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4-HOnline Update

4-HOnline is the new 4-H enrollment system that has been selected by Michigan 4-H for use in Michigan counties. We mailed all 4-H families a letter and instructions in mid-January on how to enroll in the new system. If you have not done so already, please go online and enter demographic data and projects that you will be working on this year. Included in this newsletter is another instruction sheet for you.

If you run into an issue when you are trying to enroll please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office at 989-317-4079. You may also stop by the office for assistance and use our computer to enroll yourself and/or your family.

If you have friends or family who are interested in joining 4-H, please have them contact our office as enrollment procedures have changed due to the new system. Thanks!

Dairy Feeder Weigh-In

Saturday, March 14, 2015
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Isabella County Fairgrounds

Animals cannot weigh over 250 lbs. and must be:
- One of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, or Jersey
- Castrated & Dehorned

Each member can either:
- Weigh in a maximum of two feeders or,
- Within immediate families of more than one exhibitor: each member may weigh in one feeder, and one “family alternate” can be weighed in for the family. Only one feeder per exhibitor can be brought to fair when a family alternate has been weighed in.

Shooting Sports Information Day

Saturday, March 7 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Isabella County Building, Room 320

The 4-H Shooting Sports Programming Committee will do an overview of the shooting sports program and answer any questions you may have about the project. Please RSVP to the Extension office by March 2 if you plan to attend.
**CLUB CORNER**

**Bowen Busy Bees** - In January, we volunteered at the Community Compassion Network Nutrition Club in Mt. Pleasant. We gathered at the site location and helped pack 700 meals for distribution at various local schools.

**Evergreen** - Dr. Pol came to our January meeting and spoke on animal health, how he got involved in veterinary medicine, and his show “The Incredible Dr. Pol”. The club had a lot of fun sledding at Deerfield County Park for a fun day in January. We also are having a Spaghetti Supper February 7th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Rosebush United Methodist Church, in support of fairground improvements. Tickets can be purchased at the door, from a club member or at the Extension office.

**Pine River** - At our last meeting we voted on making candles and another craft for our community family and friends dinner. We brought in items for a 2 1/2 year old boy who is battling cancer, we have made plans for this years community family and friends dinner and decided we are going to do a skit and then tell the guests about ourselves.

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**Scholarship Opportunity**

**Coming soon!** The Isabella County Royalty Program is more than just tiaras, fair week, parades and other social events. It is an opportunity for our young ladies and gentlemen to share their experiences, accomplishments and be a role model for others. One of the many rewards of the program is scholarship money to help fund a college education. If you are interested in the Royalty Program email Amy Vogel at isabellaroyalty@gmail.com and she will be happy to provide you with additional information as well as answer any questions you may have. (Applications will be available at a later date)

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**Broiler Chick Orders**

Time to order your broiler chicks! Orders need to be placed at the Extension office by April 29. Approximate cost per bird including shipping is $1.66 each if we are able to order 100 birds.

Call the Extension office for order forms. If you have any questions, call Darlene at 828-4618 or Wanda at 828-5833.

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**4-H Members**

Do you have an interest in Genealogy or Folklore projects? The local genealogical society has contacted us about presenting a class and providing leadership for 4-H members interested in this project area. Please contact the Extension office if you are interested.

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**Small Animal News**

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. All Small Animal Superintendents need to attend to help update any information for the 2015 Fair Book - also the Teen Superintendents are encouraged to attend. We’ll also talk about events that will happen this spring before Fair Week.

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**Fair Trophy Sponsors Needed**

There is a need for fair trophy sponsors for Champion & Reserve Leathercraft. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring, please contact Eva Loudenslager at loudenslagereva@yahoo.com.
Swine Project Members - 4-H PQA Plus Trainings

Isabella County Training
- **Wednesday, March 18** - at the Isabella County Building (room 320) from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. To register for this training, call the Extension Office at 317-4079.

Montcalm County Trainings
- **Wednesday, March 11** - at Tri-County Middle School in Howard City from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 21** - at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds (Ash Building) in Greenville from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

To register for these trainings, please register one week in advance to minkeltj@anr.msu.edu or by calling 989-831-7514.

All swine project members must be Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus certified in order to exhibit your animal at the 2015 Isabella County Fair. If you attended a meeting last year, check your completion certificate for your certification deadline date. If you cannot find your certificate, contact the Extension office. Required for exhibitors ages 8 - 19.

