4-H Senior Scholarships

Kalamazoo County 4-H Leader’s Council Scholarship deadline is extended to April 15th, 2016. Applications are available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42275/Leaders_Council_Scholarship_application.pdf. Your member award record book must be handed in with your application.

Applications will be selected based upon their Member Award Record Book, statement of your reason for attending college and an interview. If you need help in completing your Member Award Record Book please contact the 4-H office.

April at a Glance:

April 1—New member enrollment due
April 6—Member Record Keeping Workshop, Fairgrounds Room B, 6:00 PM
April 15—Senior/upperclassman scholarship applications due to 4-H office by 5:00 PM
April 13—Teen Club meeting, Nazareth Complex, 6:30 PM
   — Small Mammal/Cavies and Critter meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
April 15—Rabbit Agility meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 6:30 PM
April 19—Countywide Rabbit meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
April 20—LSA meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
April 21—Dog Project meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
April 25—Scholarship Interviews 5:00 PM Fairgrounds, Room B
   — Leaders Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
   — Carcass Project meeting, Fairgrounds Room A, 7:00 PM
April 26—Countywide Swine meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
April 27—Fair Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room C, 6:30 PM
April 28—Countywide Goat Meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
ALL 4-H MEMBERS, AGE 11-19 YEARS OLD ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE!

Registration for MSU Exploration Days has already begun, but it is not too late to sign up. Sign up early to ensure that you are able to attend the classes you want. Make sure to bring your forms completely filled out, your personal data sheet, a current picture (head and shoulders) and a down payment of $80 with you. Drop off your forms at the 4-H office—Nazareth Complex, 3299 Gull Rd., Wing 2, Room 410.

4-H Exploration Days 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 nights 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.

4-H members from Kalamazoo County have said the following about this event:

- Attending 4-H Exploration Days has helped me to try new things, and developed my problem solving abilities.
- Made me more confident about being independent.
- It has shown me some possible career choices to pursue.

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

Kalamazoo County Leader’s Council Scholarship

Applications for the Kalamazoo County 4-H Leaders Council scholarship deadline are due to the 4-H office April 15, 2016 at 5:00 PM. 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. Interviews will be on April 25th. If you need help completing your Member Award Record Book please contact the 4-H staff.

FUNdraisers

Kalamazoo County 4-H Scrapbooking Day
Sept. 17th 2016
9:00 a.m. – 9:00p.m
9929 S. M-43 Highway
Delton, MI 49046
(269) 623-7310

Prizes!! Give Aways!! Silent Auction
$40.00 per person
Deadline for entry Sept. 10th
Call Scrapaloo to reserve your spot and specific person you would like to sit by!

Questions? Call Susan Compton at (269) 271-3424 or e-mail at skcomp@chartermi.net

Light breakfast, lunch, snacks, dinner and beverages will be provided. Plan on joining us for a great day of fun, laughter and excitement.

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An Extension 4-H Program Coordinator position with the CYI Institute has been posted. This position is located in Kalamazoo County; the area of responsibility includes expanding the reach and effectiveness of local 4-H Youth Development Programming in Kalamazoo County, with a particular focus on the city of Kalamazoo, the city of Parchment and the Comstock area. The posting may be found at www.jobs.msu.edu under the MSU Extension link, posting #2972.

POSITION: Extension 4-H Program Coordinator

WORK LOCATION: Kalamazoo MSU Extension, 3299 Gull Road, Wing 2, 4th Floor, Rm. 410, Kalamazoo MI 49048

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: 100 % / 40 Hours per Week

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 04/12/2016

STARTING PAY RATE: $30,635

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor’s Degree; at least two years of work experience in a youth development program (such as 4-H); ability to work effectively with diverse audiences; organizational skills; proficient computer operation skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.); and effective verbal and written communication skills. A combination of education and specific, relevant experience may be considered in lieu of degree. Travel in local and surrounding communities and occasional long distance travel is required as a regular part of this position. Carrying of educational materials, equipment, etc. up to 25lbs.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Experience in volunteer management; knowledge of Experiential Learning Process, youth asset development, and Positive Youth Development Practices; training or teaching skills; experience working with non-profit organizations; and familiarity with basic evaluation methods for educational programs.

