Pre-Fair Meeting Info

The Pre-Fair meeting is the time for leaders of each club to be provided with all registration materials required to allow your members to exhibit at the 2017 Monroe County Fair. This year’s meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 4th at 6:00pm at the 4-H Activity Center.** Please note the earlier time! **ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED** and all members and leaders must have completed enrollments and Volunteer agreements on file via 4HOnline by the April 1st deadline to be eligible. **NO Exceptions!!**

Find us on Facebook at:
Monroe County, MI 4-H

[Facebook Icon]

Want to be reminded about upcoming meetings and events? Join our group by:

**TEXT MESSAGE**

**STEP 1** Text this code: @monroe4h to 81010.

**STEP 2** Reply to the message from the Remind team with your first & last name.

**MOBILE APP**

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### Rabbits

Roaster rabbits must be born after February 1st, 2017  
Weight standard 5.5-9 pounds  

Meat rabbits must be born after May 22nd, 2017  
Weight standard 3.5-5.5 pounds

### Poultry

**Turkeys**  
In possession by March 11th, 20-25 weeks, 15-40 pounds

**Ducks**  
MUST be purchased through SAA, minimum 4 pounds

**Geese**  
In possession by May 11th, 80-100 days, minimum 8 pounds

**Roasters**  
In possession by May 27th, 9-12 weeks, minimum 8 pounds

**Broilers**  
MUST be purchased through SAA by May 3rd,
EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP DATES

**Small Animal**

It is **mandatory** for all small animal exhibitors to attend at least **one** of the following educational workshops (all held at the 4-H Activity Center) to exhibit at the Monroe County Fair:

- **Broiler Workshop**
  - Wednesday, May 3  7pm
- **Fitting & Showing Clinic (incl. Cats & Dogs)**
  - Monday, June 12  6pm

**Large Animal**

It is **mandatory** for one member of each family to attend at least **one** of the following every other year to exhibit at the Monroe County Fair:

- **Fitting & Showing Clinic-Beef**
  - Saturday, April 8  6pm
- **Fitting & Showing Clinic-Sheep**
  - Monday, June 12  6:30pm

It is **mandatory** for one member of each family to attend at least **one** of the following annually to exhibit at the Monroe County Fair:

- **Pork Quality Assurance** *(required for each Swine exhibitor)*
  - Tuesday, May 16  7pm
- **Fitting & Showing Clinic-Swine**
  - Monday, June 12  6pm
- **Fitting & Showing Clinic-Goats**
  - Monday, June 12  7pm

**Dogs**

It is **mandatory** for one member of each family to attend at least **one** of the following educational workshops to exhibit at the Monroe County Fair:

- **Fitting & Showing Clinic**
  - Monday, June 5  7pm
The 2016 Michigan 4-H Delegation of the Citizen Washington Focus is hosting a beach clean up event with the help of Sterling State Park and Traverse City State Park. This event is open to the public and we would love your help. The event will be held on April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Lake Erie Sterling State Park**  
2800 State Park Rd,  
Monroe, MI 48162

**Traverse City State Park Beach**  
1132 US-31  
Traverse City, MI 49686

**About Us:** As members of 4-H, we believe in the importance of helping the community. We hope our efforts of cleaning the state parks will help our state and will create a safer environment for the people and animals of Michigan.

Any questions, please contact a leading member of the area you are interested in helping.

Sterling State Park 4-H Contacts:  
Claudia Paddy  
248-648-0289

Traverse City State Park 4-H Contacts:  
Ruth Svec  
231-715-6232
CONGRATULATIONS to the 12 youth from Monroe County who have the opportunity to compete for a state division winner during 4-H Exploration Days. This summer, the Junior delegates will participate in a service learning project while the Senior division delegates will participate in interviews. All contestants will anxiously await the announcement of the winners at the State Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 22nd at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University.

A local luncheon celebration will be held at the 4-H Activity Center on Sunday, April 30th at 2pm to recognize the hard work of these youth, as well as those 11 and 12 year olds who submitted Mark of Excellence essays. Please look for personal invitations in the mail soon.

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Calling all graduating Seniors!!!!

You’re INVITED to join your fellow graduating 4-Hers in a celebration to recognize and honor all your accomplishments in and out of the 4-H program. Dinner, dessert, drinks, and a small gift will be provided. Hosted by the members of the Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club.

**Who:** Seniors and their immediate family members

**When:** Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm

**Where:** 4-H Activity Center

Please RSVP by FRIDAY, MAY 5 to 734-240-3170
Easter Photos with live animals

Bake Sale & Petting Farm
Saturday April 8, 2017
10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm
In front of Dunham’s on Telegraph
at Mall Road in Monroe

Photos
$3.00

Proceeds to benefit the Monroe County 4-H Goat Program
4-H Exploration Days

4-H Exploration Days is a program held June 21-23, 2017 on the campus of Michigan State University that brings together nearly 2500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from all across the state. It is a program that is designed to increase youth’s responsibilities, confidence, independence, accountability, problem solving, decision making and time management skills. 4-H Exploration Days registration runs from February 21st through April 21st. Registration and payment must be submitted through the Monroe County MSU Extension office only and is due no later than April 21st. To view the book online, click here. Hard copy books are also available at the Extension Office. For any further questions please call the 4-H Extension Office at 734-240-3170.

SAVE THE DATE: Explorations Day meeting is June 1st at 7:00pm at the 4-H Activity Center. This is a mandatory meeting for those attending this event. Transportation, rooming and additional information will be discussed!

