**Kelli’s Korner**

Happy Friday Everyone! I am writing to you today from a conference in Tustin, but I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone that had their 4-H Exploration Days registrations turned in by Tuesday so that we were able to get all 46 participants registered thus far! If you are planning to attend, but have not registered yet please let us know by next Friday as the bus is already at capacity and we need to make other arrangements for transportation, if we get more youth. Everyone should have received an email with their session assignments so please check those out! The email was sent to the email address provided on your registration form.

Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with us on Monday and we had to reschedule the Parli-Pro and teen officer training for Monday, April 10th at the Ogemaw Heights High School. I highly encourage all of you to attend as we will be drawing for one lucky Iosco 4-H member to receive a full scholarship to attend either 4-H Summer Camp or 4-H Exploration Days!

We have a busy week ahead of us in 4-H Land! Please do not forget that tomorrow is the 4-H Cake and Craft Auction. All of the profits will be used to help send 4-H members that participate in the event to 4-H summer programs including Camp, Cloverbud Camp, and 4-H Exploration Days. Check out more information on this awesome event below! We also have three volunteers headed to the Kettunen Center this week for the 4-H Robotics Training. We are so excited to be able to start this 4-H project in Iosco County and are looking forward to hearing about their experiences. Also, on Sunday there is a Pork Quality Assurance planned for Iosco County 4-H Market Swine Members at 4:00 PM at the Whittemore-Prescott High School. Sunday is also the start of 4-H Capitol Experience. Seven Iosco 4-H members and myself will be spending four days in Lansing, MI for this amazing event. Check back next week for highlights from our trip!

This also means that I will be out of the office until Thursday afternoon, but I will respond to emails as time allows so please email me if you need to and know that I will respond as quickly as possible. I also would encourage you to call the office prior to stopping in as the other staff members have a variety of programs schedule so there may be times that no one is in the office. As always, have a great week and check out our 4-H Facebook page this week for pictures of our trip to Lansing.
4-H Leaders’ Council Connection

Happy Friday everyone. A huge thank you to Sandy Lieber who stepped up to take control of the snack shack this year. It creates money making opportunities for your club at the fair and other events. Congratulations to our finalists in the 4-H State awards. We are very proud of you. As a reminder many clubs are getting started and perhaps someone who has never experienced a 4-H club would be excited to come and attend. Perhaps it would get more kids involved. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you throughout the year so let's have some 4-H fun and excitement. Thank you to all the volunteers who help make this a success each year and to our wonderful kids. Goooo 4-H!

-Paul Grabstanowicz, 4-H Leaders’ Council President

4-H Raise Your Hand Campaign

This spring, 4-H is asking alumni to raise their hands! In Michigan 4-H, we believe every child deserves the chance to succeed. If you’re a 4-H alumni or know someone who is, we’re asking for your help in spreading the word. Together we can help 4-H provide the hands-on learning that empowers kids across America with the skills to handle what life throws at them.

It’s easy:
1. Raise Your Hand: Go to www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand to show your pride as a 4-H alumni.
2. Compete for Michigan! Raising your hand is a vote towards a $20,000, $10,000 or $5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
3. Pay It Forward: Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state!

Help kids learn responsibility, compassion, respect and the value of hard work by supporting 4-H. Together we can grow the next generation of true leaders.

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Introduction and Refresher Meeting

Want to know more about 4-H shooting sports but don’t know where to begin? Do you know about shooting sports but may need some reminders? Whether you are new to shooting sports or need a reminder of policies and practices, this informative webinar is for you! Join the “4-H Shooting Sports Introduction & Refresher” webinar to get the latest scoop on shooting sports information. This event is for 4-H program coordinators and shooting sports volunteers to become better acquainted and knowledgeable about involvement with shooting sports. Information will be provided about each discipline with an overview of equipment and ammunition. Procedures, practices and policies will be addressed about acquiring new certification and renewal, age requirements, ratios, ranges and so much more! Documents will be provided so you have reference materials to help you find the right information when you need it.

When: Wednesday, April 5th at 6:45-7:45 p.m.
Where: Iosco County MSU Extension Office, 420 W. Lake St, Tawas City, MI 48764

Please RSVP by calling the MSU Extension Office at (989) 362-3449 by Monday, April 3rd!
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 p.m. 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 p.m. and/or make a homemade craft item for the silent auction which will run from 5:00-7:00 p.m. 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. 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.
**Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings**

- The **Junior Market Livestock** will be holding the second mandatory meeting on **Sunday, March 26th** at 4:00 PM at the Plainfield Township Hall. *Postcards were sent to all registered members.*
- The **Redneck Rabbit and Critter Club** will be meeting on March 25, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

**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. If you have any questions, please call Carla Johnson at 989-965-1099.

