4-H Focus for Wayne County
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4-H Leaders: Please copy for all 4-H families and/or distribute at your next meeting.

Dear 4-H Members, Parents, and Leaders,

December's arrived and it has surely brought the cold, snow and holiday cheer with it! As you and your families are busy getting ready to celebrate holidays and bring in the New Year, don’t forget to checkout & register for some of the upcoming fun filled 4-H events- like Winterfest and 4-H Day at the Breslin (see article and links below for more details.)

Club re-enrollment is still underway and the deadline has been extended. All club leaders please submit Club Authorization, Annual Financial Summary Reports and Volunteer Forms to our office no later than January 6th, 2014. If needed arrangements can be made to submit youth forms & participation fee reports after club meetings- please contact Milaina Macklin to do so prior to January 6th.

Remember for current and up to date information about Wayne County 4-H, visit us on Facebook at: MSUE 4-H Wayne County. Like us, and be entered in a drawing to win a free Wayne County 4-H T-shirt & bag!

Wishing you safe & happy holidays,

Wayne County 4-H Staff

Program Evaluation Notice
As a participant in the 4-H program your child may be asked to help with the evaluation of the program. Your child may be asked to complete a short survey about what he/she learned or did as a result of the program. Surveys could be given before the program begins and/or after the program has ended. Surveys take no more than 10 minutes to complete. All surveys are confidential. Youth are not required to participate in the evaluation. If you or your child does not wish to participate it will not affect involvement in any programs of Michigan State University.

If you do not want your child to participate in program evaluations or have questions about the evaluation, contact Laurie Rivetto at 734-729-3632 or rivettoL@msu.edu.

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Upcoming Events…

The Arrow and The Archer Workshop
Thursday, December 19 4pm-5:45

Phil Black will be facilitating the Arrow and The Archer Workshop for youth at Ludington Magnet Middle School.

For more information about this event please contact Myleena Reed
4hmentoringamericorp@gmail.com

Michigan 4-H Film Festival
December 19, 2013 - February 14, 2014: Online

Unlike many film festivals, the Michigan 4-H Film Festival will take place entirely online. All videos will be submitted to the Michigan Filmmaker YouTube channel. Participants are encouraged to share links to their videos to increase viewership and votes. Videos receiving the most “likes” on YouTube will receive the Social Media Award.

Participants will compete to win awards in their specific categories. A jury of Michigan State University Extension staff and volunteers will view and judge all videos. Individuals who have submitted videos will not be eligible to participate on the jury committee. If you submit your video as part of your participation in the Samsung Scholars program, it must be connected to STEM (science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics) content.

Submission deadline
All videos must be submitted to the Michigan Filmmaker YouTube channel by Feb. 14, 2014, at 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Late submissions will not be accepted.

For more information please visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_film_festival or contact Danielle Hampton-Abrams at 313-412-2616 Ext. 108 or hampto84@msu.edu
2014 State 4-H Rabbit Show
January 25, 2014, MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI 48910
This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and must own the rabbits or cavies (guinea pigs) they enter. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish; however, if breed show times conflict, another 4-H member must help show the entries. Exhibitors will be responsible for transporting their rabbits and cavies to and from the judging tables. Spectators are welcome!
The Gold Clover Showmanship contest will again be held in conjunction with the 2014 State 4-H Rabbit Show. The youth named overall champion rabbit showman and overall champion cavy showman at your local fair for 2013 is eligible to participate. Entry forms are found by following the above link. Entries must be postmarked no later than January 4, 2014 in order to be accepted. For more information please go to:
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

4-H Day at Breslin Lady Spartans vs. Purdue

Join us for the ninth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women’s basketball game. Lady Spartans will host Purdue Boilermakers at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, 2014. The event will be held at the Breslin Center on MSU’s campus. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff and their families. Contact your county 4-H office to obtain your free tickets.