JOB SUMMARY: Responsible for expanding the reach and effectiveness of local 4-H Youth Development Program in Kalamazoo County, with a particular focus on the City of Kalamazoo, the City of Parchment, and Comstock area, to create programs in non-traditional settings such as community centers, schools and short-term special interest groups. Key tasks include recruitment, selection, training and support of 4-H program volunteers; analysis of perceived youth development needs in the community; creation of strategies to address those needs and encourage the participation of underserved populations in 4-H Youth Development activities; implementation of diversity and affirmative action principles in programs and activities; expansion of 4-H Club participation through strategic partnerships with community-based organizations; serve on and attend various 4-H program committee and council meetings; establishment, maintenance and support of volunteer-driven task forces and committees; and evaluation of the effectiveness of select Youth Development initiatives.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: For additional information and to apply for this position visit the Michigan State University Applicant Page at www.jobs.msu.edu, and search for posting #2972.

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Month of the Military Child
Family Fun Day

APRIL 30, 2016
1:00-3:00 PM

KALAMAZOO NATURE CENTER

WHO CAN COME?
Michigan military families regardless of branch or duty status

First-come, first served until capacity is reached! Space is limited!

HOW MUCH?
FREE but pre-registration is required!

LOCATION
Kalamazoo Nature Center
7000 N Westnedge Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

WHATS INCLUDED?
Admission
Wildlife Neighbors Program
Light refreshments
For each pre-registered person

Join 4-H and National Guard Family Programs for a FREE family fun night in honor of Month of the Military Child!

Families will be able to explore the Kalamazoo Nature Center, experience the “Wildlife Neighbors” program, connect with other military families and have fun together.

REGISTER NOW
To register visit: http://events.anr.msu.edu/MOMCKZoo16/
Registration deadline is APRIL 25, 2016

MORE INFORMATION
Veronica Bolhuis, Kalamazoo 4-H Program Coordinator, bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu, 269-383-8830
Kendra Moyses, 4-H Military Liaison, kmoysey@anr.msu.edu, 517-432-7654

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Veronica Bolhuis at 269-383-8830 by April 23, 2016 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible. (Please allow no less than one week for short programs.)

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Dog Care Project News

Our April meeting will be Thursday the 21st at 7 PM at the fairgrounds. We will be having our annual Jeopardy game reviewing all the topics we covered through our winter meetings. There will be prizes for you and your four legged friend!

Summer meetings, when members will start bringing their dogs, will begin Thursday May 19th at 7 PM and continue weekly every Thursday until fair.

If you have any questions, contact Amber Lemmer at freedom.rider.2007@gmail.com or 269-599-6566.

Kalamazoo County Club News

Please join us with Eaton Farm Bureau Cooperative and Purina Animal Nutrition at our Show Feed Clinic featuring Purina® Honor® Show Chow® and Purina® High Octane Show Supplements®

Information will be included for livestock, small animals and dog owners.

SHOW FEED SEMINAR

May 3rd 7-9 pm
See you at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center
2900 Lake Street,
Kalamazoo 49048.

Come Join us for a great educational opportunity! Our speakers are Brigitte Grobbel and Cody Dudte! Including giveaways and refreshments

Sponsored by Kalamazoo County 4-H & Eaton County Farm Bureau/The Feed Bag!

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Rabbit Project News

Spring is upon us and it is a good time to start thinking about cleaning and disinfecting those cages. It is one of the most important ways to keep your rabbits healthy. Dirty cages can lead to all kinds of problems. For example, ammonia from built up droppings can cause respiratory issues such as snuffles. Did you know that sunlight is the best disinfectant? Start by using a stiff brush to remove all the hair and droppings from the wire. Never use Lysol or similar disinfectants as these can harm your rabbit. Vinegar is a good cleaning agent and is safe for the rabbit and cage. Then set the cage out in the sunlight for 30 minutes. Your rabbits will love you for it.

