EXPLORATION DAYS - JUNE 24-26, 2015

ALL 4-H MEMBERS, AGE 11-19 YEARS OLD ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE!

There is still time to register for 4-H Exploration Days. This is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts approximately 2,500 participants from all 83 counties in Michigan. There is a lot to do while on campus. You’ll experience what living in the dorms is like, learn new things, make new friends and have time to explore the beauty of the MSU campus. Youth can choose from over 200 hands-on learning sessions; everything from health and nutrition to personal development to livestock and money management.

The registration fee is still $165 for 4-H members, $175 for non-4-H members. This fee includes a 3 day, 2 night MSU program full of experiential learning, including the lodging and food. Scholarships are offered for a limited number of 4-H youth through the Kalamazoo County Leader’s Council and the Kalamazoo County 4-H office. When coming to register, make sure to bring your forms completely filled out, personal data sheet plus photo and a down payment of $80 with you.

For more information on the Exploration Days Program go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days

Final deadline for EXPO DAYS sign up is:
Tuesday, April 28, 2015

4-H SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Kalamazoo County 4-H Leaders Council scholarship deadline is April 17, 2015 to the 4-H office. Applications are available at www.msue.msu.edu/kalamazoo or at the 4-H office. Your Member Award Record Book must be handed in with your application. Applicants will be selected based upon their Member Award Record Book, statement of your reason for attending college and an interview. If you need help completing your Member Award Record Book please contact the 4-H staff.
CONGRATULATIONS!

MEGAN NOWAK

Congratulations to Megan Nowak who has been chosen as a State 4-H Awards Delegate in the area of Leadership and Personal Development. She will be participating in the 2015 State Awards Assembly during 4-H Exploration Days in June. Please help congratulate her on this accomplishment and encourage her as she moves forward competing against youth from across the state.

ARCHERY PROJECT

Shooting Sports Leader Opportunity

Our county shooting sports program is growing! The local archery program is seeing increased enrollment and if any adults are interested in becoming 4-H shooting sports leaders in Archery or another discipline (Air Rifle, BB Gun, .22 Rifle, Trap, Skeet or Muzzleloader), there is an upcoming Shooting Sports Instructor Certification workshop that will be conducted by the state’s shooting sports training team at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, near Cadillac. The training starts on Friday evening, April 24th with the evening dinner followed immediately by the introduction to your shooting sports certification training. The training continues on Saturday and concludes with an optional lunch at noon on Sunday, April 26th. This is a fun-filled couple of days that will prepare you to lead a shooting sports option in our county. You will learn from great trainers, spend time with other 4-H leaders and parents with similar shooting sports interests participating in live shooting and training drills along with the fantastic food and camaraderie that is always in abundance at the Kettunen Center 4-H workshops. We would like to first add additional leaders to support our growing archery program but if archery isn’t your preference, we would welcome those who obtain certification in other shooting options so those can be offered to our county youth in the future. If you are interested, there are some required pre-requisites so contact Veronica Bolhuis 383-8867 or Evan Granito 383-8878 immediately. If you have specific questions regarding the 4-H shooting sports in general, you can contact our archery leader, Mike George, at 665-9865.
SHEEP PROJECT

There will be a sheep weigh in, deworming and shearing held at the fairgrounds in the sheep barn on Saturday, June 6 at 9:00 am. The cost for deworming is $1.00/lamb and shearing is $2.50/lamb. For those of you who were not able to make it to the last meeting, or want to review the presentation, here is the link—http://prezi.com/tor7-8zarqpx/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy.

Also, for those who are able to make it, there is a sheep show at the Barry Co. fairgrounds May 23, starting at 12:30 PM. Call Paul, Sue or Barb for more information.