2015 4-H Exploration Days
June 24-26

4-H Exploration Days is an annual state youth conference held on the campus of MSU that is open to all youth ages 11-19. This event is meant to be a learning experience that will instill self-esteem, decision-making skills, independent thinking and leadership skills. The full time participant fee is $165 which includes meals, lodging, and a t-shirt. 4-H Council will pay half the fee for full time registration.

Registration begins on March 17 and sessions fill up very fast, so turn in your registration forms as soon as possible to the Extension office. We expect to have registration books by March 6.

For an online registration book or for more information check out the Exploration Days website at: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_exploration_days

Animal Science 2015 Calendar of Events

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For a complete schedule of events, visit: http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events
Educational Toolkits
Isabella County 4-H received Zoonotic Disease Educational Toolkits and bulletins for clubs and programming committees to use with 4-Hers. The kit contains three Animal Science Anywhere lessons and the supplies for those lessons to help increase awareness and understanding of zoonotic diseases. This grant-funded resource is designed to help educate youth about concerns in both human and animal health.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/tips_and_tricks_for_utilizing_your_zoonotic_disease_educational_toolkit

We have enough kits and bulletins to distribute to each club. Please contact our office if you would like a kit for your club.

Outdoor Adventure Challenge
The Outdoor Adventure Challenge Winter Camping workshop is February 13-15 at Pigeon River State Forest near Vanderbilt. This workshop is a true adventure for those interested in the OAC program. Please contact our office if you are interested in this training. We can get you the registration information.

For more information on Outdoor Adventure Challenge program follow the link below.
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/environmental_outdoor_education/outdoor_adventure_challenge

Beekeeping Essay
What’s the buzz? Must be time for the beekeeping essay contest! Even though the Michigan bees are dormant this time of year doesn’t mean 4-H youth can’t get involved with beekeeping. Youth can improve their history, knowledge, writing and research skills and win a cash prize by entering the 2015 4-H beekeeping essay contest.

This year’s essay topic is “Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up”. The top three winners nationally will receive cash prizes of $750, $500 and $250. One Michigan winner will be selected to represent our state at the national level.

All entries should be submitted tobaumga75@anr.msu.edu by February 15, 2015.

The essay length should be 750 to 1000 words and will be judged on the scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness and logic development of the topic. Youth are encouraged to research the topic using a number of sources. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are welcomed, but should be cited.

Contact the Extension office if you would like more information.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities
The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation offers several competitive scholarships in which the criteria includes participation in a youth organization such as 4-H. The two outlined on page 5 are the Nolan D. Stilgenbauer Agricultural Scholarship (for Shepherd High School graduating seniors) and the Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship (any Isabella County High School graduating senior).

Contact Jessicca Sommer at the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation for more information - (989) 773-7322.
**Nolan D. Stilgenbauer Agricultural Scholarship Fund**
Nolan Stilgenbauer established the Nolan D. Stilgenbauer Agricultural Scholarship Fund in 2007 to provide scholarships to graduates of Shepherd High School who are pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. Farming has always been a family affair. Stilgenbauer's great-grandparents, Henry and Laura Stilgenbauer, came to Shepherd from Wilmont, Ohio in 1887. Henry cleared forty acres just south of the Merillat School. He was a carpenter and built houses and barns in the Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd area. Nolan was born in 1933 to Royal (Pud) and Shirley, on the Ed Graichen farm on Millbrook Rd. (Grandparents, Glen and Nina Stilgenbauer, farmed there for 28 Years.) He attended Merillat School thru the eighth grade. Nolan enjoys everything about farm life. He's collected more than 240 John Deere tractor models and 160 farm show pieces. "I enjoy looking at them," he said. "Some of them date back to the 1930s." Stilgenbauer went to work at Dow Chemical in 1951, but continued to help his dad and granddad on the farms. He served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in construction for the U.S. Air Force in Alaska in 1954 and was discharged in 1955. He retired from Dow in 1988.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:
- Applicant shall be a graduating senior or former graduate from Shepherd High School;
- Applicant shall be planning a career in the field of Agriculture;
- Applicant shall have demonstrated academic ability with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average;
- Applicant shall be attending or planning to attend an accredited college, university, or trade school;
- Applicant shall have been active in a youth organization (i.e. 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Group, FFA).

Preferences:
- Financial need shall be a factor as expressed in the applicant's written essay.
- The desire to establish a career in the field of agriculture as expressed in the applicant’s written essay.
- Enjoy and actively participate in the outdoor sports of hunting and/or fishing.

