MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL FAMILIES BRINGING LIVE- STOCK TO THE FAIR

The annual Mandatory Livestock meeting will be held at the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 4th, 2016. (see the schedule below for times). This is a time to get the final details about bringing your livestock to the fair, setting up and decorating the barns and working together to help create a fun, inviting and clean environment for the animals and fairgoers. Contact your superintendent if they have not already announced a time they would like to get started on setting up the barns.

Mandatory Livestock Meeting Schedule:

6:00 PM Horse and Poultry
6:15 PM Beef/Dairy Steer
6:30 PM Rabbits
6:45 PM Sheep
7:00 PM Dairy/Dairy Feeders
7:15 Swine
7:30 PM Goats

July at a Glance:

July 1 — Fair entry form deadline—5:00 PM, fair office
July 4—Independence Day, MSUE offices closed
July 9—Market rabbit check-in, Fairgrounds arena, 10:00 AM
July 9-10—Open Horse Show, Fairgrounds
July 13—Fair Council meeting, Fairground Room B, 6:30 PM
July 15—Rabbit Agility meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 6:30 PM
July 18—Dog Council meeting, Panera Bread West Main, 7:00 PM
July 19—Countywide Poultry meeting, Pullorum testing 5:00-7:00, Fit and Show, Fairgrounds arena, 7:00 PM
July 20—LSA meeting, Fairgrounds room B, 7:00 PM
July 21—Horse Council meeting Fairgrounds room B, 7:00 PM
July 25 —Leaders Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
—Carcass Project meeting, Fairgrounds Room A, 7:00 PM
July 27—Fair Council meeting, Fairground Room C, 6:30 PM
Meet our new 4-H Program Coordinator!

A warm welcome to Benjamin Chee. He is filling Evan Granito’s vacancy here at the Kalamazoo County MSU Extension office. His Bio is below.

Hello! My name is Benjamin Chee and I am excited to be joining the 4-H community. I grew up in Northern Illinois in a small farm town 60 miles north of Chicago. I attended Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan. Olivet is where I fell in love with the magnificent beauty of Michigan and decided to make this great state my home. I graduated with a degree in education. My education degree led me to working in an afterschool center for the next 6 years as director of education and career development. I have extensive training and knowledge of youth development. My hobbies include any activities that take place in the outdoors. Long distant cycling and camping are just a few of my passions. I have been married for 6 years and my wife and I have a 17 month old who is doing a great job of consuming all my free time, but we would not have it any other way. I look forward to this new journey with 4-H.
Volunteer Opportunities during the Kalamazoo County Fair

We have a new and exciting way to sign up for set up, tear down and hosting in the still project room along with the 4-H Food Booth (the little red barn). The site is called Sign up Genius, links to the four specific sites are below. It takes many hands to have a successful fair for both 4-H youth and families along with fairgoers—we appreciate each person who takes the time to help make this a successful event.

Click to go to the Sign Up Genius page for each sign up:

- Still project room set up - http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eabad28a1f58-2016/<
- Still project monitoring/4-H information booth - http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eabad28a1f58-4hstill/
- Still project take down - http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eabad28a1f58-20161/

Each club is being asked to take a minimum of 4 shifts in the 4-H information booth. Hopefully this will help families to be able to look at their schedules and people will be able to work around the food booth schedule and their children showing. This may mean that one volunteer is from one club and another from a different club on the same shift. What a great opportunity to meet a new friend, get new ideas, and share resources!

The Sign Up Genius for the 4-H Food Booth was created based on the revised schedule that Andrea McCubbin (food booth committee coordinator) sent out to club leaders. If you have specific questions about the food booth please contact Andrea at 269-598-5231 (texts are good) or jamccubbin@aol.com.

The link to the food booth sign up is http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eabad28a1f58-20162/

The process of signing up is super simple and as you go in you will be able to see the slots that are still open. If you have questions about set up or tear down or hosting in the still project room please contact the 4-H office.

Food Booth Meal Tickets

Again this year you will be able to purchase meal tickets to the 4-H food booth. Tickets will be available during the mandatory livestock meeting and still project judging.

Tickets are good for a meal combo, which typically includes a sandwich, chips and drink.

Information on the specific combo meals will be announced in the August newsletter.