Now some important information for those in the Market project. If you are breeding your own rabbits for market, remember they need to be bred at the end of April for fryers. Market check in is July 9th. If you have questions about breeding dates and proper ages for market rabbits, contact Janelle 269 254 2411.

Our next regular meeting is April 19th.
Picnic and Mandatory check in for breed rabbits June 4th
Market Rabbit check in is July 9th

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Rabbit Superintendents
Roxanne O’Neil 269 317 1925
Janelle Gray 269 254 2411

Goat Project News

Our next county wide goat meeting will be April 28th at 7:00 at the fairgrounds. We will have a guest speaker on healthcare in goats. We have six members attending the State 4-H Goat Expo. They will be competing in many different categories such as quiz bowl, problem solving, food preparation, photography, and more. If any other members are considering doing the expo in 2017 it would be great for them to come and watch our Kalamazoo team compete this year and see if it’s something that they would like to get involved in. Good luck goes out to our 4-Her’s competing this year: Katherine Denney, Kyle Schmitt, Bodhi Miller, Katelyn Delaney, Raelene Colvin, and Anna Perse-Hanson.

Pam Beilby-Miller
Stryke Force Robotics News

The Stryke Force 4-H First Robotics Team’s build season kicked off January 9, 2016 with the first competition taking place at St. Joseph High School on Friday, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th. Friday’s round of competitions went very well and we didn’t lose a match the entire day, finishing the evening in 1st place. Saturday morning was very exciting as we clung to first ranking. In the end, we became the first seed alliance captain. Our alliance included the second ranking team, 3620 the Average Joes, and 5069 the Iron Giants. In the quarter finals we lost the first round due to a programming error on our alliance but we won the next two which moved us on to semi-finals. We won both rounds of semi-finals reaching our highest score of the weekend (174) during the first semifinal match. Then we won the first finals match with a score of 137 to 131 and the second match with 134 to 103. In addition to being the winners of the competition, we also received the quality award for the exemplary quality of our team and robot. We’re looking forward to our next competition at East Kentwood High School April 1st & 2nd and then hopefully to the States Competition: April 14th, 15th, & 16th at the Delta Plex.

Carcass Project News

Be sure that you plan ahead for this year; attendance at two meetings will be required before our competition the week before fair.

Join us on Monday, 25th for our April meeting. We plan to learn to identify the retail cuts from the rib wholesale cuts and how to enter those cuts on a cut identification scorecard. We will also practice judging a class of chops.

See you on April 25th at 7 pm at the fairgrounds.

If you have any questions, contact Kevin or Cindy Rose at kevintherose@aol.com or text or phone at (269) 317-3462.
4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle

Campers explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The 2016 camper fee is $375 for Michigan 4-H members and $385 for Michigan youth who are nonmembers. The fee includes meals and snacks, lodging, a T-shirt, and program and activity fees. Donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, Michigan Sea Grant Extension and MSU Extension generously offset about 25 percent of the real $450-a-camper cost! Out-of-state campers will be accepted with a $450 fee if space is still available after May 1.

A limited number of state 4-H scholarships are offered for teens with financial need. 4-H members can also contact your county MSU Extension office to see if local scholarships may be available.

Camper applications are due by May 1, but space is limited to 70 campers so early application is encouraged. Do not send payment with your application.

Counselor applications are due by March 11.

How Camper Selections Are Made

Returning campers (25-30 max)

New campers (40-45 max)

Gender balance (36 max for each gender)

4-H member/non 4-H youth ratio (non 4-H will be limited)

Geographical representation of campers from across state.

Successful applicants will receive more forms with their acceptance letters to complete and return with full payment by May 31, 2016. Beginning June 6, wait-listed applicants will be offered spaces forfeited by campers who failed to meet the deadline.

For more information about this camp, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp
MICHIGAN 4-H
HEALTH AND FOOD
SCIENCE CAMP

When and where:
August 2 - 4, 2016
Michigan State University Campus

Who:
Youth age 13-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers interested in nutrition, food science, careers, physical fitness, personal safety, sports science and teamwork. Participants will explore careers in the health field, learn what research is taking place around food science and tour research facilities at MSU.