POULTRY PROJECT NEWS

Are your turkey poultts growing? I hope that everybody got them off to a good start. Don’t forget to get started on your market records, too! The market record journal can be printed off of the Kalamazoo 4-H website. The order deadlines and pick up dates for the other market birds is:

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Also, check out the show catalogue for the State 4-H Poultry Show—you can find it by googling “Michigan State 4-H Poultry Show”. The deadline is April 10th to turn in your entry form and entry fees to our Kalamazoo 4-H office. Even if you don’t have any birds to enter, come to the show to see lots of different poultry from across the state. The show will be held at the Eaton County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 16th.

Our next county poultry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th—add the date to your calendar!
Gemstone Donut Kumihimo Necklace

Kumihimo is the ancient Japanese art of braiding. In fact, kumihimo means "coming together of threads" in Japanese. We'll be learning a basic 8 strand round braid and adding a gemstone pendant to create a necklace.

We will meet at 1:30pm in Room B at the fairgrounds April 25. There is a class fee of $10 which covers the cost of materials for the project. You will also take home a braiding disk and bobbins so you can continue to kumihimo on your own.

Please contact Cheryl Booth (269-377-6211 or cheraboo@gmail.com) to register for this class no later than April 15 to insure there are enough supplies available.

Congratulations to the Booth family from the Augusta Club. They were the first family to respond with correct answer to last months “Fun Facts”.

Here are some fun facts about MSU:

- Residence hall dining staff will serve more than 30,000 meals per day
- MSU Dairy Store staff will scoop 37 different flavors of ice cream – including flavors like FINAL 4 Fudge Dribble and Dantonio’s Double Fudge Fake
- There are 577 buildings on MSU’s main campus.
- Looking for a book? – MSU libraries have over 4.5 million books
- Spartan Stadium seats over 75,000 people

**Largest bell in Beaumont Tower:** 2 1/2 tons and the smallest was 15 pounds

**Height of The Spartan Statue:** 9’7”

Make sure when you are on campus to check out some of these great sites.
GOAT PROJECT

Our junior quiz bowl team has been working hard getting ready for their first quiz bowl competition. Their coach Katherine Denney has a lot of experience with quiz bowl competitions and has been doing a great job with them. The event will be held April 25th. There are many other events available to participate in at this competition. If anyone else from the club would like more information please contact Pam or Katherine.

Our showmanship clinic has been scheduled for June 6th at 2:00 at the fairgrounds in the livestock arena.

At our next meeting we will discuss having club officers. The club can vote on that at our next meeting on April 21st at 7:00.

Hope to see everyone there.

Pam Beilby-Miller
Goat Superintendent
269-370-2916

2015 4-H FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

WHEN: August 15 - 16, 2015
WHERE: Kettunen Center
14901 4-H Drive
Tustin, MI.
http://www.kettunencenter.org/

WHO: Youth, ages 5 - 8 (as of January 1, 2015) and their parents/guardian(s)/caregivers

WHY: Explore all that 4-H has to offer! This week end will be action-packed and full of new experiences for the entire family. Youth, ages 5 - 8 (as of January 1, 2015), and their parent/guardian/caregiver are encouraged to attend this workshop to learn about 4-H projects and life skills, the Four H’s, and other Michigan activities and events for 5 - 8 year old youth involved in 4-H.

Registration information will be available in May.
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Upcoming Trainings:

April 7th, 6pm – Member Record book/record keeping workshop, RSVP by April 3 to bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu. Meeting will be cancelled if less than 5 youth RSVP.

Crossing the Gap: Communicating Across Generations
April 27, 2015
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds - Room B
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Registration is open until April 24

4-H Backpack to Adventure Youth Leaders in a Global World
May 2, 2015
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds - Room B
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Those in attendance will receive lunch and a copy of the curriculum.

