Re-enrollment information

As we look forward to the leaves changing color, the temperatures cooling off and lots of sweatshirts around camp fires - we also look forward to the kickoff of our fall re-enrollment period.

As the weather changes so will some of processes for enrollment into the 4-H program for 2015. Our national database will be changing and starting this fall we will be using 4-H online (https://www.4honline.com/). Here are some of the features that we currently know about this program:

- Enrollment will not begin until at least Nov. 17, 2014
- 4-H staff will work with leaders and families to ensure that everyone is re-enrolled as quickly as possible once we are given the go ahead from campus to start the process
- Enrollments will primarily be done by the parent/guardian of the youth with the assistance of 4-H staff and your community club leaders
- We are encouraging everyone to use the online payment tools, but in the event that isn’t an option you may also write a check to your community club and they will write one check to MSU

Things that we know will remain the same:

- Any youth 5 - 19 as of January 1, 2015 will be able to enroll in the program
- Adults who would like to be a volunteer will need to go through the Volunteer Selection Process prior to working with youth
- Registration will still be $10.00 and $1.00 for insurance ($2.00 for horse participants and leaders).
- New members can join anytime during the year, but may not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1.
URBAN PROGRAM UPDATE

After building a broad coalition of partner organizations (including local greenhouses, urban gardens, governmental organizations and youth-focused non-profits) MSU Extension recently helped organize a large community-outreach event that resulted in the installation of Kalamazoo’s first public “Food Forest” at the Riverview Launch Land Bank site on Oct 26th. Over 100 volunteers showed up, including 2 urban 4-H leaders, and planted over 106 fruit and nut trees, 280 medicinal/edible perennial herbs, and a multitude of food-producing shrubs, bushes and vines. Donations included a 12’ Dawn Redwood tree, a baby Champion Sequoia, and a clone of the very Sycamore tree that the Greek philosopher Hypocrates once taught under. The Riverview Launch site will maintain this food forest as it matures, and hopes to continue hosting 4-H Urban programming throughout the winter. If you would like to offer a program or workshop at the Riverview Launch land bank site, please contact Evan Granito in the 4-H Office for details.

On November 14th, 4-H is offering a “Rockets to the Rescue” workshop for students of the Montessori school on Howard Ave, near downtown Kalamazoo. Students will build and launch their own rockets and learn about rocket science and aerospace engineering.

The Kazoo School 4-H Chess Club will continue meeting until after Thanksgiving. The Eastwood 4-H Community Club will be moving their meetings inside, to the Eastwood Community Center, for the winter months. They plan to move their meetings back to the Eastwood Community Garden in the Spring. The Eastwood 4-H club is currently looking for new members, so if you know a family in the Kalamazoo Charter Township area with a youth between the ages of 5-19, please tell them to contact the 4-H office for club information! Meetings times and contact information for this club should be posted on the 4-H website by December.

If you live in the city and would like to take up Archery as a hobby, please consider attending the 4-H Archery recruitment meeting happening Thursday, November 13th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Georgian room at the 4-H office.

WMU Education Day

Come join us for a great annual event at Western Michigan University. The WMU Education Day will take place on Saturday, November 15th from noon - 1:30 pm. The 4-H booth includes various exhibits that help promote 4-H through science and small animal demonstrations.

If you would like to help out, please contact Veronica at 383-8867. Those who help will be given free tickets to the WMU-EMU football game and parking passes.
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT AT HARVEST FEST!

“Thank you to everyone who helped with the Kalamazoo County 4-H Harvest Festival. It was a wonderful night of fun for many youth and families throughout Kalamazoo County. We also collected 123 pounds of food donated and it was given to the Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes Program. According to their director that is over 100 meals (according to Feeding America) that was collected. Following the Harvest Festival I met with Marv King at Loaves and Fishes. It is an amazing facility that works with both a few paid staff but many, many volunteers. We talked about many options for the Kalamazoo 4-H program to get involved with them. This can be talking to buyers about donating part of their livestock purchase to them, you or your club planting a row in your garden for them or donating food in meal boxes or backpacks for families/children in need. If you are interested in working with them please contact either myself or Marv at Marvin@kzoolf.org. Marv and I will be working together to talk to businesses about coming to buy livestock or donate them. If you have a personal connection with a business feel free to contact them, Marv and I would be happy to provide you with talking points or attend a meeting with you.

Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program seeks 2015 applicants

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Michigan high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in the dairy industry have until Jan. 9 to apply for the 2015 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program.

“The Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program offers leadership development opportunities to more future dairy professionals than ever before,” said Michigan Dairy Ambassador program coordinator Alex Schnabelrauch. “It is incredibly rewarding to be part of a program that prepares youth to be first-rate representatives of the dairy industry.”