Cost:
- 4-H members — $165
- Non-4-H members — $175
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources.
- Scholarships may be available for 4-H members from your local county 4-H program.

Application information:
- The deadline to apply for this event is Friday, May 13, 2016.
- To apply, visit http://events.anr.msu.edu/healthsciencecamp/.

Find out more...
Visit the application site for additional details, including the event handbook. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office (directory at msue.msu.edu) or contact Michelle Neff at 989-539-7805 or hydemich@msu.edu.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.
Augusta Club making t-shirt bags

Thank you so much for the treats and food, litter, toys and jackets for the dogs and cats in our care. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to our group and makes the dogs and cats very happy.

Sincerely,
Adopt a Friend For Life of SW MI

Thank You note to dog project—Great job!
Goat quiz bowl practice

StrykeForce plays with robots

Scotts Club jumping around at SkyZone
Kalamazoo Clubs Are Busy Having Fun

4-H Friends Club talks about hatching chicks

Alamo Club assembling Easter baskets
Climax Willing Workers enjoy a trip to Craig’s Cruisers.

Kalamazoo Clubs Are Busy Having Fun
4-H Photographers!

» The Farmer’s Exchange newspaper is looking for photos to feature in its Photo of the Month feature.
» Photos should be agriculture related whether it be scenery, animals, people and animals, seasonal, etc.
» Be creative and take unique photos. We would like to see your creative side by capturing photos that aren’t seen on a daily basis.
» Please keep photos season specific. Now would be a good time to send photos of SPRING things!
» Please do not edit the photos in any way or add special affects to them.

Photos can be emailed directly to Courtney Schafer: courtney@farmers-exchange.net by March 21 to be considered for our March 25 issue.

Photos will be published in the March 25 issue of The Farmer’s Exchange. Please include your name and where the photo was taken.

Deadline for the April 29 issue will be April 25. You may send photos sooner than the deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Schafer: courtney@farmers-exchange.net or 574/831-2138.
We're Going To A Whitecaps Game!

Baseball related learning stations will be available for the first 2 innings. More details to follow.

Michigan 4-H Program
Saturday, April 23, 2016
4:00 p.m. Game Time

Tickets: $10.50/person
*add $4.00 for hot dog/soda voucher if desired

Game Details
The Michigan 4-H Program will have a WILL CALL table available outside of the Whitecaps stadium in the South Lot for ticket pick-up. Please make checks payable to the: West Michigan Whitecaps.

Ticket Order Form
Name: _____________________________
Phone: ___________________________ # of Tickets: ________ @ $10.50 = ________
# of Hot Dog/Soda Vouchers: ________ @ $4.00 = ________

Tickets MUST be ordered BEFORE April 8

Please return this form with payment to Kristi Ayers— 775 Ball Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
For more information regarding your group outing please call Kristi at (616) 632-7888
or Dru Knizacky, with the Whitecaps, at 616-426-3673

*Children 2 and under are free

616.784.4131 WHITECAPSBASEBALL.com
Michigan 4-H Day
at Comerica Park
Sunday April 24th
Game starts at 1:08 p.m.

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

Game Day Packages (includes ticket and a Detroit Tigers T-shirt which includes the 4-H Emblem)

- Upper Reserved = $25.00
- Upper Box Infield Package = $34.00
- Lower Baseline = $40.00

Purchase tickets at [http://www.tigers.com/4h](http://www.tigers.com/4h) --For groups of 15 or more please contact Jeremy at Jeremy.hostetter@detroittigers.com or phone (313) 471-2236

For further information contact: Glenda Weiss weissgle@anr.msu.edu or 734-729-3632 Ext. 101
2016 JAPAN HOSTING

Host an international youth delegate and bring the richness of the world to your home!

Host a Japanese Youth in Summer 2016 through States 4-H International
It’s like having a sister I always wanted and a best friend

States’ 4-H Host Sibling

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!