For more information please visit:
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_breslin_lady_spartans_vs_purdue
Give Kids a Smile Day
Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 10-2pm
The American Dental Association launched the Give Kids a Smile program nationally in 2003 as a way for dentists across the country to join with others in their community to provide dental services to underserved children. The program initially began as a one-day event in February, but has since grown to local and national events year-round. Dentists and other team members volunteer their time, and services, to provide screenings, treatments and education to children throughout the United States. Each year, approximately 450,000 children benefit from more than 1,500 events, all because of the efforts of 40,000 or more annual volunteers. This year join 4-H in enhancing the oral health of large numbers of needy children in Metro Detroit.
For more information about how you can be involved with this event please contact Jessica Cotton: cottonj2@anr.msu.edu

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
Michigan 4-H youth will again have the opportunity to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland, from June 21st through June 28th, 2014. I have the privilege to coordinate the 2014 CWF program / trip, which is a state wide program and is open for Michigan youth age 15 to 19 (as of January 1st). CWF is an amazing experience for youth! It is a National 4-H program, so delegates have a chance to interact with youth from all over the nation while they are experientially learning leadership skills and exploring what citizenship means. As a Michigan delegation, we will also travel to Gettysburg, PA, to visit the National Civil War Museum and the Gettysburg battle fields, before we finish traveling to the National 4-H Center.
Deadlines are fast approaching and must be in by November 15th! For more details & registration please go to: http://www.4hcwf.org/
Upcoming Kettunen Center Workshops

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For more information on Kettunen Center workshops, check out: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule)
Interested in Animal Science events?

Go to:

4-H Volunteer Training

Online Volunteer Training:

Here in Wayne County, all new 4-H volunteers will be required to complete the four training modules before they are accepted as official 4-H leaders. New volunteers will receive instructions on using this tool when they submit a new volunteer application.

The Wayne 4-H Staff feels strongly that the content of these online modules is excellent, and we would like to have all of our current volunteer leaders complete the modules.

Please follow this link to complete the online volunteer training modules:
http://4h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/course.html

To use the online system, you will need a high speed internet connection for your computer, a tablet device or a smart phone. Even if you do not have these, you have several options. A friend or family member may let you use their computer, most libraries have computers available for use and the Wayne MSU Extension Office will also provide a computer for volunteers to use if they wish. For more information contact your MSUE Wayne County Program Coordinator.

MSU Extension 4-H Articles of the Month

MSUE continues to have a great selection of educational articles available at www.msue.msu.edu, for ONLY 4-H specific articles, http://4h.msue.msu.edu. Search for ANY topic at the top of the page and a great listing of articles arises.

Monthly 4-H recommendations:

Have your kids help you keep the family pets safe during the holidays

Plan a community service in the winter months

Family fun in the snow and with snow (part 1 snow science)

By Laws: The back bone of an organization (part 2)

Check them out! Short and informative reads!

What is YOUR favorite article?! Let us know!
Face to Face Volunteer Training:

The website for the 4-H Volunteer Trainings is always open! Check it out and register for the series today! The modules do not have to be taken in order but Module D cannot be taken without A and B. The trainings are FREE and very inspiring and beneficial to a volunteer in the organization, whether new or experienced! ALL WAYNE COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEERS SHOULD TAKE THIS TRAINING! (It is mandatory for new volunteers who have not been through any 4-H Volunteer Training.)

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Upcoming trainings will be posted as they are scheduled and will be located across Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County. Please check for any new dates and register for the training at: http://4hvolunteertraining.eventbrite.com

Wayne County 4-H Livestock Developmental

January 9, 7:00pm: Livestock Committee Meeting (Livestock meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month, unless otherwise noted)

January, 6:30pm: Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting @ the Wayne County Fairgrounds (Jr. Committee meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted)

For more information check out the new Wayne County 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee website at: http://waynecounty4hlivestock.weebly.com/

Wayne County 4-H Horse and Pony News

January 21, 7:00pm: WCHP Committee Meeting (WCHP meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month, except August and December.)

Important Upcoming Dates are available at the website at: http://www.waynecountyhorseandpony.com/

Wayne County Fairground News

More information can be found by contacting the Wayne County Fairgrounds at 734-697-7002 or visit: www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net
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