More information on how to register for either of the above trainings can be found under the upcoming events page at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Kalamazoo County 4-H Youth Development - https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Kalamazoo-County-4-H-Youth-Program/122047197873078?fref=ts
Kalamazoo County 4-H Twitter at https://twitter.com/KzooCounty4H
Kalamazoo County 4-H Blogspot at http://kzoocounty4h.blogspot.com/
Kalamazoo County Dairy Project link - https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/359337366181/
Kalamazoo County Rabbit Project - https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/195384267151802/
Kalamazoo County Dog Project - https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/147649262038773/
Kalamazoo County Teen Club - https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/188725345004/
Kalamazoo County Feeder Calf Club - https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/264639983534/
Alamo Achievers 4-H club - https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/495459130465211/
Augusta United Scotts - https://www.facebook.com/groups/406412169425089/
Cooper - https://www.facebook.com/groups/129749163760998/
StrykeForce - https://www.facebook.com/2767strykeforce
Greetings, Northside Neighborhood!

We are excited to announce the launch of the Northside 4-H Entrepreneurs Youth Group at the NACD. Any interested Northside residents should contact the NACD at 269.344.5490, or call the MSU Extension Urban 4-H Office at 269.383.8878. Group meets Thursdays from 4-6pm, starting in June.

Participation is FREE! The only cost is your commitment to learning life skills and making money this summer. Start a business, meet new friends and improve our community by becoming a Northside 4-H Member! For more information about the Northside 4-H Entrepreneurs Youth Group (for ages 12-17), or about other summer programs, stop by the NACD building or contact Evan Granito at granitoe@anr.msu.edu.

Members Wanted!
What’s the point of 4-H?
Great kids are those that exemplify the four H’s, and our mission is to make that happen.

**Head** – Make sound decisions, set goals and stick with them, and have practical skills needed to lead a productive, fulfilling life.

**Heart** – Act with integrity and accountability, and help others become their best.

**Hands** – Put the needs of the community before their own while serving others.

Join the Eastwood 4-H Gardening Club!

**To Make the Best Better!**

In the Eastwood 4-H Gardening Club, members receive their own 4’x5’ raised garden bed, starter plants, and basic tools to use all summer long. Open gardening hours are held every Saturday at noon, with a larger Community club meeting on the first Saturday of every month. Participation is free—the only input needed is your commitment to learning life skills and making your garden beautiful!

The Eastwood 4-H Club will begin meeting in May 2015. The first meeting will be held at the Eastwood Community Garden, though the location may change in the future.

To join the club, simply email the club leader Jim Goodacre at jegoodacre@gmail.com, or contact the 4-H Office at (269) 383-8830.
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May 2015
SAVE THE DATE

MICHIGAN 4-H DAY
AT COMERICA PARK
FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Join fellow 4-H’ers from across Michigan as we watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals at Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave, Detroit, Michigan.

Your admission includes a Detroit Tigers T-shirt which includes the 4-H Emblem.

Game Day Packages (includes ticket and shirt)

Skyline Package—$18.00
Upper Box Infield Package—$31.00

Registration information will be coming out in the next few weeks.

For further information contact:

Glenda Weiss weissgle@anr.msu.edu or 734-729-3632, ext. 101
Explore how Michigan's abundant natural resources, growing agriculture industry and emerging technologies are changing the face of energy and what it means to your family, Michigan and the world.

4-H Renewable Energy campers will stay in a campus dorm and experience campus life, enjoying a mix of recreational opportunities and learning experiences that may include:

- Conducting their own experiments.
- Creating their own biofuel and taking home a sample.
- Interacting with the Michigan State University Solar Car Racing team.
- Collecting data in biofuel crop field trials at the Kellogg Biological Station.
- Touring a wind farm and commercial ethanol plant to see how alternative energy sources are created.
- Interacting with leading scientists and engineers.
- Competing in an engineering design challenge.
- Designing, building, testing and racing a solar powered car.
- Touring the Michigan State University Breslin Center and much more!

**July 6-10, 2015**

Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

**APPLY!**
Youth aged 13 to 19 can go to [http://4h.msue.edu/events/4_h_renewable_energy_camp](http://4h.msue.edu/events/4_h_renewable_energy_camp) to apply. Space is limited! Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications.