Up to six candidates from each division will be invited to attend a daylong training on Feb. 6, the second day of the Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference (GLRDC) in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Attendees will be equipped with the messaging and training needed to communicate effectively with consumers, in-person and online, as 2015 GLRDC Dairy Ambassadors.

A panel of industry judges will evaluate each ambassador on the basis of his or her application, introduction and participation throughout the training to select one junior (grades 9-12) and one senior (college students up to age 22) dairy ambassador representative. Representatives will be the primary faces and voices of the dairy ambassador program at a variety of dairy-related educational, industry and promotional events held across the state. A $1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the senior representative, and $1,000 will be awarded to the junior representative. Those not selected will receive a $50 per day stipend for any events they attend at the request of the program administrators.

Students interested in applying for the 2015 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program can download an application at http://glrdc.msu.edu/ambassadors or contact Megghan Honke at 517-884-7089. Applications must be submitted electronically to honkemeg@anr.msu.edu and will be accepted until Jan. 9. The 2015 GLRDC is slated for Feb. 5-7 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center in Frankenmuth.

For conference schedule and registration information, visit www.glrdc.msu.edu or contact Megghan Honke.
### 2014 - 2015 BIRTHDAY CAKE SCHEDULE

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Cakes should be delivered to Woodside at Friendship Village (1300 North Drake). Please furnish two 9” X 13” or three 8” cakes. Cakes should be delivered between 8:00 am and noon on the first Wednesday of the month or the day before from 8:00 am—5:00 pm. Cakes should be decorated but NO writing. Leave your name, address and club name when dropping off cakes. Contact Lynda Doorlag (381-8837, ext. 466).

**We are looking for a club to fill the January slot. Call Veronica at 383-8867 if you are able to do this. Thanks!**
RE-SCHEDULED

FALL ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET
December 11th at 7:00pm

Fall Achievement is a time to recognize our 4-H members for their accomplishments during the past year. This year’s award celebration will be held in the Georgian Room at the Nazareth Complex on Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

We have already passed the deadline to turn in your Member Award Record Books. The Awards Committee will be meeting to review the materials they have received. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet. Good Luck to you all.

Join us as the Lady Spartans take on Iowa Lady Hawkeys
January 18th, 2015

TICKET WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th.

You’re ALL invited to attend the tenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women’s basketball game at 3 p.m., Sunday, January 18th, 2015. Last year over 5,700 MSUE staff, 4-H volunteers, members and their families attended this exciting opportunity at the MSU Breslin Student Events Center.

Ticket Price: FREE for MSUE 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families!

Date: Sunday, January 18th, 2015

Time: Game begins at 2 p.m. Gate D will open at 1:30 and is the gate you need to enter if you are picking up tickets from the 4-H Registration Table. (DO NOT go to the Breslin Center “will call” entrance).

Ticket Ordering Information:
Tickets must be ordered on-line and are available beginning Monday, November 24th, 2014, using your MSU NetID login information

The last day to register online for tickets is Monday, January 12th, 2015.

Contact Veronica Bolhuis 383-8867 or Evan Granito 383-8878 to order tickets.
Kalamazoo County 4-H News

Michigan 4-H Youth Development

2014 State 4-H Dog Show Results

High Point and Reserve High Point Awards
High Point Intermediate Agility

Lindsay Nelson—Kalamazoo County

Obedience Pre Novice ! (012)
Ages 12 - 19 1st Place

Lindsay Nelson—Kalamazoo County
Dog - Chance

Intermediate Agility A
Ages 15 - 19 1st Place

Lindsay Nelson—Kalamazoo County
Dog - Chance

Congratulations Lindsay!

SET THE ALARM ON YOUR BLACKBERRY, iPhone, PDA, computer calendar, etc. !

!! UPCOMING DEADLINES & EVENTS !!

Nov. 7-8 Spark Into Science Event
Gull Lake Schools

Nov. 12 Fall Achievement committee 6pm
Georgian Room

Dec 11 Fall Achievement Banquet
7 - 8:30 pm Georgian Room

Dec 16 PQA Training 7 pm
Fairgrounds, Room B

E-Mail Contact
E-mails sent out through the national database, that we use when entering your registration forms, will come from bolhuisv@e-mail.4-h.org or granitoe@e-mail.4-H.org. Please make sure NOT to save this e-mail as my contact information. It is set up this way so that our e-mails shouldn’t end up in your spam/junk folders. Please make sure to save our emails as bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu or grantioe@anr.msu.edu. E-mails sent to the other address end up in cyberspace and will not be seen by 4-H staff.
RABBIT PROJECT UPDATE

The weather is about to turn and before you know it winter will be upon us. Time to start preparing for the cold temperatures by switching to bowls in our rabbit cages. Now would also be a good time to clean and disinfect those cages before it gets too cold.

Upcoming events: Michigan State Rabbit show on November 22-23 at the MSU Pavilion.