Meal tickets must be pre-purchased and will not be available after the fair has begun.
FOOD BOOTH 2016 (Revised 6-21-16)

Do not split work shifts unless both parties have worked the food booth previously. (For a split shift a worker must work a 2 hour minimum shift)

Sunday, August 7, 2016
9 to 1  (3) Tri-United
       (1) VB Wild Mustangs
       (1) Need a volunteer
1 to 5  (2) Oshtemo
       (2) Galesburg
       (1) 4-H Friends
5 to 9  (2) Richland
       (2) Schoolcraft/Showstoppers
       (1) Need a volunteer

Monday, August 8, 2016
9 to 1  (2) Fulton
       (3) Oshtemo
1 to 5  (2) Alamo
       (3) Portage
5 to 9  (3) Tri-United
       (2) Cooper Cavaliers

Tuesday, August 9, 2016
9 to 1  (3) Scotts
       (2) Richland
1 to 5  (2) Climax
       (2) Portage
       (1) Augusta
5 to 9  (2) Alamo
       (1) Fulton
       (2) Hickory Corners

Wednesday, August 10, 2016
9 to 1  (3) Climax
       (2) Galesburg
1 to 5  (2) Richland
       (3) Scotts
5 to 9  (2) Hickory Corners
       (2) Cooper Cavaliers
       (1) Augusta

Thursday, August 11, 2016
9 to 1  (5) StrykeForce
1 to 5  (5) StrykeForce
5 to 9  (5) StrykeForce

Friday, August 12, 2016
9 to 1  (2) Fulton
       (3) Tri-United
1 to 5  (2) Climax
       (2) Oshtemo
       (1) Augusta
5 to 9  (2) Schoolcraft/Showstoppers
       (3) Cooper Cavaliers

Saturday, August 13, 2016
9 to 1  (2) Galesburg
       (3) Alamo
1 to 5  (2) Schoolcraft/Showstoppers
       (3) Scotts
5 to 9  (2) Portage
       (2) Hickory Corners
       (1) AIM

Workers MUST be at least 11 years old & have completed 6th Grade. At least one adult is needed on each shift.

Workers CANNOT wear open toed shoes or flip flops in the food booth.

Workers CANNOT wear Barn/Stall cleaning boots/shoes or Show boots/shoes that have been in contact with manure.

Long hair MUST be up/tied back. Workers should wear a baseball cap or similar hat/net/scarf.
Interviews on Still Project Judging Day

Each year on the Saturday before the fair begins, youth bring in their educational (still) projects to be judged between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. These educational displays can be anything from a livestock poster/notebook to robotics, gardening, crafts and so much more!!

Each project needs to have a project record sheet with it. The record sheets can be found in the member record book at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42275/Member_record_book_revised_December_2013.pdf. The form alone will be added to the 4-H website and should go live by July 9th. It can be found under forms and then under Member Award Record Books.

A project tag will also need to be attached to each project. These can be picked up from either your community club leader, any time, or the 4-H office, prior to August 3. They will also be available on the day of judging, but it is much simpler to have them done ahead of time.

When the projects are brought in youth will need to find the judge assigned to the specific project area. Each judge will ask a number of questions about your project and the educational display you made. Going through this process is a chance to practice your interview skills, show the judge what you’ve learned and practice good communication about your knowledge.

When preparing your educational exhibit know that the judge is looking for progress in your learning. If you’ve been involved for several years the judge is going to expect to see a project that has a higher level of educational materials than that of a youth who is younger or new to the project.

Here are some tips to a successful interview with the judge:

 Dress for the interview—it doesn’t have to be your Sunday best, but should be a step up from your everyday clothes
 Shake the judges hand
 Know your materials—you’ll be asked specifics about your project, be sure to be able to answer them
 PRACTICE—have family or friends look at your project ahead of time and have them ask you question
 Make eye contact
 Be polite
 Do your best!! Remember you should be representing yourself to the best of your abilities (set a goal, organize yourself and your materials, finish early –instead of the night before)
 If the judge asks you a question that you don’t know the answer to, tell them you don’t know, but WOW them with another fact that you do
 Remember this is practice for future scholarship and job interviews that you will have in the future
 Have fun, do your best and we’ll see you at the Expo center on August 6th!
Be the Best Exhibit at Your Fair!

