The 2017 MSU Exploration Days registration is coming up soon. Youth won’t want to miss out on this exciting adventure for 11-19 year olds! The registration books will be available on February 20th and can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information. All of the forms that need to be completed are included in the registration booklet and can be brought to the early sign up on March 3rd starting at 6pm. Please remember to sign up early for the best opportunity to get the classes that interest you the most. Many classes fill up early so don’t delay! It’s going to be an exciting time for youth to attend classes at MSU, develop new friends and skills will have a great time with our county delegation! Youth will be able to enjoy the Detroit Circus at the Wharton Center, swimming in the Olympic size pool, MSU dairy ice cream and a variety of other activities while on campus.

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State Youth Leadership Council

Congratulations to Nate Thorn, member of the Richland 4-H club on being selected as a new member of the 2017 MI 4-H State Youth Leadership Council (SYLC). He is one of 13 new members of this group who represents MI 4-H’s youth leaders and is meant to help MI 4-H live the 4-H motto. You can learn more about SYLC on their website at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/sylc.
**4-H Project Leaders Needed**

MSU Extension 4-H youth development programs, throughout the state, are in need of 4-H project leaders to help youth grow and develop in a variety of life skills. These life skills can be anything from science, baking, car repair, animal care, financial literacy and so much more.

Take a look at these questions:

Do you have a couple of hours a month you could give to a small group of youth?

Are there children in your club or neighborhood who show an interest in learning about a subject that you know something about or are willing to learn about with the youth?

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of the next generation? Can you help a child to become successful, giving them the tools to become confident leaders in their homes, schools and communities?

Do you believe that volunteering helps to build a better community?

Did you participate in a youth organization where adults volunteers helped you to develop into a confident adult?

If the answer was yes to any of these questions we’re looking for YOU!

If you are interested in helping the next generation to “Make the best better” please contact the 4-H office at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu.

Some specific project leaders we are looking for currently are: culinary arts (food), needlecrafts (including sewing), arts and crafts (including drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, pottery, wood crafts, etc), vet science, entomology (study of bugs/beekeeping), sports and recreation, and so many more. If you have an idea for a project that you would like to teach and don’t see it listed above please contact the 4-H office, we would love to talk to you!

Remember part of our pledge is to use our “hands for larger service” - many times this is taught through the example of our volunteers to our youth through leading clubs and projects. What can you do to make a difference?
Youth Business Guide to Success

Are you involved in the 4-H market animal project area? Want to expand the market animal project area in your 4-H group to teach life skills around marketing, budgeting, communication, and entrepreneurship skills? If so, Michigan 4-H has a curriculum and training to support the work you do with youth! Through the Youth Business Guide to Success curriculum, youth will gain knowledge about marketing and advertising their products. Participants will also explore and practice production, management and distribution skills. In addition, it provides a venue to explore what it takes to be successful in business and view the world of animal science and agribusiness as a viable career option. Intended for 12-19 year olds, the Youth Business Guide to Success (YBGS) curriculum is very adaptable to 4-H and non-4-H audiences working with animals. We would like to offer a class in the spring of 2017. If you are interested please contact the 4-H office at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu.

Do you have a cat?

Are you thinking of getting one?
Do you simply love all things cat?

Come join the Kalamazoo County 4-H Cat Project, and learn more about our furry friends. Whether purebred, house cat, kitten, or senior, all cats are welcome at the cat project. We will be learning how to care for and handle our cat, what makes them sick and what makes them tick. We will also connect with other cat people in our community. Whether you wish to show your cat at the Kalamazoo County Fair, or simply learn new ways to make him purr, come to our next cat meeting on:

February 23 at 7:00 pm
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room B

Or you can contact the leader: Michelle Preston (269)345-7132 email: mdpreston1@sbcglobal.net

See you there!