2015 Scholarship Awards: 2 - $1,500
Application Deadline: March 6, 2015
Online application system available at [www.mpacf.org](http://www.mpacf.org).

**Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship Fund**
The Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship has been established to honor a man who lovingly devoted his entire life to his faith, family, community and farming. At age 15, Paul left high school to help sustain his parent's farm while his older brothers served in WWII. Paul never looked back. In 1955, Paul and his young bride, Eleanor, purchased their very own farm in Leaton, Michigan. Together, they built a successful dairy farm operation while raising eleven (yes, 11) children. While farming consumed the vast majority of his time, he always remained a loving, caring and patient husband, father, grandpa, uncle, brother and leader in both his church and community. Paul actively used his farm to share the many life lessons that farming provides, not only for his own children but for countless nieces, nephews, neighbors and often those in need... for Paul was always reaching out to others. Paul fully understood that reaching out to others was what was most important in life and that his farm was simply the tool that allowed him to do so, to so many. Therefore, the family has established this scholarship, not just to honor Paul, but to carry forward his wonderful legacy of giving back through farming. While we recognize this will be but one small part of the recipient's education and development, we hope that each recipient will embrace Paul's giving spirit as they embark on a successful and rewarding career in agriculture.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:
- Must be a graduating senior from an Isabella County high school.
- Must be planning a career in the field of agriculture.
- Must have demonstrated academic ability with a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average.
- Must have been active in a youth organization (e.g. 4H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Group, FFA)

Preferences:
In considering eligible applicants, reviewers should give preference to students whose career plans, past accomplishments and background best address the following:
- The desire to establish a career in the field of Production Agriculture as expressed in the applicant’s written essay.
- A farm background as described in the applicant’s written essay.
- Financial need as expressed in the applicant’s written essay.
- Volunteer & community service as detailed on the scholarship application.

2015 Scholarship Award: $750
Application Deadline: March 6, 2015
Online application system available at [www.mpacf.org](http://www.mpacf.org).
Youth Treasurers Gain Priceless Skills

Many of the Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles are put into action when a teen serves as the youth treasurer of a 4-H club or group.

Posted on December 18, 2014 by Barbara Duvall, Michigan State University Extension

Michigan 4-H Youth Development encourages all 4-H clubs to be youth-driven. Putting the leadership for the club in the hands of the members is a valuable hands-on learning experience. According to Michigan State University Extension, serving as the treasurer of the club or group is a key role a young person can fulfill.

Seven overarching 4-H Guiding Principles provide the framework for the way Michigan 4-H clubs and groups operate. When put into practice related to the treasurer’s role, the Guiding Principles may be expressed in these ways:

1. The 4-H officers and adult leaders experience the value of shared leadership. Prior to the full membership meeting, the youth treasurer, other youth officers and adults discuss the financial matters of the club.
2. Through frequent contact, an adult mentors the 4-H treasurer in his/her financial responsibilities.
3. At club meetings the youth treasurer is the spokesperson; the leader provides behind-the-scenes “shadow” leadership.
4. All the members of the club establish financial goals and make financial decisions together. Adult leaders provide guidance remembering that youth learn best from the mistakes as well as the decisions they themselves make.
5. By fulfilling the role of treasurer, the member practices key life skills including timeliness, accountability, record keeping and integrity. The member also learns basic financial management skills like developing a budget, handling cash, preparing bank deposits, writing checks, recording transactions, reconciling bank statements, and preparing monthly and annual financial reports. The treasurer may also learn advanced financial skills including fundraising, sales tax, the review process for financial records, and IRS reporting among others.
6. The practical financial skills the member develops are a valuable asset to his/her future success. They may even lead that member to pursue further education to prepare for a career in the financial world.
7. Ultimately, through the 4-H experience, a 4-H club treasurer has the opportunity to learn skills and develop a positive perspective that prepares him/her for taking on the responsibilities of adulthood. The member also understands the important role they can play to contribute to the well-being of the community and world.

For more information on youth money management topics, check out the 4-H Youth Development website, contact your local MSU Extension office or go to eXtension’s personal finance page.
Do you have goals for the New Year?

4-H members, parents and leaders statewide are starting new projects and learning a great deal in the process. What goals have you set for your club or with your club members? Now is the time to begin brainstorming, planning and organizing your efforts so you can find success. When we set goals, it is helpful to make them smart goals. Goals should be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. When we have goals and take the time to think them through, we will see clear action steps we need to follow to accomplish what we set out to do. Set your goals today so you can enjoy a future filled with success!

