Happy Holidays From MSU

As we close out another year we would like to say Happy Holidays too all of you during this season. Clubs this is a great time to start thinking about your program goals for the upcoming year. We have lots of resources in the office so please feel free to stop by and have a look.

This is a great time of year to do a community service project. We have one happening in the office. On December 22nd from 1:00—6:00 pm. we will be hosting Michigan Blood with a blood drive to help those in need.

If you have not already enrolled in 4-H please do so ASAP. Remember you are not active until payment is received. We except cash or check, please make checks payable to Michigan State University Extension.

Lastly the office will be closed December 25th & 26th and January 1st & 2nd. If you need to drop off anything, we have a drop box located at the top of the stairs.

Sincerely,
Melissa Preston
Gladwin 4-H Program Coordinator

Dates to keep in mind

Leaders Council Meeting—January 8th 6:00pm in the MSU Extension Gladwin Office

Livestock Advisory Board Meeting—January 9th at 6:30pm in the MSU Extension Gladwin Office

Beef Weigh In—January 13th from 8am—Noon at the Gladwin county Fair Grounds

Winter Blast—Saturday February 10th at Mid Michigan Community College

Tubing at Snow Snake—Saturday February 17th at Snow Snake in Harrison Grounds

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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, BE THE GIFT

GIVE BLOOD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

GLADWIN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL
Blood Drive held in the MSU Extension Office basement

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED
To make an appointment, contact 1-866-MIBLOOD (642-5663) or miblood.org.

HOLIDAY HERO BLOOD DRIVE!
Gladwin County 4-H Leaders Council will earn $10 for every registered donor if the group makes their goal
4-H Winterfest 2018

DATE & TIME:
February 3-4, 2018

LOCATION:
4-H Kettunen Center
Tustin, MI

COST:
$70

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
4-H Youth 8-12 years old

DESCRIPTION:
Youth and adults who attend 4-H Winterfest will spend 2 days learning about exciting project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Winterfest offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that range from crafts to shooting sports!

HOW TO REGISTER
Registration information will be available in early December with registration taking place through MSU Events Management.

CONTACT:
Renee Carroll
231-928-1056
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Clare and Gladwin County

4-H Tubing Party

Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 10am to Noon at Snow Snake Mountain in Harrison

- Cost: $11 a person. Due at time of event. Cash or credit card.
- Open to 4-H families and their friends
- Participants must be 36" tall to ride the tubes (Snow Snake rule!)
- All participants must have a liability form signed by a parent or guardian. Forms available through MSU Extension.
- Meet 15 minutes early to pay for tickets.

Questions? Contact Alex Schunk, Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator at 989-539-7805 or Melissa Preston, Gladwin County 4-H Program Coordinator at 989-426-7741

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SAVE THE DATE

CHALLENGE U 4-H
FUNFEST

When: Saturday, March 17 2018, 9:30 a.m. through Sunday, March 18, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Who: 9-13 year olds as of January 1, 2018

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

What: Youth and adults who attend 4-H Challenge U funfest will spend 2 days learning about exciting project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Challenge U funfest offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that will engage youth in learning about themselves, food, and being active.

Cost: Youth Registration Cost: $70
Chaperone Registration Fee: $70*
Registration fee includes: Three meals, overnight housing, all session supplies for four action packed sessions.

Registration information will be available January 2018!

For more information contact:
Michelle Neff (989) 539-7805
hydemich@msu.edu

* Chaperones need to go through proper screening to attend so plan accordingly.

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# January 2018 Webinar Schedule

Brought to you by the Financial and Homeownership Education Team through video meeting technology called Zoom.

Access our presentations from any computer with internet!

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Webinar Pre-Registration is required. Go to [mimoneyhealth.org](http://mimoneyhealth.org) under Events, find the complete Events calendar!

Prefer a self-paced online class? Go to [www.ehomeamerica.org/mse](http://www.ehomeamerica.org/mse) and choose the Homebuyer Education Course or the Money Management Course. Both are available in English or Spanish. Both provide a certificate of completion when finished.
4-H Workshops

December 7: 4-H Treasurers Training
Dowagiac Union High School, Dowagiac
Being a 4-H treasurer is an important role. 4-H youth treasurer’s learn valuable life skills to benefit their future.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_treasurers_training

December 12: 4-H Alumni Engagement Training
Northstar Cooperative Building, East Lansing
This session will highlight meaningful ways to maintain relationships and steward 4-H alumni. Topics will include: 4-H alumni as 4-H volunteers, 4-H donors and 4-H advocates.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/alumni_engagement_training

December 13: Ready to Go Volunteer Training Toolkit Train the Trainer Workshop
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing
Ready to Go: Volunteer Training Toolkit provides mentoring program staff with activities you may customize, support for using the curriculum and a toolkit.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/ready_to_go_volunteer_training_toolkit_train_the_trainer_workshop

January 8: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training—Bay County
Bay County Fairgrounds, Bay City
This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN Clubs.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--bay_county

Other 4-H Events

January 20: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception
Spartan Stadium, East Lansing
4-H alumni will gather before 4-H Day at the Breslin for networking, refreshments and games.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Jack Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing
Join us for the 13th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women’s Basketball game.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

January 27: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan.1 of the current year.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
SHOP 4-H Online and support Michigan 4-H!

Get ready for the holidays by buying your favorite Michigan 4-H’ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store. Ranging from 4-H apparel to 4-H flashlights, you can find the perfect gift for every 4-H member, volunteer, parent or staff person. As you share the 4-H spirit this holiday season, you’ll also be supporting Michigan 4-H! The SHOP 4-H Online Store is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H when you shop using this link: https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0.

2018 4-H State Award applications process now open!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO and is due Feb. 1, 2018. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu. INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL WORKSHOPS IF APPLICABLE.

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Free tickets are now available at your county Extension office for 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women’s basketball team as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers at 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 2018 at MSU’s Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 2:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events.

4-H alumni and their families are also invited to a special pre-event activity at Spartan Stadium, beginning at 1:30 p.m. To learn more, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception. Michigan 4-H’ers recite the American and 4-H pledges during the halftime show.

Whether you are a new or longstanding club, learning the 4-H pledge is an important step for all 4-H members. Help new members learn the pledge by downloading a free 4-H pledge poster available at msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_pledge_posters.

The colorful pledge posters can also be used for displays that can help with recruitment of youth and volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H pledge posters, contact Jodi Schulz at schulzj@anr.msu.edu.