4-H lessons from the eyes of a Kalamazoo County 4-H member:

1. Hard work pays off—when you work hard on your projects you learn how to work hard at a job.

2. The joy of sharing—seeing the generosity of others and the kindness of others that goes with it encourages me to do the same thing. Sharing is a part of the 4-H life.

3. Life is hard at times—life has it’s ups and downs. My leader left a footprint on my heart, teaching me to win with grace and humbleness and lose with dignity. She gave her best and expected the best from me.
Carcass Project News

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 27th. Plan to join us then!

Listed below is the meeting schedule for the rest of the year so you can plan ahead to attend your two required meetings at times convenient to you.

March 27, 2017
April 24, 2017
May 22, 2017
June 26, 2017
July 24, 2017

The Carcass Project meetings give 4-H members the opportunity to practice evaluation and reasoning, two skills they can use in many life situations—in and out of 4-H. Additionally, at the competition, members get to see the results of their animal-raising practices first-hand, just as packers and FDA inspectors would evaluate them.

If you have any questions, e-mail superintendents Cindy and Kevin Rose at kevintherose@aol.com.

Pinewood Derby Project

We are looking for boys and girls to join the 4-H derby. Through this project you will learn to build cars, help build the new track, meet new friends and all while building new friendships. Let’s see what you can do! For more information check out their Facebook page—https://www.facebook.com/groups/1593671537606209/members/, e-mail them at 4hderby@gmail.com. Or call Rob Holden at (269)599-8289 or Gary Hudson at (269)312-3980. No phone calls after 9pm please.
Support Your Champions!

Trophies that 4-H members receive at the fair are purchased by sponsors. This year we are in need of a number of new sponsors. Take a look at the list below and see if there is one or more award that you would be interested in purchasing as a sponsor.

**GOAT TROPHIES**
- Intermediate Showman: $35
- Grand Champion Pen of 2: $16
- Reserve Champion Pen of 2: $16
- Grand Champion Driving Goat: $16
- Reserve Champion Driving Goat: $16
- Grand Champion Dam & Daughter: $16
- Reserve Champion Dam & Daughter: $16
- Champion Meat Breed Market: $16
- Reserve Champion Meat Breed Market: $16
- Novice Showman: $35
- Reserve Champion Dairy Milker: $16
- Grand Champion Pack Goat: $16
- Reserve Champion Pack Goat: $16
- Reserve Champion Dairy Dry Doe: $16
- Grand Champion Wether: $16

**SWINE TROPHIES**
- 2nd Weight Class Gilt: $20

**SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES**
- We need 2: $35 each

**CARCASS TROPHIES**
- Junior Sheep Evaluation: $25
- Reserve Champion Beef Carcass: $35

**DAIRY TROPHIES**
- Intermediate Showman: $25

**POULTRY TROPHIES**
- 1st Place Breed Drake: $15

When you have decided which one(s) you would like to sponsor, contact Cindy Rose (Trophy Coordinator) at kevintherose@aol.com, or by phone or text at (269) 317-3462. Thank you very much for your consideration.

What do you like most about 4-H?

The best part about being in 4-H is that I love to help the younger girls in my group. It’s the best feeling being a leader, being looked up to and bringing things together to make us a team. I love kids and because they are always watching me I want to be a positive role model for them. I think that 4-H has made me a better person. It helps me focus on my future and to help others. I believe that all kids should have the opportunity to be in 4-H.

- Kalamazoo County 4-H member
Stryke Force Robotics Club

The Stryke Force team was super excited to see the epic new game for the 2017 season. This year's game, titled FIRST SteamWorks, centers around a Steampunk theme. To learn more about the game's rules and objective, check out the reveal video here.

And don't forget to come to our thrilling competitions:

- St Joe Competition- March 10th-11th
- Kentwood Competition- March 31st to April 1st
- States Competition (Location to be determined)- April 13-15th
- Worlds (St. Louis)- April 26-29

MSU Extension—International Exchange Program

We are now accepting application for families to host international exchange students for one month this summer 2017. We have 12 Korean delegates and 30 Japanese delegates looking forward to meeting your family.

