Welcome New Staff:
We are very excited to have Jessica Hufford, 4-H program coordinator and Amy Pfenninger, office manager on board with the Gladwin County Extension Office. Both are eager to help support the 4-H program, members and volunteers. Stop by the office and say hello.

Enrollment Deadline:
The 2015 Membership deadline is March 1, 2015!!! If you have not signed up online or have not paid your membership fee by March 1, 2015, you will not be permitted to participate in fair projects and other potential activities.

To sign up online, visit: https://mi.4honline.com

4-H Fish Fry:
Thanks for all the members who came out to the K of C to help at the fish fry. And thanks to the K of C for their support of Gladwin County 4-H.

Announcements/ Upcoming Events
- Small animal association meeting, March 5th
- Livestock advisory board meeting, March 10th
- Horse leader’s association meeting, March 12th
- Mock Interview Day, March 13th.
- Leader’s Council meeting, March 16th
- Registration for Expo Days begins March 17th. Scholarships available.
- 2015 Buyer’s Banquet, March 24th. Watch for details to come.
  New members should plan on attending the banquet too. Ask your leader for more detail
- Mid-Michigan Farm and Garden Show
- Senior scholarships due April 1st
- PQA Training, May 19th
- Gladwin County Fair, July 27-August 1

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Tubing Day Fun at Snow Snake Mountain!!
4-H Makes a Difference!

Did you know that youth who participate in 4-H get better grades, are more likely to go to college, are less likely to use drugs, cigarettes or alcohol, and are more likely to give back to their communities? ([http://bit.ly/1CJqZCM](http://bit.ly/1CJqZCM))

Belonging to 4-H is just one way we can help our young people develop life skills, prepare for the future and enjoy experiences with their peers.

Opportunities abound for members and leaders and you can find them all on at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events)

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 4-H Workshops

- **March 9**: Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
- **March 10**: Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
- **March 11**: Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
- **March 12**: Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
- **March 13**: Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
- **March 16**: Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
- **March 23**: Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
- **March 30**: Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
- **April 24-25**: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification

### Other 4-H Events

- **March 13-15**: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
- **March 22-25**: 4-H Capitol Experience
- **March 29**: 4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show
- **April 11-16**: National 4-H Conference
- **April 17**: State 4-H Horse Communications Contest
- **April 17-18**: 4-H Equine Educational Expo
- **April 18**: Small Animals Day
- **April 25**: 4-H Horse Pattern O Rama Warm Up Show
- **May 6-8**: 2015 Michigan Envirothon State Competition
- **May 16**: Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show (formerly 4-H Poultry Palooza)
- **May 30-31**: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events)
2015 4-H Exploration Days – Explore the Possibilities

Each year, about 2,500 youth and chaperones from across Michigan attend this fun MSU pre-college program. Designed for 11- to 19-year-old young people, 4-H Exploration Days includes:

- More than 200 session choices held on and off campus. Participants choose one or two for their three-day stay. Sessions include everything from animal and veterinary science to visual arts and crafts, from business and entrepreneurship to shooting sports and everything in between such as food, nutrition and fitness, international languages and cultures and money management.

- Living in a Michigan State University dorm and eating in the cafeteria, just like MSU students do.

- Sessions taught by people who know their stuff, including MSU faculty members, 4-H volunteers and staff members, and other experts.

- Fun activities such as swimming, skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball, even a great dance Thursday night.

Who: Participants must be age 11 by January 1. Session age requirements are also based on age as of January 1.

When: June 24 to 26, 2015

Where: Michigan State University campus (http://maps.msu.edu), East Lansing

Cost: The 2015 cost (that includes meals, a shared dorm room, sessions and a t-shirt) is **$165 per young person** (and an additional $10 4-H participation fee for youth not yet enrolled in 4-H). Gladwin County has limited scholarships available. Contact staff for more info.

Volunteer instructors, session helpers and county conference assistants (CCAs) attend the event at no cost. County-based MSU Extension staff who serve as session instructors or CCAs receive full scholarships and county staff who serve as session helpers receive $80 scholarships.

Registration: Registration will open March 17, 2015. Registration deadlines (usually the end of April) vary by county. So check with your county MSU Extension office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county). Don’t wait until the deadline because popular sessions fill up fast! All participants must submit their forms and payments to the county MSU Extension office (forms are at the back of the registration book). County 4-H staff process registrations and payments with the State MSU Extension 4-H office. County 4-H staff manage the recruitment, chaperone and orientation process.

More Information

Some of the ways to find out more about 4-H Exploration Days are:

- The 4-H Exploration Days web site (http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days)
- The event’s video and podcast previews (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1FDetehGeA)
- Laura Potter (potterla@msu.edu) for general information about 4-H Exploration Days