Hello Lapeer County 4-H Family,

On behalf of the Lapeer County 4-H Office, we wish our 4-H’ers, leaders and families a wonderful holiday season! If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office. Happy Holidays,

Sincerely,

Kathy George
4-H Program Coordinator

Calendar of Events

(Lsmall meeting room=SMR; Lg. meeting room=LMR (Downstairs); Board Room=BR)
Livestock Committee (awards subcomm. @6:30) November 14, 7:30 LMR
Poultry Committee November 14, 6pm BR
Auction Committee November 16, 5:30 pm, BR
Horse Committee (Subcomm. @6-LMR) November 16, 7pm LMR
Dog Leaders November 21, 5:30 pm,
Open Office Hours for Year End Paperwork November 21, 10am-7pm
Council November 21, 7pm BR
Club/Committee Enrollment Deadline December 1
Year End Financials Due (Admin. Leaders Only) December 12
Goat Committee January 9, 6pm BR
State Awards/Mock Interviews Workshop January 10, 2017, 6pm
Interview Night January 24, 2017
Swine Committee February 13, 6:30pm LMR
Spring Achievement March 11, 2017
Celebrity/Spring Auction March 31 and April 1, 2017
(note earlier time)
2017 Michigan 4-H State Awards Program—(DUE February 1)

Have you been in 4-H for a while and would like to take it to the next level? Want something impressive on your college application(s)? Did you know state award delegates get usually 3 scholarships to cover the majority, if not all, of the cost for 4-H Exploration Days?

Michigan 4-H has great resources to assist you in progressing through your 4-H career and participating in the 4-H State Awards Program. Click here for complete details and to download the application.

Lapeer as well as some surrounding counties are hosting State Awards Preparation Workshops, including one online so you can attend right from the comfort of your home! They are open to 4-H members ages 13-19. - click here for complete listing and to pre-register. Workshops will include:

- Review application questions and procedures
- Opportunity to brainstorm, outline, and begin writing application responses
- Peer support to proofread and review progress
- Network with other 4-H members

Dec. 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This training is geared to volunteers, parents, or teens interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program. This training will give an overview of the State Award Program as well as go over the application and deadlines. It will also be a way for volunteers and members to ask questions and know what to expect throughout the process.

Online with Zoom Link https://msu.zoom.us/j/614924209 or 1 646 558 8656 phone number Meeting ID: 614 924 209

Jan. 10, 2017, 6 - 7 p.m. (overview only)
Lapeer County MSU Extension office
1800 Imlay City Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446

Speaking With Confidence: Go Ahead and Smile!

Smiling is a life skill that can be connected to confidence and success. Learn to speak with confidence by exploring the five S’s successful lawyers master – smiling is one of them! Great Article on Public Speaking Skills!

Posted on December 12, 2014 by Jodi Schulz, Michigan State University Extension

Summer Camp:

If your child (or someone you know) attended summer camp this past summer, you should have received a letter explaining it is time to enroll them in 4-H for the 2016-17 year along with instructions. The enrollment fee was part of their camp registration fee so you won’t need to pay twice if in another club. Please call the office if you have any questions pertaining to reenrollment.

Next camp counselor meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 28th from 6:30-7:30 pm. This is for all new and returning counselors. If you are thinking about becoming a counselor or have questions, this is the meeting to attend. All meetings will not be on a Monday; the decision to exact dates and times to be announced in December. Anyone 13 years and older may be a camp counselor, feel free to bring a friend.

Watch county Facebook and emails for specific details.

PEP:

We have someone going through the process to become a certified PEP instructor, and plans are to have volunteers and horses lined up for riding sessions in the spring of 2017. If 14 years and older and interested in volunteering yourself, yourself and/or your horse, please contact Jean at office. Meanwhile we will be doing some indoor project meetings and if able to help in that area as well, please let me know. Letters will soon be going out to past PEP participants as well as those in the 4-H Challenge Me program to survey what interests the youth have and how we can unite these two programs.

Watch county Facebook and emails for more information to come.
**World of 7 Billion Video Contest**

Back by popular demand, the *World of 7 Billion* student video contest can help you bring technology and creativity into your next 4-H project! The contest challenges students to create a short (60 seconds or less) video illustrating the connection between world population growth and one of three global challenges: climate change, ocean health, or rapid urbanization. Students can win up to $1,000, and their teachers will receive free curriculum resources. The contest deadline is **February 23, 2017**. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found at [https://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest/](https://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest/). For this year’s challenge, students will create a short video (up to 60 seconds) about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges—Climate Change, Ocean Health and Rapid Urbanization. All videos must include a) how population growth impacts the issue, and b) at least one idea for a sustainable solution.