HOSTING PERIOD 4 weeks: July 23 – Aug. 19, 2017

- Japanese & Korean delegates are ages 12-16 (most are 12-14) or adult chaperones
- Youth have limited English language skills, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively.

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- Japanese & Korean youth will be the same gender and within 3 years of age to your child.
- A chaperone can be hosted for two weeks by an individual or any type of family. Chaperones can be college interns or age 60+.
- No special activities needed. The youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family.
- Volunteer to participate. Previous 4-H involvement not required.

Delegates can attend summer camp (we cover cost) with your child.

Applications are found at http://www.states4hexchange.org
**2017 Poultry Deadlines**

**Turkey:**
Order—February 24  
Pick-up—March 28

**Market Geese:**
Order—March 31  
Pick-up—May 9

**Heavy Duck:**
Order—April 14  
Pick-up—May 23

**Roaster:**
Order—May 5  
Pick-up—May 30

**Market (Peking) Duck:**
Order—May 12  
Pick-up—June 13

**Broiler:**
Order—June 2  
Pick-up—June 27

**Cornish:**
Order—June 9  
Pick-up—July 6

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**Poultry Project News**

Potential Poultry Proceedings

1) March 6-ish—McMurray Hatchery chicks arrive—I'll call the families that ordered—get your brooders ready!

2) March 21st—Poultry Project Meeting 7pm

3) May 16th—Poultry Project meeting 7pm

4) May 20th—State 4H poultry show @ Eaton County Fairgrounds—watch for entry forms

5) July 18th—Poultry Project Meeting—Fit & Show—7pm/Pullorum testing-5pm

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In the meantime, some other potential poultry events that we may decide—

*Is anybody interested in ordering bantam chicks from McMurray Hatchery? They won't start shipping bantams until April, but if there are any special breeds that you would like, they need to be ordered ASAP. We need a 15 chick minimum for the total order. Look at the hatchery website and call Jackie at 629-9664.

*Is anybody interested in working on Chicken Agility for display at the fair—if so, we need to schedule some practice dates.

*Would anybody like to have a field trip to see Joe Koopsen's layer farm? He offered a tour in spring.

I'm sure that there will be other events to add to your calendar—i.e. market chick pick up dates—but this is a start.

Contact Jackie at 629-9664 or Ann at 685-2301 if you have questions.

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**Attention: All Youth Raising Market Animals for shows or the County Fair!**

Do you have market animals on your farm that you raise for the county fair or to show at exhibition? Is there medication mixed into the feed you give your animals?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) who oversees the use of animal medications has changed how you can buy various different medicated feed products. Some antibiotic medications, which are important to human medicine, are used for animal feed. After January 1, 2017, these medications will require a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) order to be used in a medicated feed, which you will have to get through a licensed veterinarian. If you would like to know more about the changes to these rules, please visit the resource page created by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development at [www.michigan.gov/vfd](http://www.michigan.gov/vfd) or contact your local MSU Extension office with questions.
**Feeder Calf Project News**

The feeder club had a great time on our trip in November to the National American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville KY. We saw a beef show, a draft horse show, and a rodeo, and we got to shop for show supplies in the biggest livestock marketplace around! Thank you to everyone that went on the trip – it was full of fun memories!

Please remember that 4-H Dairy Feeder Calves must be born between January 1 and February 28, Cloverbud calves can be born until March 31. A photograph of the member and calf with the RFID tag number and child’s name on the back must be sent to Sara by May 1 via Facebook or email.

We will have our next meeting at the end of March- we will have a speaker coming to talk about how to feed your calf - date is TBD- please stay tuned for an email/ note on Facebook for the exact date.

Save the date for the 2017 Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference! It will be at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI March 17-19th. MSU is still working out all the details and will post more information as soon. This is a fun camp to go to - it is geared toward dairy, but those in beef would find the camp informational.