When you are at the fair as an exhibitor, leader, parent or guest, be at your best! Exhibiting good sportsmanship is not always easy but it is always in style. Ways to exhibit good sportsmanship include displaying respect for:

- **Animals.** Practice good animal management, proper nutrition and health-care practices.
- **Opponents.** Appreciate and respect well-prepared competitors who challenge you to bring out your best.
- **The event.** Know and follow the rules; use skill and training to achieve positive results.
- **Others.** Be respectful to officials, judges, parents and leaders, even when you may be frustrated. Say “thank you,” after the day is complete.

The Michigan 4-H Youth Development will select a Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year. Consider nominating an adult or young person who has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in the 4-H animal-science project areas by October 1. Find out more at [http://bit.ly/1HWjFn6](http://bit.ly/1HWjFn6).

### Premium Checks

Premiums are cash awards for exhibitors based on their exhibit ratings (A, B, C). Premium checks will be mailed out to all 4-H members. You should have your check in approximately 6 weeks. Please review your statement for mistakes. If you find a problem contact the Roxanne Bruce at 373-5181 immediately.

### Still Project Auction Guidelines

The annual still project auction will be available this year to any 4-H member interested in selling their 4-H still project. Projects to be auctioned will be displayed in a separate section in the Still Exhibit Room. The bidding will be open all week, closing at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Bid cards will have a minimum $5.00 bid posted. All auction items must be judged. 4-H'ers can let judges know if they would like their item to go into the still auction. Judges will approve auction quality for each item. The successful bidder would be phoned on Saturday. Buyers will have until Friday, August 26 to pick item up or the item will go on to the 2nd highest bidder. Checks would be made out to Leaders Council and then Leaders Council would write a check to the 4-H'er.
2016 Kalamazoo County Fair Camping Fees & Information

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

The Kalamazoo County Parks & Expo Center will be handling all the camping reservations again this year. Beginning May 10, 2016 you must call to make your reservation directly with the Expo Center.

Camping Fees:  
- Weekly Rate - $135.00 per week
- Single Night Reservations - $30 per night
- Reservations made after July 22 are $175 per week and $35 per single night
- PLEASE NOTE: Anyone staying in the campgrounds must also have a Fair Admission ticket (sold separately).

Advance Reservation Fee:  
- One-time $5.00 fee will be charged for all advance reservations

Vehicle Passes:  
- One vehicle pass is included per campsite. Additional passes are $10 each if purchased before July 22. $15 each if purchased at the Fair.

Golf Carts:  
- All golf carts must be pre-registered. Golf cart permits are $25 each. After July 22 fee is $100. You must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver’s license and provide proof of liability insurance to operate a golf cart on the grounds.

Call 269-383-8778 for Reservations!
Deadline for Camping Registration  
July 22, 2016

Campground check-in will take place in the Main Lobby of the Expo Center from 9:00am-6:00pm on Saturday, August 6, and Sunday, August 7. No early arrivals.

Camping Information: 
- Camping will be reserved by campground area at time of reservation (see map for campground areas) and specific site numbers will be emailed out approximately 1 week prior to arrival. We will try to accommodate special requests. All requests will be considered in order by date of reservation.

- Campers may not switch from assigned site number upon arrival. All reservations must be paid by credit card at the time of reservation. There is a non-refundable $5 reservation fee for each campsite reserved. Most sites offer water and electric hook-up.

- A dump station with potable water is available on the grounds. On-site septic service will be available by pre-registration with your camping reservation for $15 per dump. Dumps can be scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, and/or Friday, August 12.

- Showers and handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

- Cancellations will be accepted until July 22, 2016 for a full refund, less the $5 reservation fee. No refunds are available for cancellations after July 22, 2016.
Sportsmanship in 4-H

We often think we have good sportsmanship, but in the heat of competition, we sometimes don't act with our best behavior. Here are some scenarios to practice difficult sportsmanship in difficult situations.

February 15, 2013 by Darren Bagley, Michigan State University Extension

You can practice shooting a basket, proper equitation, fitting and grooming an animal, playing an instrument or giving a speech, but sportsmanship is not something you can simply do over and over again until you get it right. Sportsmanship is very difficult to practice until you are in a competition, with all of the stress, judging and potential high stakes. Issues of sportsmanship are unique to each particular situation.

