in robotics (sign up for a specific track: LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, Underwater ROVs, Unmanned Aerial Systems, Younger 4-Hers: Robotics & STEAM, and Junk Drawer Robotics).

**Cost:**

- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$75.00
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$130.00
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources.
- Persons canceling without a replacement by Feb. 24, 2017, will be charged a $20.00 cancellation fee. Persons who do not show up at the workshop, do not have a replacement, or do not cancel to ANR Event Services at events@anr.msu.edu within 48 hours prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full registration fee.
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

**Registration information:**

- The deadline to register for this event is Feb. 24, 2017.
- To register, visit https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HRobotics2017/

**Find out more...**

Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook.

For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office, Jan Brinn at 269-673-0370 or brinn@anr.msu.edu or Kristy Oosterhouse at 517-543-2310 oosterh6@anr.msu.edu

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.
# Upcoming Michigan 4-H Horse Events

## Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference, February 25
MSU’s campus, East Lansing, MI
Registration for this event is limited!
4-H members age 12-19 AND adult volunteers are welcomed. Topics include horse judging, equine first aid, dissection, veterinary care, equine nutrition, and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, and much more. Interactive classroom sessions in Anthony Hall will be followed by hands-on activities at the MSU Horse Teaching & Research Center.
Full event details & registration forms: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)
REGISTER HERE: [http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HHorseLeaders/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HHorseLeaders/)

## 4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest, Sunday March 26th
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
Full class list, rules, registration and event details available at: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)

## Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show/Clinic, April 8
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
Space will be limited for this event, only 100 stalls available. Judges will wear microphones and share critiques with exhibitors to help improve their performance. Audience members (free) can hear feedback as well!
Event details and showbill available after January 1: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)
Purchase stalls: [https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645)

# Upcoming 4-H Workshops

## February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

## February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

## February 22: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94)
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

## February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

## 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 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischa@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other Upcoming 4-H Events

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living
http://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summit-series/#healthy-living
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

February 18: Michigan 4-H Night With the Griffins
Contact Tarin Minkel (minkeltj@anr.msu.edu)
Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3
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
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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