Don't forget to look for the club page "Kalamazoo County 4H Feeder Calf Club" on Facebook at the following link [http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/264639983534/](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/264639983534/). Interesting information pertaining to calves as well as meeting dates are updated there.

If you have any questions, give Greg (269)506-0465 or Sara a call (269)720-7215.

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**Dairy Project News**

It will soon be time to get back into the swing of the dairy club and it is exciting to see new members have joined!

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Don't forget to look for the club page "Kalamazoo County 4H Dairy Club" on Facebook at the following link [http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/359337366181/](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/359337366181/). Interesting information pertaining to the Dairy industry as well as meeting dates are updated there. You have any questions please give Sara a call (269)720-7215.
**4-H Capitol Experience**

4-H Capitol Experience a conference held March 19-22, 2017 that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. Experience state government in action and learn how YOU can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other community experts to learn Michigan’s policy process and how various stakeholders have a voice in that process. Attendees will:

- Understand the responsibilities of a citizen
- Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities
- Explore various careers in public policy
- Write their own bill and participate in a mock process of that bill being made into law
- Have in-depth meetings with professional in (or involved with) state government

Registration closes on Feb. 10th, 2017 so don’t wait! [http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex/)

**Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp**

The Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is a five-day pre-college program held June 26-30, 2017 on the campus of Michigan State University (MSU). The camp is in partnership with the MI 4-H Youth Development, MSU Department of Animal Science, and MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Youth will explore fields relating to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities. Participants also gain animal handling experience while having the opportunity to visit and explore MSU farms and facilities. Throughout the week, youth work their way through a veterinary science case study as a team and create a presentation to be critiqued by veterinarians. This is a fun and interactive camp that will allow youth to conduct activities, ask questions and problem-solve. Additionally, this camp will help youth explore various animal related career fields while also reflecting on their experiences and community programs. Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is for youth ages 13 to 16 years of age (as of January 1, 2017). For more information and to download the application, visit [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp). Space is limited to 50 youth! Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications. Send your application to Julie Thelen at MSU Extension by April 3.

4-H Camp Kidwell

Are you looking for a fun activity for your children this summer? Are you a teen/young adult looking for a job for the summer? Check out the 4-H Camp Kidwell website at http://www.campkidwell.org/. The camp is located in Bloomingdale, MI ( Allegan County) and has a variety of activities for youth, ages 7-16, to enjoy this summer.

Highlighted Sessions include:
- Horse’n Around
- Thrills and Chills Ropes
- Ooey Gooey Science
- Wet and Wild
- Surf’n Safari
- So much more......

MSUE SCIENCE EVENTS

Robotics Workshop March 18-19—Kettunen Center, http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_workshop

MSU Science Festival, April 8—Campus, http://sciencefestival.msu.edu/

MSU Science Festival tours – April 15 (more info to come)

Teens as Teachers includes a Science Track – May 20-21 (more info to come)

4-H Science Expo – August 26 (more info to come)

Under water robotics

Some Famous 4-H Alumni

- Singer and actor, Roy Rogers
- Randy Owens—lead singer for the county group Alabama
- Herschel Walker—Professional football player and Heisman trophy winner
- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis—former 1st lady
- Faith Hill & Jennifer Nettle—country singers

One out of seven adult American’s is a former 4-H member.
Challenge U 4-H FunFest

Are you ready to accept the challenge? Youth and adults who attend Challenge U 4-H FunFest will spend 2 days learning about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state. Challenge U 4-H FunFest will challenge participants and chaperones in hands-on sessions that range from physical fitness, snack making, dancing, and more. For more information click on the following link: https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE

AgDiscovery 2017

Below is a link to a great summer program for high school students that are interested in agricultural careers. It is a 2-week residential program at 22 different universities and all expenses are covered except transportation to and from the sponsoring university. Please pass on this information to youth or their leaders which might be interested.