**4-H Workshops**

**March 9:** Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop  
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)  
Grand Traverse County Civic Center, Traverse City

**March 10:** Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop  
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)  
Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, Augusta

**March 11:** Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop  
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)  
Tollgate Education Conference Center, Novi

**March 12:** Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop  
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)  
Saginaw County MSU Extension Office, Saginaw

**March 13:** Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop  
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)  
Industrial Arts Institute, Onaway

**March 16:** Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop  
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)  
Luce County MSU Extension Office, Newberry

**March 23:** Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop  
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)  
Moosewood Nature Center, Marquette

**March 30:** Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop  
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)  
Lindquist Center, Gogebic Community College, Ironwood

**Other 4-H Events**

**March 6-24:** Michigan Envirothon Regional Competitions  
[http://conta.cc/1AVTkY5](http://conta.cc/1AVTkY5)  
Statewide

**March 7:** Spring Galaxy Meeting: 4-H Horse Program Committee  
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

**March 13-15:** Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference  
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference2](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference2)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**March 22-25:** 4-H Capitol Experience  
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience)  
Lansing

**March 29:** 4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show  
Contact Karen Waite (kwaite@msu.edu)  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For an up-to-date events listing, go to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events)
2015 4-H Exploration Days – Explore the Possibilities

Each year, about 2,500 youth and chaperones from across Michigan attend this fun MSU precollege program. Designed for 11- to 19-year-old young people, 4-H Exploration Days includes:

- More than 200 session choices held on and off campus. Participants choose one or two for their three-day stay. Sessions include everything from animal and veterinary science to visual arts and crafts, from business and entrepreneurship to shooting sports and everything in between such as food, nutrition and fitness, international languages and cultures and money management.
- Living in a Michigan State University dorm and eating in the cafeteria, just like MSU students do.
- Sessions taught by people who know their stuff, including MSU faculty members, 4-H volunteers and staff members, and other experts.
- Fun activities such as swimming, skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball, even a great dance Thursday night.

Who: Participants must be age 11 by January 1. Session age requirements are also based on age as of January 1.

When: June 24 to 26, 2015

Where: Michigan State University campus (http://maps.msu.edu), East Lansing

Cost: The 2015 cost (that includes meals, a shared dorm room, sessions and a t-shirt) is $165 per young person (and an additional $10 4-H participation fee for youth not yet enrolled in 4-H). You may wish to check with your county MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available. Volunteer instructors, session helpers and county conference assistants (CCAs) attend the event at no cost. County-based MSU Extension staff who serve as session instructors or CCAs receive full scholarships and county staff who serve as session helpers receive $80 scholarships.

Registration: Registration will open March 17. Registration deadlines (usually the end of April) vary by county. So check with your county MSU Extension office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/community). Don’t wait until the deadline because popular sessions fill up fast! All participants must submit their forms and payments to the county MSU Extension office (forms are at the back of the registration book). County 4-H staff process registrations and payments with the State MSU Extension 4-H office. County 4-H staff manage the recruitment, chaperone and orientation process.

More Information: Some of the ways to find out more about 4-H Exploration Days are:

- The 4-H Exploration Days website (http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days)
- The event’s video and podcast previews (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIFDetehGEA)
- The 4-H staff in your county MSU Extension office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/community)
- Laura Potter (potterl@msu.edu) for general information about 4-H Exploration Days

Volunteer: Your heart will thank you!

Volunteering in your community can bring many benefits including greater life satisfaction, increased physical well-being and larger social networks.

According to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service, (http://1.usa.gov/1yFRoPd) volunteering can make your heart happy and healthy. In the study, this was particularly true for older adults who volunteered for 40 or more hours in a year.

So, just imagine the long-term benefits of volunteering; not only will improve your community but you may increase your mental and physical health in the process.
Calling all TEENS

Looking for youth who want to be involved in a short 3 month project related to Food and Photography!

Do you like to take pictures or are you interested in photography? 

Would you like to make a difference in your community? 

Have you ever wondered about the food we eat and where it comes from?

Join us to find out more...

