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**Are your members receiving the newsletter?**
If you know of any members who would like to receive the newsletter via email, please ask them to contact the MSU Extension office.

**Membership to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Youth Advisory Council on Fishing, Hunting, Trapping and Conservation January 18th**
What will it take to get new generations of potential hunters, anglers and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts excited about and invested in the future of Michigan’s natural resources? The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is going straight to the source – inviting young people between the ages of 14 and 18 who are passionate about the state’s great outdoors to apply for membership to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Youth Advisory Council on Fishing, Hunting, Trapping and Conservation. The council – referred to informally as the Youth Conservation Council – was created by NRC resolution earlier this year to provide a forum where a diverse group of conservation-minded youth can share ideas and opinions about the best ways to 1.) protect, promote and enhance the state’s outdoor recreation, and 2.) create new opportunities for consumptive (e.g., hunting, fishing, trapping) and non-consumptive (e.g., hiking, wildlife viewing, kayaking) uses of Michigan’s natural resources.

Members of the council will:
Take part in broad-ranging discussions about Michigan’s outdoors and the current and future recreation opportunities available statewide;
Make recommendations to both the NRC and the DNR about policy, program and legislative changes that members believe will boost young residents’ interest and involvement in the outdoors; and
Gain valuable leadership skills and public-service experience that will aid them in the future.

Members are expected to participate in at least four meetings each year. Two of them will be offered as weekend training sessions at a state facility; the other two will be shorter meetings with possible attendance through teleconferencing and/or Web-based applications.
Applications are available on the DNR website, along with a roster of frequently asked questions that offers more detail about the Youth Conservation Council. Visit www.michigan.gov/dnr, choose Education and Outreach, and then find the Youth Conservation Council information under Programs for Families and Individuals.

Completed applications must be postmarked by Jan. 18, 2013, and should be sent to:
ATTN: NRC Youth Conservation Council
P.O. Box 30028
Lansing, MI 48909

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**4-H Recreational Leadership Workshop 112**
March 1-3
Kettunen Center
This workshop is for 4-H adult leaders and teen leaders (13 years and older) interested in Recreational Leadership, infusing fun into their clubs, serving as camp counselors and who are willing to share the information and experiences gained at the conference with others in their counties. MSU Extension staff is also welcome.

The 4-H Recreational Leadership Workshop 112 is now open for registration. You can access the program announcement online at the new Michigan 4-H Event Registration System or on Michigan’s 4-H Youth Development webpage at either [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule) or the secured website at [https://enrollment.4-h.org/events/477/splash](https://enrollment.4-h.org/events/477/splash). Along with the Program Announcement, directions on how to register have also been uploaded.

**4-H Youth Development Day**
Spartan Women’s basketball game
March 3
Breslin Center

ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW FROM MSUE FOR THIS FREE EVENT!
You ALL are invited to attend the eighth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women’s basketball game at **2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2013**. Last year over 5,200 MSUE staff, 4-H volunteers, members and their families attended this exciting opportunity at the MSU Breslin Student Events Center. **Ticket Price: FREE for MSUE 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families!**

**Time:** Game starts at 2 p.m. The gates open at 12:30 p.m. for the general public however; Gate D will be open at 12 p.m. (noon) for our group. This is the only gate open this early and it is also the gate you need to enter if you are picking up tickets from the 4-H Registration Table. (Do not go to the Breslin Center “will call” entrance).

**Tickets:** Tickets will need to be picked up at the 4-H Registration table inside Gate D at the Breslin Center on game day. The last day to register online for tickets is February 22, 2013.

**Parking Information:** School buses are FREE; all other buses are $20 each. Cars are $5.

**Attire:** Participants are asked to wear green and white 4-H and/or Extension apparel if possible. We really want to make our presence in the Breslin Center known!

**Overnight stays:** For those who want to make a weekend of it, the following hotels are located on or near campus & convenient. The Web sites are listed below for your convenience, but you must call the hotel directly.

**Kellogg Center:** The Kellogg Center is located on the campus of MSU and is within walking distance from the Breslin Center. This very convenient location is an excellent way to experience the elegance of the Kellogg Center, the beauty of MSU’s campus and the excitement of joining other 4-H’ers as we cheer on the Spartan Women’s Basketball team. Overnight parking is free. For reservations call 800.875.5090 or 517-432-4000. <www.kelloggcenter.com>

**University Quality Inn:** The Quality Inn is located one mile from MSU and offers a complimentary hot breakfast and two beverage tickets per room. For reservations call 517-351-1440. <http://www.universityqualityinn.com>.
Breslin Center Rules, Regulations and Concession Costs:
No noise makers or items that obstruct the view of others, (i.e. foam hands, foam fingers, foam noodles, pennants, flags, banners or beach balls). Signs are restricted to no larger than a ½ sheet of poster board.