Send your application to Laura Potter-Niesen at Michigan State University by May 1.

Call Insu Raymond at 517-439-9301 to find out more.

**LOW COST!**
The cost to attend this five-day camp is just $190 ($200 for youth who are not 4-H members) and includes all meals, transportation to field trips, lodging and materials.
2015 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp (GLNRC)

This weeklong, triple award-winning camp, now in its 33rd year, features outdoor, hands-on learning experiences and activities such as charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, swimming, hiking, dune exploration, and wading through wetlands!

GLNRC learning sessions and recreation are designed to:
- Increase teens' appreciation and enjoyment of the outdoors, natural resources and science.
- Develop a strong attitudinal attachment to Michigan's unique natural resources and bioregional features.
- Increase teens' knowledge about the Great Lakes, natural resources ecology and management issues.
- Foster scientifically rooted environmental stewardship.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Develop leadership skills and self-confidence.
- Increase social and academic skills needed for successful transition to college and life as an adult.

Who: Youth aged 13 to 15 (or going into grades 8 to 10) who function at grade level or above
When: August 2 to 8, 2015
Where: Camp Chickagami (http://www.campchickagami.org/#!), Presque Isle

How
Youth applicants must complete the 2015 Michigan 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camper Application (http://bit.ly/1xbmVw8) and submit the application by May 1 to Laura Potter-Niesen, 4-H Youth Development, Room 160 Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824. Space is limited!

Cost
The 2015 cost (that includes meals, snacks, lodging, and program and activity fees) is $345 per young person ($355 for youth who are not 4-H members). A limited number of state 4-H scholarships are offered for teens with financial need. 4-H members may wish to check with their county MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

More Information
Ways to find out more about 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp include:
- The 4-H GLNRC web site (http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc)
- Michigan Science Curriculum High School Content Expectations (Grades 8 to 12) Addressed by 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp (http://bit.ly/1BmFwoK)
- 4-H staff in your local MSU Extension office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu) or 906-774-0363

What is Your Hashtag?
Are you capturing your 4-H memories on Instagram or Twitter? Be sure to use some of our hashtags to connect with the 4-Her’s across the state and nation.

Here is a list of some of the common Michigan 4-H hashtags:
- #MI4H
- #4H
- #makeadifference
- #volunteer
- #leavealegacy
- #giveback
- #MSUExtension
- #4Halumni
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Social Media Highlights 4-H
If you tweet, post, chat or pin, you are enjoying social media.

Did you know that 80 percent of people check their smartphones first thing in the morning? Michigan 4-H can be found on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Twitter.

You will also find that many state events and county programs have their own pages and groups to share information. Log in to like us, retweet, share a post, follow what is happening or learn about upcoming events.

4-H Events

May 4: Build Your Future Curriculum Training
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/build_your_future_curriculum_training3
Max Thompson Community Center, Warren

May 6-8: 2015 Michigan Envirothon State Competition
http://conta.cc/1AVTkY5
Fort Custer, Augusta

May 15-16: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)
Bay College, Escanaba

May 16: Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show (formerly 4-H Poultry Palooza)
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_poultry_palooza1
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

May 16-17: May 15-16: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)
Otsego County MSU Extension Office, Gaylord

May 28: Skill Building for Youth Workers: Youth Development and Communication
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

May 30-31: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp1
Camp Tuahmeheeta

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_expo2015
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 13-14: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)
Camp Tuahmeheeta, Greenville

June 13-20: Citizenship Washington Focus
http://bit.ly/1Mm2yOi
National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

June 15: Keep Your Head When You Win and Your Heart When You Lose: Teaching Sportsmanship in Animal Science
http://bit.ly/1MnLrN8
Your Computer

June 15-19: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp
MSU, East Lansing

June 17-18: MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@msu.edu)
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For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events