When: Monday, February 23rd, 2015
Time: 6:30 pm
Where: CRDL - Veterans Memorial Library
        301 S. University
        Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Please contact Michelle Neff, your local MSU Extension 4-H Educator, via e-mail at hydemich@msu.edu or phone at (989) 539-7805 with questions.
Evergreen 4-H Club
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sat. Feb. 7th, 2015
Serving 4:30 – 7 p.m.
Rosebush United Methodist Church
3805 School Rd., Rosebush

Adults: $8
Children (6-12): $5
5 & under free
Maximum $25 per family

Enjoy an evening of warm hospitality while supporting Evergreen 4H Club in raising funds to help offset costs of making improvements to the fairground buildings, providing Thanksgiving Dinner to Rosebush Manor residents and their families, and other community oriented events.

Menu
- Spaghetti - both meat & meatless sauce
- Salad
- Garlic bread
- Cake
- Coffee, lemonade, water
All you can eat!

Tickets available from Evergreen 4H members, Isabella County Extension Office or by calling 989-560-6185.
Tickets also available at the door.
STATE 4-H GOAT EXPO

Contests:
- Quiz Bowl
- Breed Judging
- Skill-a-thon
- Illustrated talk
- Problem Solving
- Creative Writing
- Educational Posters
- Cookery & Foods
- Arts & Crafts

NOTE:
Please check with your county for county due dates. Entries due to MSU by April 10, 2015

Cost:
$5 per participant, $3 per contest

Age Requirements:
All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2015.

Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...
For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie VanderKolk at (517) 432-5270.
Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

April 25, 2015
Michigan State University, Anthony Hall
East Lansing, MI

The Michigan 4-H Goat Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

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Winter Wildlife Walk

Join Michael LeValley, Education Coordinator from the Isabella Conservation District, for a Hike in the beautiful woods of Deerfield Nature Park!

Location
Deerfield Nature Park
Meet at Fussman Pavilion

Date/Time
Saturday, February 21st
9 a.m.

Cost
This Event is FREE!! No Vehicle Permit Required.

Join Us!
Winter is a great time to get out and explore the traces that animals leave behind. We will be looking for animal signs and investigating what animals are doing while we are bundled up inside this time of year!

Equipment
Wear Hiking boots. Or if you’d like bring your snowshoes!

Additional Info:
This hike is for families!
Dress Warm!

Pre-register by noon Friday, February 20, 2015
parks@isabellacounty.org www.isabellacounty.org/dept/parks

989.317.4083
4-H Renewable Energy Camp
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Explore how Michigan’s abundant natural resources, growing agriculture industry and emerging technologies are changing the face of energy and what it means to your family, Michigan and the world.

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

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

July 6–10, 2015
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

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

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

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

LOW COST!
The cost to attend this five-day camp is just $190 ($200 for youth who are not 4-H members) and includes all meals, transportation to field trips, lodging and materials.
4-H Online Family Guide

Looking to enroll in Michigan 4-H? Your county Michigan State University (MSU) Extension office staff can help you find a club, get the forms you need and begin the enrollment process.

ENROLLING IN 4-H ONLINE AS A NEW FAMILY

To enroll in Michigan 4-H Online, you need a computer, internet access, a valid e-mail address and a web browser. Although 4-H Online will work in Internet Explorer, Chrome or a Macintosh browser, some aspects work better with Mozilla FireFox or Google Chrome. If you need assistance accessing the internet, please contact your county MSU Extension office.

To begin, go to https://rmi.4honline.com/ (notice there is no "www" in the address).

1. Click "I need to set up a profile." Select the county in which you want to join 4-H and then type in your valid family email address.

   NOTE: Email addresses must be valid in order for you to have access to your enrollment information. The email address will serve as your account login as well as how you receive information.

2. Confirm your e-mail address.

3. Type in the last name of the household/parent/guardian. This will be the name that appears on mailing labels, i.e. “The Johnson Family.”

4. Create your password. It must be a minimum of eight characters and include at least one letter and one number/symbol.

5. Select Family as your role.

6. Click on ‘Create Login.’

To move between boxes, you need to use your mouse or the TAB key. Don’t press the ENTER key or click on the BACK ARROW as you will lose any information that you have entered.
FAMILY INFORMATION PAGE
The next screen that will appear is the Family Information page. Information entered on this page is applicable to all 4-H youth and/or adults in your family. Information about individual family members will be added in the next steps.

1. Fill in all the blank fields in the Profile Information section: mailing address, phone and correspondence preference. Do not check the “update member records” box at this time.

   NOTE: You do not need to enter or change your password at this time (unless you want to).

2. Click on the “Continue” button at the bottom of the page.

ADDING YOUTH FAMILY MEMBERS (4-H MEMBERS)
You are now at the Member List page. This is where you can add any and all youth in your household that need to enroll in 4-H.