Michigan State University Extension suggests these role-playing exercises that you can rehearse at home or in your 4-H club. By “trying out” these scenarios, young people (and adults) can be better prepared for those situations when similar things happen in the show-ring or another competition. Although each situation is unique, you can prepare yourself mentally for how you can deal with unsportsmanlike or improper conduct. There are no right or wrong answers, but the discussion is valuable to have outside the competition.

1. You overhear another person saying that “they know the judge, which is the only reason they did good in the class.” How do you respond?
2. You hear a rumor about someone drugging their animal. What do you do?
3. You overhear someone making a racist comment in the barns. How do you respond?
4. You know someone hired a professional groomer/trainer. How do you respond?
5. You overhear some 4-H youth planning vandalism. What do you do?
6. You see people picking on a person with a disability. How do you respond?
7. You see a 4-H member extremely upset after losing a class. How do you respond?
8. You see a 4-H parent screaming at a 4-H member after a competition based on their performance. What do you do?
9. You hear a 4-H member saying to another member, “I hope your horse gets hit by a car.” How do you respond? Would you respond differently if it was an adult saying it?
10. You see a 4-H member abusing their animal. What do you do?
11. Imagine you are a superintendent or officer of an association. Some people complain all the time. Some people rarely complain. Do you treat their complaints differently? Do you prefer people to come to you directly with a complaint or go to a governing body? How do you prefer to be approached? How do you prefer to approach people?
12. A 4-H member wins a lot of classes and appears arrogant and condescending to other 4-H members. How do you respond? Would it matter if their parent or club leader witnessed it or not?
13. You overhear another person saying, “They only win because their parents bought an expensive animal.” How do you respond?
14. You feel a judge is treating 4-H members poorly during a class. How do you respond?
15. You are the 4-H staff member in your county. You are told that the club/committee officers are treating people rudely and unfairly. How do you respond?
16. You notice a 4-H member crying after a class. When you ask the club member why, she says that another 4-H’er said nasty things to her after the class. How do you respond?
17. You are a 4-H club member. You win a class, even though you made a mistake, because the judge did not notice it. Another club member, who usually wins, leaves the ring visibly upset, because she did not win. How do you respond?
18. You are a committee officer. You have been receiving complaints about an aggressive show parent. How do you deal with the situation?
19. You are the 4-H staff person in your county. What reasons constitute removing a volunteer from the 4-H program? What reasons constitute removing a 4-H club member from the 4-H program?
20. You are a 4-H parent/guardian. You have brought up a complaint to your 4-H leader that has not been addressed. What do you do?
21. You suspect that the 4-H member is not doing the work for their animal or project (a relative is doing feeding, grooming, etc). How do you respond?

Hopefully you will take a chance to try these out and discuss them with your clubs and families before the poor behavior occurs. Let this be a chance for both club members and adults to build their positive sportsmanship.
Richland Club News

The Richland 4-H community club is excited about a new project that they have started. They will be raising “Freedom Ranger” broiler chickens using their newly built chicken tractor. This is an entrepreneurial and educational project that they will be starting soon. If you are interested in purchasing some of their chickens when they are completed please contact them at myrichland4h@gmail.com.
Kalamazoo County Club News

Aim to Achieve Club News

Kalamazoo County Aim to Achieve kids took home two 1st place medals each on June 3, 2016 at the Van Buren County 4-H Shoot!!! Congrats - Chloe Wilcox 1st place Beginner Open 3-D and Target, Hannah Funk 1st place Junior Open 3-D and Target, Josie Buchkowski 1st place Junior Sighted 3-D and Target, & Gabe Buchkowski 1st place Beginner Sighted 3-D and Target!!! You all did a great job and represented our county/club well!

Sheep Project News

Sheep Fit & Show potluck
Sunday July 31. 6:00
Paul & Sue's
1247 D Drive South
East Leroy
Call 420-6153 or 579-1977 for questions.

We will provide the meat and drink just bring a dish to pass, table service, and chairs. If you are entered in carcass bring that lamb and we will take it to Peases for you.
Goat Project News

Good luck to Katherine Denney, Bodhi Miller, Katelynn Delaney, and Anna PerseHanson who will be competing at the Michigan State Goat show on June 25th. They will be competing in showmanship, dairy breed classes, pet wether, pack class, obstacle, & club herd. Our county wide mandatory showmanship clinic will be held at the fairgrounds in the livestock arena on July 16th at 12:00. We will be deciding the date of our pack meeting at the county wide meeting on June 30th. That date will be posted on our facebook page. Make sure that all tattoos are legible for fair check in. Check your scrapie tags and microchips if that is your form of identification. Make sure that we can read the numbers. Don’t forget the mandatory livestock meeting and barn set up the Thursday before fair starts. As always please call with any questions.