COST: $165 youth and adult participants**

**A number of scholarships are available to reduce the cost of the trip. Scholarships are only available to youth members.**
SAVE THE DATE

2017 Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

Previously the 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop

November 18-19, 2017
Kettunen Center in beautiful Tustin, MI for 4-H volunteers and teens ages 12 and over (4-H age)

Watch for complete registration packet by mid-August
Contact your local MSU Extension office for questions

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Ride with Slow Spokes

Have you heard about the group of 4-Hers who ride their bikes to East Lansing each summer? At 45 years strong, Monroe County 4-H members and chaperones have endured the 100+ mile trek to Michigan State University. The trip is made over three days, with overnight stops in Manchester and Leslie. Some parents ride, others drive vehicles to haul equipment and pick up tired bikers and disabled bicycles.

This is a fun activity, which will give you the opportunity to make many new friends. The practice rides, the trip, and Exploration Days all combine for a great experience.

Cost: $60 for youth members**, FREE for chaperones
**A $35 scholarship provided by the 4-H Council is available to youth members who sold candy in 2016 or donated to the 2016 Spaghetti Dinner & Auction**

Agricultural Awareness Day Helpers NEEDED!

Planning is in full swing for the 2017 Ag Awareness Day, hosted by Monroe County Farm Bureau, Monroe County MSU Extension, and Monroe County Fair Association. The event will be held Friday, May 5 on the Monroe County Fairgrounds. First through Fourth grade classrooms from across the county are invited to attend as it presents a resourceful means to educate youth about agriculture and 4-H.

We are in search of volunteers, both teens and adults who would be willing to teach, work as guides, or help with the set-up and clean-up. If you would like to be a part of this event, please call the 4-H Office at 734-240-3170.
Saturday May 13
Monroe County 4-H Night
See your 4-H leader for tickets!
Autograph Night
Walk on the track, meet the drivers!
Late Models, Figure 8’s and Street Stocks
**Broilers: ORDER NOW!!**

**Pricing**

Broilers: $1.25 each must order no later than May 3rd (Broiler Workshop)

To order, or for more information, please contact the Poultry Superintendents Barbara Siebarth at 419-350-9482 or Susan Arting at 734-649-4117.

REMEMBER: Broilers MUST be purchased through the Small Animal Association.

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**Spring Achievement**

Mark your calendars, the 2017 Spring Achievements are near. Bedford, Custer, and Dundee Districts have combined for their Spring Achievement scheduled for April 8th. Airport District is scheduled for April 29th. All Spring Achievements will be held at the 4-H Activity Center.

Each district will still have the opportunity to send five acts and two emcees to the County Share-the-Fun which is scheduled for May 6th at the 4-H Activity Center.

Adults and teens interested in judging at any of these events should contact the Airport District President.
Please add Sara Lewis, Monroe County 4-H Program Coordinator, to viewing privileges only for the following account(s) (include account # and name of account):

Authorized Business Signer: ____________________________
Printed Name: _______________________________________
Date: ______________________________________________

Branch Staff Name: ___________________________ Branch: ___________________________

Business Services Approval Below
Approved by: _____________________________________
Date: ____________________________________________

Thank you for completing this questionnaire fully and accurately.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

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 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=6349761B2168714F
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=E025CAFF682A6962
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
Teens as Teachers, A Unique Michigan 4-H Workshop

This workshop (http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw), for Michigan 4-H’ers (http://bit.ly/12NxiLN), who are 13 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017, provides opportunities to:

- Learn skills such as: communication, critical thinking, evaluation, facilitation, leadership, organization, responsibility, self-motivation and teamwork
- Use the 4-H Experiential Learning Model (http://bit.ly/2mxjdN6) to engage youth in rich learning experiences
- Make learning fun and relatable to the young people they teach
- Serve as positive role models for other youth
- Bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs, county programs and local communities
- Find out about career opportunities

Participants will select one of the following workshop tracks.

4-H Ag Innovators Experience (http://bit.ly/2m0lT2W)
To meet the challenges of feeding a growing world population, we need more young people entering the science and agriculture workforce. This track features the Healthy Soils CSI Challenge (http://bit.ly/2lhXfO8). While teaching life skills, the challenge promotes career exploration in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) and agriculture. In Michigan, it will reach a minimum of 1,000 youth in classrooms, afterschool, camps or 4-H groups.

Leadership Through Parliamentary Procedure
In this track, teens will learn multiple activities to assist other young people to use parliamentary procedure to improve meeting productivity and become better leaders! This is one of Michigan 4-H’s most requested trainings.

Money Skills Education
If you are interested in (1) helping younger youth, (2) making a positive impact in your community or (3) teaching children, this track will give you the skills to do so! Track participants will teach basic financial concepts, using children’s books and hands-on activities, to 200 elementary-school students in classrooms, afterschool programs, camps or 4-H groups.

Share Your Love of Science
The True 4-H Science Leaders (http://bit.ly/2lDD2hD) program is designed to help teens develop skills, implement plans and voice their love of science with others in their community. In addition, participants will engage in a variety of hand-on science investigations to learn ways to help others experience the excitement of science exploration!


What Is the Workshop Cost? $45 - This covers meals, lodging and program materials.

How Can Someone Register?
Registration for the conference is available on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw). If a registrant’s county is offering scholarships, it is important to check with the county (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county), before registering.

More information is available from:
- The Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw)
- Betty Jo Krosnicki (nashbett@msu.edu)
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)