Announcements

TEENS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS!
The Teen Leader and Service Club needs help with 2 projects. At least 20 youth are needed on February 6 from 10am to 2 pm.

Fair Camping registration will open online on March 1 at 8 AM. See inside for more details.

There are many upcoming workshops and trainings, please take the time to promote them in your clubs. Most are open to teens and adults. They are sorted by project areas for easier browsing.

We will be holding a PQA Training in Montcalm County. The date, time and location are yet to be determined.

The primary election is coming soon, take the time to educate yourself and 4-H youth about the candidates and issues that are on the ballot. We have several educational events for youth who would like to learn more. Capitol Experience registration is still open!

Sincerely,
Chris Thompson
Montcalm County
4-H Program Coordinator

New Newsletter Format

The newsletter information is grouped by subject area now. The hope is that this will make it easier to find events you have an interest in without wading through every item in the list.
**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Capitol Experience March 20-23 apply by Feb 5

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 youth use their voices to collaborate on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on policy and community! This event fills up quickly so register online [http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex/) today!

**COLLEGE AND EDUCATION**

MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology

Founded in 1894, the Institute of Agricultural Technology delivers innovative, educational programs that develop career-ready graduates through intensive, practical learning and skill enhancement in agricultural, environmental, and applied technologies. Certificate programs vary from 18 to 24 months in length, are respected statewide and nationally, and several have international reputations. Classes are taught by faculty and staff in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, so students gain from the research and extension programs at MSU. 90% of our students have employment at the time of graduation and 65% go back to their home communities. [http://www.canr.msu.edu/institute_of_ag_tech/apply_to_iat](http://www.canr.msu.edu/institute_of_ag_tech/apply_to_iat)

MCC / MSU IAT Open house Feb 23 6:00 - 7:30

LEARN MORE ABOUT MCC’S AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS during an open house Feb. 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in rooms D303-305 in the Beatrice E. Doser Building on the college’s Sidney campus. There will be door prize drawings during the event. For more information, contact Agricultural Program Coordinator Merry Kim Meyers at [MerryKim.Meyers@montcalm.edu](mailto:MerryKim.Meyers@montcalm.edu) or (989) 328-2111, Ext. 398.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**February 6 from 10-2pm.** Teens needed for service projects! The Montcalm 4-H Teen Leader and Service Club is recruiting teens to help with 2 upcoming community service projects. The first, is a United Way Ionia/Montcalm project. UWIM is a longtime supporter of Montcalm 4-H programming. They are hosting a “Show Me the Money Day”. They need help with parking, setup and teardown, registrations, runners and food. We need 20 to 30 volunteers. Please contact the office and place your name on the list.

The second event is on **February 20-21.** The Winter Camp Committee is looking for teens to help with activities and help with the younger participants. They are also looking for 4 teens to host the “Frozen Party” Please contact the office if you would like to assist with this project.

**DAIRY**


**DOG**

Kent County 4-H Dog Project Round Robin Clinic. Featured Events: Agility, Showmanship, Rally

Saturday, February 20, 2016 10:00—2:00 p.m. Check-in 9:30—9:45 a.m.

The Well-Mannered Dog Center, 5949 Clay Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Pre-Registration by Feb. 12 : $8 for 4-H members/ $5 for spectators eating lunch

$10 on-site registration for youth & $7 spectators

Kristi (Bowers) Ayers, M.S., Kent County 4-H Program Coordinator, MSU Extension

775 Ball Avenue, Grand Rapids, 49503 Office: (616) 632-7888

Cell: (616) 450-1617

bowerskr@anr.msu.edu
Camping registrations will open on March 1 at 8 am. **Note: Price change, Electric and Water $150 / Rustic $90.** Parking passes will still be available at $15. Carnival passes will be available for the month of March to 4-Her’s only at $8.

**Market Shack**

Anyone interested in participating in the Market Shack, please contact Kennedy Cogswell at kennedy.cogswell@yahoo.com or 989-213-2211

**GARDENING**

Junior Master Gardener Training Feb 13-14, Feb 26 or March 4: The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network. JMG engages children in novel, “hands-on” group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HJRMG](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HJRMG)

**HORSE**

The Michigan 4-H Horse Teen and Adult Leaders' Conference scheduled for Feb. 26-28, 2016 at Kettunen Center is now open for registration. Registrations can now be made by individuals, families, and county staff.

[http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HHorseLeaders/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HHorseLeaders/) Register by Feb 15

**LIVESTOCK**

The **4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop** will be held **February 19-20, 2016** 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, 2016) 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 [http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience) to register.

The **4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop** will be held **February 20-21, 2016** 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, nutrition, management, evaluation, marketing and more. 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, 2016) 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 [http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience) to register.

The Michigan **4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp** is a five-day pre-college program held **June 27-July 1, 2016** 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, 2016). 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 60 youth! Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications. Send your application to Julie Thelen at MSU Extension by April 1.
LOCAL EVENTS
Winter Camp Feb 20 Watch your email for more details

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CHALLENGE
Winter Camping Workshop for 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge certification takes place February 12-14, 2016 at Pigeon River State Forest near Vanderbilt. Participants should come prepared to camp and enjoy the challenges and rewards of spending two nights in a beautiful winter area. Some equipment may be provided but prior contact needs to be made to insure proper preparation. Cost is $50 and should be sent along with the attached application to the address listed on the registration form.