Rabbit Project News

Hello everyone, I hope all of you are gearing up for fair. There is a lot to do to get ready!

Important Dates:
- Market Rabbit check in is July 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Rabbit Barn.
- Mandatory Livestock meeting / Barn Set up, Thursday, August 4th - times for each species TBA
- Saturday, June 6th is Still Exhibit judging
- Saturday, June 6 – Sunday June 7th, check rabbits into the barn.

Please have your pen fees, Animal Care Contracts completed, and your Remark cards filled out for us to check before you put your rabbits in their cages. We will have these forms available for you to complete prior to being checked in.

Please remember to trim your bunnies nails and check the overall health and condition of your rabbits before bringing them into the barn Fair week.

Should you have any questions, contact your Rabbit Superin-
Poultry Project News

Our last meeting is on Tuesday, July 19th at 7pm in the fairground livestock arena. It will be about everything that you need to know to have a great time at the fair. We will talk about preparing your birds—aka giving your birds a BATH and spiffing them up to look their best for the show. All of the breed/show birds must be pullorum tested before they can be shown and we will be testing for free starting at 5pm before the meeting. Don’t wait until just before the meeting as we have to stop testing for the meeting and it will be too dark after the meeting. At the end of the meeting, we can practice showmanship, too. We have lots of jobs that need to be done during the fair and we have lots of sign up sheets so that we can all pitch in to make this a great fair. During check-in for the fair, the market birds need to be weighed, banded and pullorum tested—you will need to sign up for a check-in time at the meeting.

Again this year, we will have DUCKLINGS for the duck slide. They will arrive 2 weeks before the fair and we need a family to foster them. If this sounds like fun and you would like more details, call Ann at 685-2301.

We were given the OK to make 3 raised bed gardens by the doors of the barn. The Parks Dept. will supply the landscape stones to build the beds if we do the labor. We still need to find a donor for the soil to fill them and some families to do the planting—any takers?—call Jackie at 629-9664. Hens and Chicks and Cocks Comb are planned for the plants.

Don’t forget to work on your Market Journals!!

Become a Pullorum Tester!

There is going to be a class offered at MSU to become a certified Pullorum Tester on July 16th.

The Certified Pullorum Tester Workshop will cover Federal and State poultry laws, the National Poultry Improvement Plan’s (NPIP) U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean program, and training on how to properly conduct a plate test for Salmonella Pullorum.

Attendance for the workshop is free. However, there is a $20 fee to become a certified tester. The certification is good for three years. Certified testers must be at least 18 years old.

Date: July 16, 2016
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: Anthony Hall, Room 1260, MSU 474 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824
Kalamazoo County 4-H Scrapbooking Fundraiser

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Leaders Council will be holding a scrapbooking fundraiser on September 17th, 2016. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help to offset the cost of educational programming, fall achievement program, scholarships and so much more!

Help is needed in the morning unloading vehicles, contact Susan Compton if you are able to help!

Donations for giveaways and silent auction are welcome!

For more information and to register please see the information below.

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 Scrapaloop 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.
St. Joseph County, MI
4-H Youth Council presents:

5K 4-H Run & Walk
&
½ mile Cloverbud* Run/Walk

* No charge for Cloverbuds (6 – 8 years old) to participate but registration is requested.

Saturday, July 9, 2016, 9:30 a.m. start
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Held in conjunction with the 4-H Fun Fair at the
Centreville Elementary School, 190 Hogan St., Centreville, MI 49032

Registration: $5.00

For more information contact Cody Baker at 269-760-9425.

Pre-registration is requested but not required; $15.00 family maximum.
Checks should be made payable to "St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council".
Please return completed registration form and $5.00 fee by Friday, July 1, 2016 to:

MSU Extension
5K Registrations
612 E. Main St.
Centreville, MI 49032

Name:

Street:

City & State:

Phone Number: __________________________ Age: __________________________

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Educational Opportunities

The date for the 2016 Visual Arts, Crafts, Clothing and Textile workshop at Kettunen Center has been set scheduled for October 29-30 at Kettunen Center. Updates and registration for the workshop will be available at:

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1.