The Breslin Center does not allow food or beverages to be brought into the facility. The list below shows the cost of some of the food items available, to give you an idea on how to plan.
Popcorn $3.50; $4.50 Tub
Soda $4 (22 oz.); $4.50 (32 oz./souvenir cup); $6.50 (souvenir mug)
Pizza $4.50 (slice)
Pretzel $3.50
Hot dog $4
Carmel Corn $3.50
Ice Cream $4.50
Bottled beverages $3.50 (20 oz.)

We hope to see you at the Breslin Center on Sunday, March 3, 2013!

**Pork Quality Assurance Training - Livingston County**
**Thursday, March 21**
**6:30-8:30pm**
**LESA, 1429 W Grand River Ave, Howell**
PQA has been scheduled for Thursday, March 21st from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the LESA building. PQA certification is required to show and sell hogs at the Fair. It is the member’s responsibility to make sure their certification is up to date. Superintendents may request to see the exhibitor’s certification card(s). The Pork Quality Assurance Training is for all age groups on one day and time only. Beginners (ages 8-11) must recertify every year by attending a class. Intermediate (ages 12-14) and Advanced (ages 15-19) can choose to take a test. Passing the test certifies them for 3 years or until they reach the next age group, whichever is sooner. Please call the Extension office at 517-546-3950 to register by March 18th, 2013.

**4-H National Conference**
**April 6-11**
**Washington D.C.**
National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their
communities, their nation and their world. It provides an opportunity for 4-H members to: engage 4-H youth in personal development experiences that will increase knowledge, resources, and skills; discuss topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide; and empower and mobilize 4-H youth to create positive social change in their communities in a meaningful and genuine way. Objectives are to: Learn – Provide youth a broad-based learning experience in which they will acquire practical knowledge and skills to reinforce the attitudes and motivation that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect as active members of their communities, nation and world. Practice – Engage youth in hands-on educational activities in which they explore, practice and master existing and newly developed skills/knowledge in civic engagement, civic education and personal development. Apply – Facilitate direct opportunities for youth to apply what was learned in real world experiences in which they develop leadership skills using their voices, work, ideas and/or behavior to make a difference in their community, country and world.

Information regarding the 4-H National Conference will be on http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/ There you can find the schedule for the week and registration materials. Cost for Michigan participants is $1350.00. Contact the Extension office with your completed registration form and $500.00 deposit by January 31st

**Equine Educational Expo**
Previously the State 4-H Horse Jamboree

**April 19-20**

**MSU**
Looking for a great opportunity to introduce SCIENCE to your 4-H members? Here is your chance! Combine youth interest in horses with the importance of science literacy & life skill building, and you’ve got the 4-H Equine Educational Expo!

The registration information is now available for the 2013 4-H Equine Educational Expo (previously 4-H Horse Jamboree) on our website http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/youth_extension_programs

There have been many changes to the registration information and handbook so we ask that it’s read through carefully before sending entries in. **AGAIN THIS YEAR** The MI 4-H Equine Communications Contests will take place on Friday evening (registration @6:00pm) in Anthony Hall. **IMPORTANT** There will be
no Regional Horse Bowl Events in 2013. Novice divisions have been added to accommodate all interested participants.

Entry fees: $12.00 / participant / contest. (i.e., A team of 4 members = $48.00). Entries from individuals will not be accepted and will be returned to counties.

The **deadline for entries is Monday, April 1, 2013. Monday, March 25, 2013** is the recommended deadline for participants to have entries to county offices. Each county may send teams and/or individuals in each division listed on the entry forms. Please remember that entries must be by an authorizing County Extension staff person. Also, please see that participants and coaches have a copy of their entries and respective contest rules and regulations.

The complete 2013 Equine Educational Expo Handbook can be found at: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/horse_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/horse_programs)

Counties submitting entries to the 4-H Equine Educational Expo are responsible for furnishing older teens and/or adults to help with the contest(s) they have entered. Participants are welcome

**National Junior Suffolk Show**

**July 4-7**

**MSU Livestock Pavilion, East Lansing**

Breeding Sheep & Market Lamb Show, Leadership Contests, Fitting Contests and more. For more information contact: Deb & Randy Sanders 517 283-3061 or Rsanders@sandersinsuranceplace.com or [www.ujssa.org](http://www.ujssa.org)

**All-American Junior Sheep Show**

**July 5-7**

**MSU Livestock Pavilion**

The All-American Junior Sheep Show is to provide a weekend vacation for youngsters raising sheep and their families. Social activities as well as competitive events are planned. Emphasis is being placed on meeting other youngsters and learning the attributes of all breeds of sheep. Promotional contests are designed to assist youngsters in developing marketing skills necessary for the Sheep Industry of the future.

For more information contact: Judy Moore 517-626-6012, jmoore@2farmconnect.net or [www.allamericanjuniorshow.com](http://www.allamericanjuniorshow.com)
Meeting & Event Calendar Web Links

MSU Pavilion calendar  www.ans.msu.edu/ans/pavilion
Kettunen calendar  kettunencenter.org
LivingstonCounty4-HCalendar
http://co.livingston.mi.us/calendar/calendar.php?calendar=3