AgDiscovery is a unique opportunity for students to gain a first-hand look at the many career paths available in the agricultural sciences field! For more information on this summer program check out their website at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct_agdiscovery_program/lut/p/zl/04_iUIDg4tKPAFJAbpSA0fpReYllmemUJJZnSeYk5-hH6kVFm8Z5GRs6GhiaGPHyM5kYGjiGhAc4GYWbGzj7m-I5giQj9BPw64iA6oAqh1P6kUZFvs6-6fpRBYkI6gbQzWn5-hHJJfGJ6SmZxcn5ZaliFfrFRfnpRYm5-gXZUZEAmXMJ8g!!/. 

Minds Early Childhood/Cloverbud Science Lessons

Learning starts with our youngest of children. There are 16 Science activities for use with young children which includes 3 resources sheets.

Activities can be used with: 4-H clubs, Cloverbuds, Preschoolers and Afterschool programs

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/inquiring_minds_want_to_know_science_activities_for_young_minds

Training is available to use outside MSUE—Please contact Veronica Bolhuis at bolhuissv@anr.msu.edu if you or someone you know is interested in attending a training.
2017 Livestock and Veterinary Science Events...

4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

The 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop will be held February 17-18, 2017 at Kettunen Center. Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animal species while attending the workshop beginning with dinner Friday evening and ending Saturday afternoon. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their careers. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick, or injured animals. Meet other youth that have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of January 1, 2017) and older and is supported by Greenstone Farm Credit Services. Registration is now open and can be made by individuals, families, and county staff. Go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/ by February 5 to register.

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

The 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop will be held February 18-19, 2017 at Kettunen Center. This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health update, nutrition, management, selection, careers, budgeting and personal development. The workshop offers ways to enhance communication and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. The workshop begins with dinner Saturday evening and ends Sunday afternoon and is open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of January 1, 2017) and older. Support for the workshop is provided by Greenstone Farm Credit Services and the Michigan Pork Producers Association. Registration is now open and can be made by individuals, families, and county staff. Go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/ by February 5 to register.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 4: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischa@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

February 3-4: 4-H/MQHA Clinic Weekend
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living
http://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summit-series/#/healthy-living
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

February 18: Michigan 4-H Night With the Griffins
Contact Tarin Minkel (minkeltj@anr.msu.edu)
Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

March 25: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
Will You Put the “U” in the Challenge U 4-H FunFest?

The 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest is another special workshop for younger (aged 9 to 13) Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h)’ers. At this event, participants will:

- Spend two action-packed days – in sessions they choose, led by experts – learning the secrets of healthy living and food science. The hands-on sessions from which to choose will include:
  - What to eat and when to increase energy
  - Becoming a junior chef
  - Relaxation tips and tricks
  - Indoor and outdoor cooking
  - Healthy money habits
  - Food preservation
  - Dancing and more.

Through such 4-H projects, young people both enjoy hands-on activities and develop life skills (http://bit.ly/IPVDmlX). For example, by allowing 4-H’ers to choose the sessions in which they want to participate, they learn decision-making skills and independence. At the 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest, youth will also learn communication, cooperation and teamwork. All in all, participants learn to make “the best (themselves) better.”

- Enjoy some fun in the great outdoors
- Have an overnight workshop experience
- Meet other 4-H’ers from around the state

Who
Youth 9 to 13 years old as of January 1, 2017 and chaperones

When
March 11 to 12, 2017 (begins 9:30 to 10:30 Saturday morning and ends at 11:30 Sunday morning, before lunch)

Where
Kettunen Center (http://www.kettunencenter.org) in Tustin

How
The Challenge U 4-H FunFest schedule and registration is available on the web (http://bit.ly/2joxVkS). The registration fee ($70 for 4-H members and volunteers or $119 for non-4-H members and volunteers) includes overnight housing, meals and all session supplies.

If you need more details than are available on the registration site given above, you can obtain additional information from:
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Michelle Neff (by email at hydemich@msu.edu or by telephone at 989-539-7805)