SAVE THE DATE

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

October 29-30, 2016
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
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1
Contact your local MSU Extension office for questions

2016 National 4-H Congress

“Excite, Spark, Ignite” and participate in the 2016 National 4-H Congress November 25 to 29 in Atlanta, Georgia! Michigan 4-H youth ages 14-19 are invited to apply for this leadership, citizenship and community service event. In this capstone 4-H youth leadership event, 4-H youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities as well as local cultural tours and experiences. The event includes outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators. The exact cost will be determined based on the number of delegates and airfare, but will be around $1500. Fees include registration, hotel, airfare, and most meals. For more information, contact bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu. Be sure to check out the website at http://national4-hcongress.com

Delegate Identification

Congress is designed for youth aged 14 to 19. Typically, Michigan sends around 20 delegates. Youth are limited to attending the program once as the program is very similar year to year. There is no state or regional selection for trips to National 4-H Congress, however, many counties have a selection process. While the MSUE State 4-H Office coordinates the delegation, counties identify the delegates.
Educational Opportunities

2016 REGIONAL 4-H ROBOTICS CHALLENGE
SPACE EXPLORATION

Showcase your engineering skills at the regional 4-H Robotics Challenge with this year’s theme: Space Exploration! Teams will participate in a real time robotics design challenge—designing, building, and programming a robot in 2 hours to complete challenges. Challenge details are released at the event.

Who can participate?
Robotics teams with 3-5 members, ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2016 (with at least 1 member of the team being an enrolled 4-H member)

How do I register?
As a team, select which challenge and division you want to participate in. Then fill out the Team Roster form at https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/county-programs/robotics-challenge/ by July 1. Teams on the waiting list will be invited to take open slots beginning July 13. See the team packet for more details.

LEGO Mindstorms Challenge
Advanced and Intermediate divisions. Teams will be provided a robot kit and laptop to use during the event. Youth should have prior experience working with the EV3 or NXT robots. Maximum of 20 teams on a first come, first serve basis.

Junk Drawer Challenge
Teams will be provided with a drawer of common materials and challenged to use them in designing a robot capable of completing a simple task. No prior experience required. No limit to the number of registered teams.

SAVE THE DATE!
July 20, 2016
4 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Barry County Fairgrounds

Questions?
Kathy Pennington pennin25@anr.msu.edu 269-945-1388
Kristy Oosterhouse oosterh6@anr.msu.edu 517-543-2310

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4-H Teen Spokesperson Training

A Communications Workshop for 4-H members, teen leaders, ambassadors, and community issue advocates

2 Workshop Locations

Monday, July 18, 2016
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
219 S Harrison Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48824

Monday, August 22, 2016
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Bridge Vista Hotel & Conference Center
1027 S Huron St
Mackinaw City, MI 49701

Who: Michigan 4-H members (12-19 years old on January 1, 2016)

What: Communications workshop for 4-H members. Learn about a variety of communication tools and strategies for crafting an effective message to tell the “so what” of the 4-H message.

Why: Because Michigan 4-H members are doing amazing things and the world should know about it!!

How: Register online at: http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HTeenSpokesperson/
$15 registration fee; includes continental breakfast & lunch

Dining etiquette
Creating impactful messages
Preparing for an interview

» Dress attire for workshop: Business Casual
» Participants welcome to bring technology (phones, tablets, cameras, etc)
» Families are welcome to personally make overnight arrangements at either location. Kellogg Center is located on the MSU campus; Bridge Vista offers an indoor waterpark
» Questions: contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or 810-648-2515

Project funding provided by National 4-H Council grant:

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Federal student tax? No such thing.
Imposters posing as IRS agents are trying to trick college students into paying a “federal student tax” – a tax that doesn’t even exist.

If you get one of these calls, what do you do? Well, first, know this: No one from the IRS will ever ask you to wire money, or pay by sending iTunes gift cards or reloadable prepaid cards. That’s a scam, every time.

Student debt relief schemes targeted by FTC
The FTC recently announced lawsuits against two student loan debt relief schemes, and a settlement with a third. The companies promised to get people’s loans forgiven or significantly reduced, but after people paid, they didn’t get the promised relief.

