4-H Online—Registration Starts January 14, 2015

We’re excited to let you know that the new 4-H online registration system will be up and ready for enrollments starting January 14, 2015. This system allows 4-H families and leaders to enroll themselves, have access to updating personal information such as cell phone numbers and e-mails without having to fill out a hard copy and signing up for projects.

Families will need to go to https://mi.4honline.com and open the webpage. There is a family guide on the left hand side of the page. When you open the guide you will be given specific instructions on how to register. Setting up the family profile will only need to be done the first time you register, then starting in the fall of 2015 you will just re-register using the same profile.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the 4-H staff. We are here to help and support each of you through this process.

Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction
January 31, 2015
10:00 AM—until all items are sold
Scott’s Community Center
8450 S. 36th St., Scotts, MI 49080

Items will be listed on the 4-H website after January 15, 2015

Funds raised through the auction helps to support 4-H programming, awards and scholarships, Exploration Days scholarships, and more.
Sweet Heart Dinner Dance
Scotts Community Center
8450 S. 36th Street
Scotts, MI 49088

Feb. 21, 2015
6 pm-10 pm
Hosted by Scotts Busy Youth 4H

Pasta Dinner, Salad, Beverages & Dessert
Dancing to follow Auction
Tickets are $10.00 each
Public is welcome
Contact Trish Bartholomew at triciabartholomew@att.net
Or any Scotts Busy Youth members to purchase a ticket.

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 4-H Club - https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/AugustaUnited/
Cooper - https://www.facebook.com/groups/129749163760998/
Scotts 4H Club - https://www.facebook.com/groups/406412169425089
Strykeforce 4H Club - https://www.facebook.com/2767strykeforce

Involvement in 4-H can help kids EXPLORE new ideas, EXPERIENCE new opportunities, build friendships, and learn skills designed to help them ACHIEVE.
Kalamazoo County Feeder Calf

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season- let the Feeder Calf project start! We will be having a meeting on January 20th at 7pm in Room C in the County Center Building at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. We will be going over the guidelines and what to put in your notebooks. Members, please bring your Feeder Calf notebook/poster from last year. If you have questions you can either call Greg (269)506-0465 or Sara (269)720-7215.

Please join the Feeder Calf Facebook page @ https://www.facebook.com/groups/264639983534 or search "Kalamazoo County Feeder Calf Club"

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 Small-bore (.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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Attend 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts participants from all 83 Michigan Counties

What’s It All About?

About 2,500 youth (4-H age 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually.

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! Over 200 sessions to choose from, with preregistration on March 6th. More information will be e-mailed out mid-February.

4-H Exploration Days registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1.

For more information about MSU Exploration Days—check out the website at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days or Facebook
4-H Capitol Experience
Preparing for Active Citizenship

4-H Capitol Experience (http://bit.ly/12IMMg8) is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state meet in Lansing, Michigan to:

- Experience state government in action.
- Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and their communities.
- Understand a citizen’s responsibilities and learn how they can influence policy issues.
- Interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people, and learn how policy is made, including attending a bill-writing session.
- Explore various careers in public policy

Quick Facts
Who should attend? High-school students at least 14 years old and adult participant-chaperones. Space is limited to 100 teen and adult chaperone-participants.

When? From Sunday, March 22, 2015 (3 pm) to Wednesday, March 25, 2015 (12:30 pm)

Where? Tours and agency visits will take place at the State Capitol and surrounding area.

How? Each teen or adult participant-chaperone will need to apply online. Participants who attended in previous years will be considered based on space available. Additional registration forms (Parent Permission Form and Medical Release) will be due in February 2015.

Cost? (including all meals, lodging and material fees) $310 4-H members, $320 non-4-H members

Scholarships for up to half the participant cost ($155) will be available. To qualify, a completed application must be sent to the State office as outlined on the scholarship application.

More Information
There are many ways to learn more about 4-H Capitol Experience. For example, check out:

- The 4-H Capitol Experience Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/4hcapitolexperience)
- This video (http://bit.ly/1qpsf2x)
- The one-page “2014 Impact Summary” (http://bit.ly/1s8G0fY)
- The Preconference Activities section of the Capitol Experience web site (http://bit.ly/1vJrJGr)
- The Postconference Activities section of the Capitol Experience web site (http://bit.ly/1yyup6J)

Need some research help on topics that have to do with 4-H? If so, check out the news articles that are continuously posted on the Michigan 4-H page (http://bit.ly/12NxjLN) of the Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) (http://bit.ly/1sdvYu8) web site. These articles, written by MSUE educators and specialists, cover a variety of topics, and contain valuable resources and new ideas for your local 4-H programs.

Here are a few recent examples:
1. Sending a child to camp (http://bit.ly/1x3cl9k)
2. Life skills and shopping (http://bit.ly/1qwE4wJ)
3. Tech tools to support deployment (http://bit.ly/1AgvJx3)

There’s even a 4-H News Archive (http://bit.ly/1yzhUH4) that dates back to early 2012.
Resolve to try something new!

4-H members, parents and leaders across the state are making resolutions and starting new projects. As you consider your goals for the next year, challenge yourself to try something new to expand your horizons or consider a new aspect of a project that you already enjoy.


### 4-H Workshops

February 6-7: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest


MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 27-28: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop


Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 28-March 1: 4-H Beef Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

http://bit.ly/1vRGKF1

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 13-15: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference2

Kettunen Center, Tustin

April 24-26: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

http://bit.ly/1lUBq6S

Kettunen Center, Tustin

### Other 4-H Events

February 6-7: 4-H/MQHA Benefit Clinic and Tack Sale


MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 13-16: 4-H Healthy Living Youth Summit

http://www.nationalyouthsummit.org/healthy-living-conference

Washington, DC

March 7: Spring Galaxy Meeting: 4-H Horse Program Committee

Contact Taylor Fabus (tlenlenta@msu.edu)

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 22-25: 4-H Capitol Experience

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience

Lansing

March 29: 4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show

Contact Karen Waite (kwaite@msu.edu)

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 11-16: National 4-H Conference

http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/about

Washington, DC

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events