HOSTING PERIOD: 4 weeks - July 24 to August 20, 2016

- Japanese delegates are 12-16 years old (most are 12-14) or adult chaperones
- Youth have limited English language skills, and host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have a child of the same gender and within 3 years of the hosted youth
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned, these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family
- Volunteer to participate in the program
- Delegates can attend summer camps (we cover cost) with your children
- You don’t need previous involvement with 4-H in order to host

For more information, visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/japan_summer_inbound_exchange
or contact Michigan coordinator: D'Ann Rohrer - drohrer@anr.msu.edu - 231-757-4789

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility.
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<td>Likes rhythmic gymnastics, listening to music, reading (Harry Potter, novels). Plays harp. Favorite subject: English. Likes cats and dogs, singing, watching iCarly, writing, eating. Shy, considerate</td>
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<td>Mao</td>
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<td>Would like to live with a large family on a farm. Likes arts &amp; crafts, ballet, badminton, shopping, movies. Favorite subject: math, art, science. Interested in different cultures. Studious, serious, energetic, sociable, tidy, loves to laugh.</td>
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<td>Harumitsu</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Wants to make many friends in Michigan and be a good member of his host family. Likes reading novels (Sword Art Online), tennis, and piano. Favorite subject: history. Likes ping pong, watching baseball, drawing, cats, video games, singing, and movies. Cheerful, loves to laugh.</td>
<td>Mild squid allergy</td>
<td>Needs a host family</td>
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<td>Yusei</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Loves baseball! - both playing and watching. He’s a pitcher on his team. Likes to swim. Enjoys popular music. His grandfather lives with his family. Favorite subject: math. Sociable, talkative.</td>
<td>Mild dust allergy</td>
<td>Needs a host family</td>
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<td>Yuto</td>
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<td>Loves cooking! He cooks every day and his family says it is delicious. He wants to learn about American culture through cooking with his host family. He likes taking landscape photos and listening to classical music. Likes museums, writing, studying, video games, movies, and animals. He doesn’t enjoy swimming. Shy, tidy, patient.</td>
<td>Needs a host family</td>
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<td>Shun</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Likes fishing, playing games, chess, watching baseball, singing, and eating beef. He wants to make many American friends and share Japanese cooking, songs, history, and calligraphy. He likes whale sharks, museums, camping, cooking, movies, reading, video games, acting, etc. Favorite subject: history. Outgoing, curious.</td>
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<td>Rio</td>
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<td>He wants to be a good friend and help host family. He loves soccer and reading (Harry Potter). Likes swimming, nature, camping, hiking, video games, cooking, movies, and photography. Favorite subject: science. Outgoing, patient, studious.</td>
<td>Very mild dog allergy</td>
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<td>Yuya</td>
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<td>He likes to read about space, and would like a tour about space engineering if possible. Likes camping, rafting, and basketball. He wants to learn about American food, culture, and customs. Reads Detective Konan. Likes museums, cooking, camping, computers, animals, and movies. Favorite subject: science, English, social studies. Outgoing, curious.</td>
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<td>Kosuke</td>
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<td>Likes baseball, basketball, singing, and fishing. Wants to play sports with his host family and make friends. Likes playing outdoors, camping, computer games, Disney, movies, and museums. Favorite subject: music, P.E., Active, cheerful.</td>
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<td>Haruki</td>
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<td>Loves tennis! - Both watching and playing. Likes watching anime (One Piece). Favorite subject: math and P.E. He has a twin brother. Doesn’t enjoy swimming. Curious, very shy.</td>
<td>Has mild motion sickness</td>
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STATEWIDE EVENTS

TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY IS PROUD TO SUPPORT 4-H

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APRIL 13TH - 24TH

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Attention 4-H Members, Volunteers, & Families:

Come celebrate 4-H at Michigan’s Adventure!

Admission $24.00 per person. Includes UNLIMITED use of the amusement park and waterpark (with the exception of RipCord) on Saturday, June 4. Children 2 years of age and younger are free.

4-H Day Meal Tickets will be available for only $6.00 each! Meal consists of a Hot Dog, Macaroni Salad, Chips and a Soft Drink and will be served at Mary Lynn’s Group Catering Pavilions from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Purchase meal tickets when you purchase your admission tickets on June 4.

