Kelli’s Korner

Happy Friday Everyone!

Just a reminder, 4-H Camp Counselor Applications are due TODAY! Please contact me if you need a copy of the application or have any questions. Also, the MSU Extension Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of President’s Day.

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!

Did you know that Michigan 4-H offers youth from across the state the opportunity to travel each June down to the campus of Michigan State University for a three-day, two-night pre-college program? 4-H Exploration Days is Michigan State University’s largest pre-college program, annually attended by 2,500 youth and adult chaperones from across Michigan. The 47th annual 4-H Exploration Days conference will be held June 21-23, 2017, on the MSU campus. The theme is Journey to Success.

4-H Exploration Days gives youth ages 11 to 19 an authentic collegiate experience as they stay 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.

The fee to attend is $165; youth not enrolled in 4-H pay an additional $10 4-H participation fee. Registration books will be available from the MSU Extension offices and online in early March. Registration opens on March 14. Sessions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Iosco County 4-H will coordinate transportation and a pre-event trip for an additional cost if we have 2 more adult chaperones volunteer before the end of February!
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.
- The Redneck Rabbit and Critter Club will be meeting on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 2:30 PM.

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 1 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.
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!
4-H Challenge U FunFest

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/.

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

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.
2017 3rd Annual
4-H Swine Project Boot Camp

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017
9AM — 4PM COST: $3
INGHAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
700 E ASH ST, MASON, MI 48854
YOUTH PQA PLUS TRAINING,
SWINE NUTRITION, AND SHOWMANSHIP SESSIONS

Registration: 9:00am — 9:45am
Youth PQA Plus Training & Testing
Location: Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Hall—Mason, MI
10:00am — 11:15am: Youth PQA Plus
Swine Nutrition Session
Location: Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Hall—Mason, MI
Times: 11:15am — 12:00pm
       Lunch will be provided
Swine Showmanship Session
Location: Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena—Mason, MI
Times: 1:30pm — 4:00pm

To RSVP and get driving directions, contact the Ingham County MSUE Office at
Phone#: 517-676-7207, or E-mail: msue33@msu.edu
When registering by e-mail, put PQA in the subject line. Please provide the name of
each youth, birth date, name of 4-H or FFA Club, County Affiliation, clinic
participation, and total number attending.

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Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

The purposes of this annual teen and adult-leader workshop are to:

- Provide Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) youth and volunteers from across the state with the opportunity to learn about Michigan agriculture
- Increase attendees’ knowledge about the Michigan dairy industry
- Develop participants’ self-esteem, self-awareness and leadership skills
- Help those attending to become more knowledgeable about the many issues affecting agriculture now and in the future.
- Inspire conference participants to bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs and county programs

The weekend will include many hands-on activities led by MSU Extension staff and MSU and students.

Who Should Attend?
This training is for Michigan 4-H'ers who are 13 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017, and volunteers who are interested in dairy cattle and dairy cattle reproduction science.

Where Will the Conference Be Held?
Kettunen Center, Tustin

When Is the Conference? March 17 to 19, 2017

Theme This year’s theme is “Reproductive Science With Dairy Cattle”

How Can Someone Register?

What Is the Cost of the Conference?
The registration fee, which includes meals, lodging and resources, is $95 for 4-H members and volunteers and $191 for non-4-H members and volunteers

More information is available from:
- Melissa Elischer (elischer@anr.msu.edu)
Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources camp is now accepting applications! Camp will be held July 30-August 5, 2017 and is open to youth ages 13-15.

New this year! We will be doing an online application process. The link can be found on the camp’s website under “Cost and How to Apply”

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/cost_and_how_to_apply

The 2017 camper fee is $375 for Michigan 4-H members and $385 for Michigan youth who are nonmembers. The fee includes meals and snacks, lodging, a T-shirt, and program and activity fees. Camp is held at Camp Chickagami (http://www.campchickagami.org/) in Presque Isle.

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Training

The Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Adult and Teen Instructor’s Certification Workshop registration is now open! This workshop will be held April 28-30, 2017 at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI.

This workshop is for adult and teen 4-H volunteers who have been approved by their county MSU Extension 4-H Staff person to work with 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and who have at least a basic working knowledge of and experience in the discipline in which they wish to participate. Teens must be at least 16 years old as of Jan. 1, 2017.

Workshop participants will learn about MI 4-H shooting sports mission and policy, risk management and safety, discipline specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

For more information, please visit the workshop website, or call the MSU Extension Office at 989-362-3449.
Upcoming 4-H Workshops

March 4: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus (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
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
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
Kettunen Center, Tustin

https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF
Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Lapeer

Other Upcoming 4-H Events

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
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
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
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

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