We will not be having a Rabbit Project meeting in November or December. The first meeting of the new year will be on January 27th.

Thanks,
Roxanne

Poultry Project News

Turkey day is coming! All of you folks that raised turkeys for the holidays will soon be able to enjoy your turkey husbandry talents.

Poultry events for November include the all-state Poultry Workshop at the Kettenen Center on Saturday, Nov. 1st and Sunday Nov. 2nd. It will be an educational and fun weekend—hope to see you there.

The Ohio National Poultry Show is the next weekend on Nov. 7th, 8th & 9th----over 9000 birds entered! That's at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus----call Jackie for details at 629-9664.

Our next poultry project meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18th at 7pm in Room B at the fairgrounds. If any of you are considering ordering breed/show baby chicks, please look at the Meyer Hatchery website. We are considering changing hatcheries since we had such a hard time with McMurray Hatchery last year. I would like to place our group order in December.

Ann Hollister – Poultry Co-Superintendent
Jackie Stasevich – Poultry Co-Superintendent
Kalamazoo County Archery Project Information Meeting

An information meeting for kids interested in participating in the 2015 archery project will be held at the Nazareth Building on Gull Road in the Georgian Room, Thursday, November 13th at 7 p.m. Families will be able learn about the archery options that include the program’s equipment requirements, information on the 3-D and Olympic Target shooting styles along with a question and answer session. Please join us!

Kalamazoo County 4-H Shooting Sports Rifle Team

We have established a new goal for our program – to have our Athletes compete in both the individual and team events at the Michigan 2015 4-H Shooting Sports State Championship competition in August.

The Shooting Sports State Championship include Air Rifle and Smallbore (.22 caliber) Rifle. Each competitor may compete in one individual event and one team event.

We invite all youth ages 12-19 (4-H Age on Jan 1st), and their parents, who are determined to learn the skills needed for competitive target shooting and who are committed to see the training through to the Michigan 2015 4-H Shooting Sports State Championship.

We are experienced coaches who have helped guide several former athletes to championships in both local, state and national competitions. We want to help new athletes achieve these goals.

We meet to practice on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club, beginning on Jan. 5th.

Rusel Hollister email: cooperhollisters@charter.net 685-2301
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- Babysitting class
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- Item/basket list due to the 4-H office by 5pm for L.C. Auction
- **Club Meetings** August 2014
- Fall Achievement Awards Banquet
- Christmas Eve - MSUE offices Closed
- New Year’s Eve - MSUE offices closed
November 1-2: Michigan 4-H Poultry Science Teen & Adult Workshop  
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HPoultry2014  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 8: AutumnFest. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education.  Starts at 4:30 pm.  
http://www.canr.msu.edu/alumni_donors/alumni/autumnfest  
MSU Pavilion.

November 9: MS Horsemen’s Association Annual Green and White Fuzzy Horse Show.  The MS Horseman’s Association proudly presents the 2014 Annual Green and White Fuzzy Horse Show.  
http://ans.msu.edu/events  
MSU Pavilion.

November 14-16: 2014 Multi-State Horse Judges Conference  
Crowne Plaza Lansing West, Lansing


November 21-23: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leader's Conference  
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HHorseLeaders14  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 21-23: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat  
http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HAdvisoryRetreat14  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 22 - 23: Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association Fall Triple Show.  http://www.msrba.net/FallShow.htm  
MSU Pavilion.

November 24: Rest Time Refresher: More than 1,2,3—Math and Early Childhood.  Join MS Extension’s Early Childhood Education staff for a one-hour online training opportunity held during nap time.  Location: Webinar.  
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.

December 2: Rest Time Refresher: Discipline and Children.  Join MSU Extension’s Early Childhood Education staff for a one-hour online training opportunity held during nap time.  Webinar.  
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.

December 5: Michigan Junior Livestock Society Winter Classic  
http://www.mijrlivestocksociety.com/index.html  
MSU Pavilion.

December 17: ShoMe Holiday ShoDown. Featuring High Profile Genomic and Type Holstein and Jersey Offerings.  
http://www.bovinebid.com  
MSU Pavilion.

December 17 - 18: Holiday Harvest Dairy Sale. Featuring High Profile Genomic and Type Holstein and Jersey Offerings.  
http://www.bovinebid.com  
MSU Pavilion.

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January 17-18: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular  
http://bit.ly/1xz6eX2  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

January 18: 4-H Day at the Breslin  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_lady_spartans_vs._iowa  
Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 30-31: Green & White Hog Show  
Contact Carla McLachlan (mclach12@msu.edu)  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 31: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 31-February 1: 4-H Winterfest  
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest15  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

MSU 4-H Events  
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events

MSU Pavilion  http://www.ans.msu.edu/events  
4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI. 48910  517-355-8383

Kettunen Center  
http://www.kettunencenter.org/calendar.html  
231-829-3421  14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI. 49688
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