1. In the drop down box under Add a New Family Member, select Youth and click on “Add Member” to access the Youth Personal Information screen.

2. On the Youth Personal Information screen, complete empty fields.

   NOTE: Only fields with bold text or a red * are required fields, all others are optional.

3. Some fields will be pre-filled with corresponding family data, however if any of the member’s data is different from the family data (i.e. email address, last name, etc.), simply enter the correct information in that field.
4. If there are parents/guardians that do not live in the same household as the youth, you may enter their mailing information under **Secondary Household**.

5. **Emergency Contact** information should be someone OTHER than a parent, if possible. Parents are always contacted first but in the case the parent(s) are not available, it is useful to have another contact listed.

6. Click on the “Continue” button at the bottom.

**NOTE:** These snapshots are a complete picture of the **Youth Personal Information** screen you will see once you click on “Add Member.”
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
You are now on the Additional Information screen associated with Youth Personal Information. Please fill out all authorizations and information on this screen, as well as the Health Form page. Required fields must be completed before you can go on to the next page or submit your enrollment.

1. Review each authorization statement and check the agreement check box under each one. The only authorization that is not required is the media release; all others are required.
2. Digital Signatures require both parent/guardian and youth names. Both fields must be filled in before you can click “Continue.”
3. By logging on with your user ID and password, you are indicating that you are the correct person to agree to the terms.
4. When the statements have been agreed to and information reviewed, click “Continue.”

PARTICIPATION (Clubs/Projects/Groups) INFORMATION
The final portion of the youth enrollment process. This is where you’ll enter the youth’s Participation Information as it relates to their clubs, projects and groups.

1. Select the correct club from the drop down menu and click on it.
2. Be sure to click “Add Club.” This is important, as the member is not enrolled in the club until “Add Club” is clicked. To ensure you have completed this step, verify the club appears in the Club List section.
3. If your child is a member of more than one club, add the next club in the same way. Make sure the primary club has the green dot next to it.
4. Click the “Continue” button.

This will automatically advance you to the Projects tab.
PARTICIPATION (Clubs/Projects/Groups) INFORMATION CONTINUED

On the Projects tab:

1. Under Select a Project, click on the drop down menu and select the first project for this youth member.

   NOTE: First year members should select “1” for Years in Project. For returning members, the years will be automatically updated.

2. Click on “Add Project.” Like in the Clubs section, it is critical to click the “Add Project” button and look for it to appear in the Project List section.

3. Repeat the steps above for each additional project that you want to add.

COMPLETING YOUTH ENROLLMENT

Once you have entered all your project(s), you must click on “Submit Enrollment.” NOTE: Do not click “Continue” to go on to the Groups tab. This will submit this member’s enrollment for staff review and confirmation. Repeat the process for each additional youth members in the family. For each enrollment submitted, an email confirmation will be sent to the family email address.

ADDING NEW ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS

Unless parents/guardians are also a 4-H volunteer, these individuals will not make a profile for themselves in the 4-H Online system. However, their information will be kept in the Parent Info section of the family account.

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, the first step is to complete the volunteer screening process. Please call your local MSU Extension office for more information.

ADDING NEW 4-H VOLUNTEERS

Michigan 4-H depends on the caring adult volunteers who are willing to offer their time and talents to make a difference. If you have already completed the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) and are serving as a screened adult 4-H volunteer - thank you! You may enroll yourself in the 4-H Online system by starting at the beginning of this document. Once you arrive at the Member List page, select “Add a new family member – adult” from the list of options. Continue throughout the remaining enrollment process, including forms and participation.

NOTE: If you are a 4-H volunteer who is also the parent of youth 4-H members, you may enroll yourself as an adult member under the same Family account.
SAVE THE DATES

Shooting Sports Information Day
March 7, 2015

Dairy Feeder Weigh-In
March 14, 2015

PQA Training
March 18, 2015

4-H Exploration Days
June 24-26, 2015

4-H Summer (overnight) Camp
July 7-8, 2015

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp
July 14-15, 2015

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 19 - 25, 2015

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

February
3    Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE    6:00 pm
3    Horse Leaders @ MSUE    7:00 pm
9    Livestock Producers @ MSUE    7:00 pm
16    OFFICED CLOSED
18    Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE    7:00 pm
19    Small Animal Association @ MSUE    7:00 pm
24    4-H Council @ MSUE    7:00 pm

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