World of 7 Billion: [www.Worldof7Billion.org](http://www.worldof7billion.org)  

**Plant Based Spa Products Workshop**  
**Saturday, November 19th, 9am-12pm**, Lapeer County MSU Extension Office (Lower Level Meeting Room)

Just in time to learn how to make your own natural spa treatments for holiday gifts or to pamper yourself! In this workshop (for youth ages 9-19) students will have fun making homemade spa treatments, including botanical body scrubs, facial treatments, bath fizzies and lip balm. These are great treats for yourself or for gifts! You will get to take home all the products for a day at your own spa.

Students will also learn how to make these products as an entrepreneurship, including topics such as pricing and packaging as well as some of the science behind the ingredients.

Class Fee: $15 (Payments can be made in person or by mail at the MSU Extension Office at 1800 Imlay City Road, Ste. 1, Lapeer) **Registration Deadline: November 14th by 5:00 pm.** If you would like to learn more about this workshop or would like to register, please contact Lapeer County MSU Extension office at 810-667-0343 or email patric76@msu.edu.

**Year End Paperwork — No need to come in...**

We will be holding one day in which to schedule your Year End Paperwork appointments if you would like to meet with us personally. **Monday, November 21st from 10am—7pm.** If you do not have questions regarding your year end paperwork, you may mail, fax, scan/email it in. We will contact you with questions after we review the paperwork, if necessary. All completed paperwork is due in by **Monday, December 12.**

*We still have a few clubs, who have NOT picked up their year end paperwork that was available at Leader Updates. You will need to pick them up and complete all forms by the deadline.*

**Auction News**

As auction preparation activities get in gear, please consider talking with the businesses that you frequently visit and talk with them about donating to the upcoming auction. The more time they have to think about what they want to give, the better. Also, if other organizations are collecting auction donations, asking earlier is better in most cases before businesses exhaust their donation budgets. Our auction is earlier this year, March 31 and April 1st, so that’s also worth mentioning. We are working in the office to prepare the packages for the clubs and revising/updating the mapping of businesses. This year, we will be inviting all leaders to an informational meeting and distributing the packets at that time. Date and time will be announced shortly. Also, if your club is looking for a fun, one-day fundraiser, consider the All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast held on Saturday, April 1st at the auction! It’s fun and a great entrepreneurship educational opportunity for your members! Complete the application (will be on website under “Lapeer County 4-H” page and then “4-H Spring Auction” next week) and submit to vanderf4@msu.edu.
STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

Classes:
- Rabbit and Cavy breed classes
- ONLY judging by
  ARBA Standards (Level 1 and meet)
- No showmanship classes
- offered.

Other events during the show:
- Breed ID
- Educational Posters and Displays
- Club Informational Booths
- Supply Vendors
- Scholarship Auction
- Child Clover Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship Award

January 28, 2017
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
On-site registration begins at 6:45 a.m.

Cost:
$15.00 per class—Pre-registration can be completed by visiting
http://events.msu.edu/4hkbitchow/

Who can participate:
- Open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-15 years of age (as of January 1, 2017)
- A non-competitive Greenleaf division for 7-9 year olds is also available.

Find out more...
- For more information and event catalog, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the website at http://events.msu.edu/4hkbitchow/

Tractor Safety

We are going to be offering a tractor safety class this winter. Upon successful completion you will be a certified tractor operator. Class size is limited so please sign up early.

When: December 3rd, December 10, January 7, 14, Driving Test February 4th
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Where: Tri-County Sandusky, MI
Cost: $25.00

If you would like to attend please contact (810) 648-2515 and register today. You must pay to reserve your spot. We are limited to 16 participants.

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Celebrating MSU Extension’s 4-H Youth at the Breslin Center
January 16, 2016

MSU Women’s Basketball Team vs. Iowa Lady Hawkeyes

When: January 16, 2016. Gate D will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at 3 p.m.
Game time is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Why to celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs?
- This year’s theme is “4-H Grows True Leaders”

Where 4-H youths and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

Costs: Tickets are FREE for the guests listed above.
Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: Toll for school buses, all other buses are $20. Cars are $5.
Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white or MSU Extension apparel.