To help borrowers looking for help with their student loan debt — and looking to avoid a scam — the FTC has new education materials to help borrowers:

- Student Loan Debt Relief explains how to spot a debt relief scheme, and what people struggling with student loans can do themselves.
- Maria and Rafael Learn the Signs of a Debt Relief Scam tells the story of a couple trying to repay debt they accumulated for their daughter’s college education. It’s the latest in a series of graphic novels to raise awareness about scams targeting Latino communities.
- This list shows every company and individual ever banned from providing debt relief and mortgage assistance relief services by an FTC order.
**Events Coming Soon or With Nearing Registration Deadlines**

**4-H Robotics Challenge**
If you love robotics or have county robotics teams, showcase your engineering skills in a two-hour, real-time robotics (LEGO advanced Mindstorms and Junk Drawer) design challenge. Teams will design, build and program a robot to complete challenges.

**Who:** 3- to 5-member robotics teams (aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2016). At least 1 team member must be an enrolled 4-H member.

**When and Where:** July 20, Barry County Fair, Barry Expo Center, Hastings

**Registration:** As a team, select the challenge and division you want to participate in. Complete and return the Team Roster Form ([http://bit.ly/1XZBZt9](http://bit.ly/1XZBZt9)) with the registration fee ($20 per team) to the Barry County MSU Extension Office ([http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/barry](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/barry)) by July 1.

**Sources of More Information**
- Challenge web site ([https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/county programs/robotics challenge](https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/county programs/robotics challenge))

**4-H Teen Spokesperson Training**
Tell the world about the amazing things Michigan 4-H members are doing! Workshop includes: social media, creating dynamic messages about 4-H, planning for an interview and practicing public speaking.

**Who:** Enrolled 12- to 19-year-old (as of January 1, 2016) 4-H members, and adults providing transportation

**When and Where:** July 18 (East Lansing) and August 22 (Mackinac City)

**Cost:** $15 per person

**Registration:** Online ([http://bit.ly/1WRz3Og](http://bit.ly/1WRz3Og)) by the deadline given on the web site.

**Sources of More Information**
- The training web site ([http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6DA24872D3A1572E](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6DA24872D3A1572E))

**Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament**
Sometimes referred to as the “4-H State Shoot,” this event allows Michigan 4-H shooting sports members the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition.

**Who:** 9- to 19-year-old, as of January 1, 2016, Michigan 4-H members, enrolled in a shooting sports group

**When and Where:** August 6, Centerline of Calhoun County, Bellevue

**Cost:** $30 per person

**Registration:** Online ([http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3214D0FE1A177D96](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3214D0FE1A177D96)) by July 13.

**Sources of More Information**
- Tournament web site ([http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4 h state shooting sports tournament](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4 h state shooting sports tournament))

**National 4-H Congress**
This five-day educational gathering includes workshops on topics such as leadership development, character education, workforce preparation, science and technology, and communication skills development.

**Who:** 4-H members aged 15 to 19.

**When and Where:** November 25- 29, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia

**Registration:** Counties identify their delegates. Interested 4-H members should contact 4-H staff in their local MSU Extension office ([http://bit.ly/lu09E3](http://bit.ly/lu09E3)).

**Cost:** The cost (including airfare, registration fee, lodging, a tour, baggage fees, snacks, most meals, two shirts and a photograph) is approximately $1,500 per person.

**Sources of More Information**
- The Congress Facebook page ([http://on.fb.me/1FGhdQH](http://on.fb.me/1FGhdQH))
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

July 18: 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training
http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HTeenSpokesperson
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing

July 22-24: 4-H Mentoring Weekend
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E68499A13D2C7CE3
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

July 14: State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
http://bit.ly/1qnHdvu
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

July 18-22: 4-H Dairy Days
http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/ANS_Youth_/DD_entry_information_16_CRX.pdf
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

July 20: 4-H Robotics Challenge
https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/county-programs/robotics-challenge
Barry County Fair, Barry Expo Center, Hastings

July 22: State 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

July 31-August 6: 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
http://bit.ly/1Xn5uTU
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

August 2-4: 4-H Health & Food Science Camp
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=DB6531563678F88A
Shaw Hall, Michigan State University

August 6: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3214D0FE1A77D96
Centerline of Calhoun County, Bellevue

August 13: State 4-H Dog Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_dog_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 19-21: State 4-H Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 27: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
South Barn, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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