ROBOTICS
Robotics Workshop March 12-13, Register by Feb 28 http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HRobotics16/

SHOOTING SPORTS
Regional Archery Training March 11-12, Requires completion of VSP before session.
Friday, March 11, 2016, 5-10pm and Saturday, March 12, 2016, 8am -10pm
LOCATION:
4-H Camp Kidwell ( Allegan County)
39000 1st Avenue
Bloomingdale MI 49026
For directions see website: www.campkidwell.org
FEE:$80.00 per person, includes training, materials, Friday night Lodging (in heated cabin) and dinner & snacks Friday, and Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks on Saturday.

STATE AWARDS
We are nearing the deadline for STATE 4-H AWARDS
Don’t forget State 4-H Awards Applications are due February 1 by midnight. Please take the time to make those last minute phone calls to encourage those youth who may need the encouragement or someone to proof their application.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/
program/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program
Members must submit their application and photo via email to State4HAWARDS@anr.msu.edu by February 1st. The sender will receive an email confirming that we have received the application.
What happens next?
4-H Program Coordinators and 4-H Leaders will receive a copy of the award application to review and approve. The applications then go out to selection committees for review and scoring. We will notify applicants of their status on or before March 13th. County staff will receive a list of the applicants from their county and their status by March 15th so they can properly register delegates when registration for 4-H Exploration Days opens.
Please be sure to send STATE AWARDS APPLICATIONS to the STATE AWARDS EMAIL at State4HAWARDS@anr.msu.edu

TEEN LEADER
The registration for the “Teens as Teachers” workshop to be held at Kettunen Center March 12-13 is now open. This workshop will be an expansion on the model used for the past 2 years for the 4-H Ag Innovators Experience project, where teens learn an activity and then teach their activity to a younger group of youth. Through the experience teens are able to build their leadership skills while providing an educational experience for other youth. This year, the training workshop will offer 2 track options—teen leader training for 4-H Ag Innovators Experience AND a track for teen leader training for financial education. Teens may only select 1 track. http://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenTeachers/
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

February 5-6: 4-H/MQHA Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 6-7, 2016: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

http://events.anr.msu.edu/DigitalTech2
Your computer

February 13-14: Junior Master Gardener Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HJRMG
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 19-20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1Ga1bOO
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 20-21: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1JS8BOv
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 26-28: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_adult_4_h_horse_leaders_conference
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 11-13: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/Michigan_4-H_Dairy_Conference
Beechpoint Christian Camp, Allegan

March 12-13: 4-H Robotics Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HRobotics16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

March 10: 4-Hairy Horse Benefit Show
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

March 19: 4-H Day at the Palace & Leadership Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_day_at_the_palace_and_leadership_workshop
The Palace of Auburn Hills, Michigan

March 20-23: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex
Lansing

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

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

Michigan 4-H Animal and Vet Science Camp is for youth who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science-related projects and activities. This five-day precollege program is offered in partnership with Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://4h.msue.msu.edu), Michigan State University (MSU) Department of Animal Science (http://www.ans.msu.edu) and MSU College of Veterinary Medicine (http://cvm.msu.edu).

At this fun and interactive camp, participants will:
- Engage in numerous hands-on learning activities, ask questions and problem solve.
- Gain animal-handling experience.
- Have the opportunity to visit and explore MSU farms and facilities.
- Work their way through a veterinary science case study as a team and create a presentation to be critiqued by veterinarians.
- Explore various animal-related career fields while reflecting on their experiences and community programs.

**Who:** Participants must be ages 13 to 16 as of January 1, 2016.

**When:** June 27 to July 1, 2016

**Where:** Michigan State University (http://maps.msu.edu)

**Application**

Young people interested in applying for this camp need to complete the 2016 Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp application packet (bit.ly/1SQvdBQ) and send it by April 1, 2016 to:

Julie Thelen
4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp
Anthony Hall 1287G
474 South Shaw Lane
East Lansing, MI 48824-1039

Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications. Space is limited.

**Cost**

The cost – which includes all meals, transportation to field trips, lodging and materials – is $350.

**More Information**

Additional information is available from:
- The camp web site (bit.ly/1mYPwQV)
- A promotional flyer (bit.ly/1mYPBnG)
- The camp handbook (bit.ly/1SkI7Zm)
- Julie Thelen (thelenju@anr.msu.edu), 4-H Livestock and Veterinary Science Educator

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**Poultry Enthusiasts Are Encouraged to Sign up for MSU Extension News**

Although the cancellation of poultry shows was recently lifted, another outbreak of avian influenza could lead to the ban’s reinstatement. MSU Extension encourages poultry enthusiasts to subscribe to the MSU Extension Poultry News digest to ensure you have the most up-to-date information on avian influenza and state poultry show activity.

MSU Extension News digests are electronic newsletters of recent articles and events published on the MSU Extension web site. They are available in a number of interest areas, including poultry and other 4-H topics. Generally delivered once a month, the newsletters are a key communication tool when emergent issues arise. Ensure you receive this information as soon as it is available by subscribing to the MSU Extension Poultry News digest. Simply text “MSUE” to 22828 or visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu and click on “Newsletter Sign-Up.”