Entrance:
- Hope 4-H clubs in the MSU pledge
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse
- Take photos with Sparty

Get in the game:
- Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:
www.msu.edu/extension/4-h/day-of-the-4-h
Contact your county MSU Extension office or email Gail Herbst at herbstga@msu.edu

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension
4-H Workshops

November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=F0D31B72D9982345
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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January 28-29: Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular
Contact Brian Wibby (wibby@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

November 5: Michigan 4-H Night (Detroit Pistons vs. Denver Nuggets)
https://palace.tfaforms.net/115
The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress
http://national4-hcongress.com
Atlanta, Georgia

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January 22: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Contact Jane Love (lovejan@msu.edu)
Jack Breslin Events Center, East Lansing

January 28: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
Have You Heard of the Michigan 4-H China Project?

In the 27 years since the Michigan 4-H China Project (http://bit.ly/2d0qaRM) began, it has impacted 350,000 plus young people. One of the secrets of its amazing success is that this Michigan 4-H (http://bit.ly/12NxjLN) global-education program, conducted in cooperation with the People’s Republic of China (http://bit.ly/1LdhT7g), uses the arts to achieve cross-cultural exchanges.

Through this project, participants:

- Realize the many similarities between their lives and youth their age halfway around the world;
- Develop awareness, understanding and appreciation of other cultures;
- Gain a sense of being part of one world, whether they live in Michigan or in Shandong Province (http://www.travelshandong.com);
- Have a significant learning experience that includes language, social studies, natural science and the arts;
- Receive in-depth information about a country that (1) has the world’s oldest (3,500-plus years) culture, one rich in the arts, science and philosophy, (2) is home to the world’s fastest-growing economy, (3) has a fifth of the world’s population and (4) is the world’s third largest country.

The Michigan 4-H China Project is comprised of the following:

Discover the Children of China Audiovisual Program (Ages: Kindergarten through 4th Grade)
This six-minute long audiovisual program, which contains a discussion guide, encourages children to think about the daily lives of children their own age who live in China. Visits to elementary classrooms, playgrounds and after-school art activities are included.

The Michigan 4-H Children’s Art Exchange (Ages: Kindergarten through 6th Grade)
In this popular program, Michigan youth create “visual letters” representing their story, life and reality to be sent to Chinese youth of the same age. The “letters” use young people’s creative skills and abilities while, simultaneously, reducing and often eliminating language barriers between the children. Usually in early May, a selection of Michigan artwork is sent to as a gift to the children of China.

Teaching Kits
Unique kits are available to facilitate teaching about China and making art. Each kit consists of nine or 10 original pictures by Chinese children, a study guide (http://bit.ly/2dhl3IC) and a description of the pictures in the kit. The description of the pictures in Kit A can be found here (http://bit.ly/2cpr0b8). Kits are available for year-round use.

Visual Letters – The Art of Michigan Children (Traveling Art Exhibit)
To view a selection of Michigan artwork from past 4-H Children’s Art Exchange traveling exhibits, click on the year found on the web (http://bit.ly/2d0qaRM). (Note: In Internet Explorer, Adobe PDF files will open in full-screen mode. To advance or go back, press the right and left arrow keys. Press escape to leave full-screen mode.)

Chinese Children’s Ribbon Dance Kit
This kit consists of 12 ribbon wands, dance instructions and an audiotape of music and dance. The dances are easy to learn and the ribbon sticks are also fun for children to use in creating their own dances.

Discover Chinese Dance Activity Kit (Ages: Kindergarten through 6th Grade)
The kit, filled with silk dance costumes, papier-mâché masks, rice straw hats, ribbon sticks and music for the Chinese Children’s Ribbon Dance, helps youth learn about Chinese classical and folk dance.

For more information about participating in the Michigan 4-H China Project, contact your local MSU Extension 4-H staff (http://bit.ly/lu0f9E3).

Coming Soon:
Michigan 4-H Scholarship Deadline!
The Michigan 4-H Scholarship application deadline will be here soon. November 1 is the due date. These scholarships provide a tremendous opportunity for 4-H youth to receive financial support toward their postsecondary education and the application forms are simple to complete!

For more information about 4-H scholarships and to access the applications, visit the Michigan 4-H Scholarships web page (http://bit.ly/2d7QfJ2).

Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarships
Award amount: Varies, two to four are given annually

Who can apply? Students who:
- Will be college freshmen in Fall 2017
- Have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and
- Have financial need.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships
Award amount: $2,500 per year for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given per year.

Who can apply? 4-H members who:
- Are high school seniors
- Apply to MSU
- Submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year
- Meet the University’s standard admissions requirements and
- Are accepted by MSU.