Reservations are required for admission and meal tickets by June 1, 2016. Contact the Group Sales Office directly at 231.766.9959, youthsales@miadventure.com or visit www.miadventure.com/specialevents.

Michigan’s Adventure accepts cash, money orders, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Checks are not accepted.

Members will be asked to present a card or something representing 4-H membership. Wear a club shirt so you can be recognized as an honored guest!

There is a fee for parking standard and oversized vehicles. Full size busses park for free.

For More Information

- Visit www.miadventure.com
- Make your reservation
- Read the helpful Trip Tips
- See a complete listing of rides and attractions
- Contact a Michigan’s Adventure Group Sales Representative at 231.766.9959 or via email at youthsales@miadventure.com

Amusement Park Hours – 11:00 am – 7:00 pm • Waterpark Hours – 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WildWater Adventure is open on scheduled days when the temperature is 65 degrees or higher.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

April 22-24: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=177B0A9F83561B7C
Kettunen Center, Tustin

June 3-5: 4-H Companion Animal Spring Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

April 6: 4-H Night at the Joe (Red Wings)
http://redwings.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=108326
Joe Louis Arena, Detroit

April 10: 4-Hairy Horse Benefit Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 16: 4-H Pattern-O-Rama Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

State 4-H Goat Expo
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=goatexpo
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 22-23: 2016 Equine Educational Expo
Anthony Hall & MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 23: 4-H Day at the West Michigan Whitecaps
Contact Kristi Ayers (bowerskr@anr.msu.edu)
Fifth Third Ballpark, Grand Rapids

Small Animals Day
http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/small_animals_day_1
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 24: Michigan 4-H Day at Comerica Park
http://m.mlb.com/det/tickets/info/4h?partnerId=IK7I4G07RU1-Y112
Comerica Park, Detroit

May 12: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/world_food_prize_michigan_youth_institute
Michigan State University

May 20-21: State 4-H Poultry Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza1
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
Making $ense of Money for People of All Ages

On the National Financial Educators Council’s (https://www.financialeducatorscouncil.org) web site, it observes that: “Money is a fact of everyday life, and learning to manage money well is critical to achieving freedom, independence, and success.” Yet, while financial education and money management are important, it can be difficult to find good resources to discuss saving, spending, sharing and preserving money with our children and youth.

April is Financial Literacy Month (bit.ly/2ltSp9G). Originally the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) (http://www.nefe.org) (pronounced knée-fee) began this observance as Financial Literacy for Youth Day. It was an activity of NEFE’s High School Financial Planning Program (http://www.hsfpp.org). When NEFE turned Financial Literacy Day over to the Jump$tart Coalition (http://www.jumpstart.org), that organization expanded the program and its final change was from one day to a month designated to recognize the need for financial literacy for individuals of all ages. With this year’s theme, “Envision a Financially Literate Future,” the Jump$tart Coalition seeks to acknowledge the importance of preparing young people for their future. In 2016, Money Smart Week (http://www.moneysmartweek.org) will be held from April 23 to 30.

Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) offers many opportunities for young people to learn about personal finance, including fund-raising for their club or a community service project, participating in clubs dedicated to investment, and selling their own entrepreneurial products or their own market animal at the fair. There is a Michigan 4-H Youth Money Management web site (bit.ly/1U7i9KA) filled with:

- News articles. For example, did you know there is a retirement account that young people can set up (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/myra_a_smart_first_step_in_investing_for_teens)?
- Upcoming events. This includes 4-H Exploration Days (bit.ly/1PaxPEI), which will feature six sessions in all (including everything from coin collecting and thinking through buying a first car to how to spend money without risk) and
- A collection of important resources (bit.ly/1Rmah0F). Since teaching money skills to people starting at the very early stages of life is important, did you know this web site points to a collection of 53 activities (bit.ly/1TNNOQz) based around children’s literature that has money as a theme?

For more information, you may contact:
- Your local 4-H program coordinator (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Barbara Duvall, Senior Extension educator, by email at duvall@msu.edu or
- Laurie Rivetto, Extension educator, by email at rivetto@msu.edu
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