**4-H Office Roles and Parli-Pro Training**

Attention all 4-H Club Officers, Teen Leaders, and members that want to know more about officer roles and Parli-Pro! We are holding a fun, hands-on workshop on **Monday, April 10th** from 5:30-8:00 p.m. 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 p.m. Due to the generosity of an Iosco County 4-H alumni, one 4-H member will be receiving a FULL 4-H Exploration Days or Summer Camp scholarship! Everyone is welcome to attend! Please call the MSU Extension Office at 989-362-3449 to RSVP by Friday, April 7th!
Fund-Raising for 4-H Volunteers Webinar

MSU Extension is pleased to offer a Fund-Raising for 4-H Volunteers webinar on Monday, March 27th at 7:00 pm. The webinar will provide 4-H volunteers an overview of the Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University Extension fund-raising polices. It will help volunteers understand more about the fund-raising in a 4-H experience, the process volunteers need to complete, and help answer any questions volunteers have on fund-raising. This free webinar is open to all 4-H volunteers, 4-H parents, and 4-H members. Please register at the following web address: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/0a38eb34b92dc25b7c24e00bf0acd2b8

Please contact Jennifer Weichel weichel@anr.msu.edu or Christine Heverly sisungch@anr.msu.edu with any questions.

4-H Teens as Teachers Workshop

The Teens as Teachers Workshop scheduled for May 20-21, 2017 at Kettunen Center is now open for registration. Participants may register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenTeachers17/.

At the Teens as Teachers workshop, teen leaders (age 13-19) will gain facilitation and leadership skills that will prepare them to teach a FUN hands-on educational activity. Each teen leader will teach the activity they learn at the training to a group of kids in their local community. As a teen leader, you will have the advantage of being able to make learning fun and relatable to the young people you teach; serving as a role model for younger 4-H members. Teens in each track will work together to prepare, implement, evaluate and report, on the progress of their local implementation of the activity in one of four tracks. Training and all teaching supplies will be provided.

Participants will pick one of four workshop tracks:

Ag Innovators Experience track!
The world population is expected to reach 9 Billion by the year 2050, and with the number of adults working in the agriculture sector decreasing, we need to get young people excited about ag! This track will feature the “Healthy Soils CSI Challenge” that will explore the importance of soil in our food system. This science-based activity will promote career exploration in the areas of STEM and agriculture while teaching youth life skills!

Share your love of science track!
The True 4-H Science Leaders program is designed to help teens develop skills, implement plans, and voice their love of science with others in their community. In addition to growing your understanding of science along with leadership, communication and teamwork, you will also engage in a variety of hand-on science investigations to learn ways to help others experience the excitement of science exploration in this track!

Money Management Track!
If you are interested in helping younger youth, want to positively impact your community, and/or want experience teaching children, this workshop will give you the skills to do all those things! Plus, knowing how to handle money now will make life so much easier when you are an adult! Through this initiative, 4-H teens will teach elementary school students in their community basic financial concepts using children’s books and hands-on activities.

Leadership through Parliamentary Procedure Track!
Understanding the basic principles of parliamentary procedure can improve meeting productivity. In this track, teens will learn multiple activities to help other youth in their communities learn how using parliamentary procedure can help them be better leaders! This is one of MI 4-H’s most requested trainings and YOU’LL get to be one of the valued facilitators.
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.

**When and where:**
April 28 - 30, 2017
Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Dr., Tustin, MI 49688

**Who:**
Adults 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.

**Cost:**
- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$120.00
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$216.00
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources.
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

**Registration information:**
- The deadline to register for this event is Sunday, April 16, 2017
- To register, visit [https://events.anr.msu.edu/ShootSportWksp2017/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/ShootSportWksp2017/)
- Persons canceling without a replacement after Sunday, April 16, 2017, will be charged a $35.00 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 48 hours (April 28, 2017) prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

**Find out more...**
Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook.
Upcoming 4-H Workshops

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

April 11: The “Write” Stuff Communications Training: Your 4-H Market Animal Project
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=02C2B6A3D674F22B
Wexford County MSU Extension Office, Cadillac

April 28-30: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor’s Certification Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=4AC5F2D9F5BE2CEA
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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=3828E28B31BCA578
Kettunen Center, Tustin

June 2-4: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

Other Upcoming 4-H Events

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

April 22: Michigan 4-H Equine Educational Expo
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing
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 Michigan State University

June 3: Iron Belle Trail Challenge  
http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_55920---,00.html

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