Big News! The Livingston County 4-H Age limit is now 19!

As many of you know 4-H Council voted to increase our 4-H age limit to 4-H age 19, so that we are in line with the State 4-H age limit. It was decided that the change will be EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. That means that all members age 4-H 19 may reenroll for this program year.

The one restriction will be to the beef project area. Since steers were tagged in January, members 4-H age 19 will not be able to bring steers to fair for this year only. For the few members that are both 4-H age 19 and want to show beef, we encourage them to participate in the feeder calf program this year. The committee also understands that some 4-H age 19 members have signed up to show beef in other counties. Please know you are welcome to sign up other 4-H projects here if you choose to reenroll and want to show our county.

Don’t forget to Reenroll!

We need all of our 4-H Members and Volunteers to reenroll in the new 4-H Online database. Many folks have already signed up, but we definitely have a few stragglers! If you missed one of our Q&A sessions at LESA and need help enrolling, or if you don’t have access to a computer, please contact the office.

To begin, go to https://mi.4honline.com/ and click on the 4-H Online Family Guide. The Family Guide will walk you through the enrollment process step-by-step.

As in the past, all participation fees collected during Reenrollment will need to be paid through your club. The Extension office will not approve any 4-H member until we have received the participation fee money from the clubs. No Volunteers will be approved until VSP has been completed.

Reenrollment Day, the Sequel! is on Monday, March 9th. That is the day that your club leaders will bring in all the participation fees collected, get the 2015 club volunteer and member list stamped, and pick up member cards if they ordered them.
At the 2015 Spring Achievement, the 4-Leaf Friends 4-H Club will be hosting a county-wide pillowcase making project. The pillowcases will be donated to C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital.

To make this project a success, we need your help: please attend Spring Achievement and help us make pillowcases. Bring Sewing Machines. The other supplies will be provided by 4-Leaf Friends club.

Who can make the pillowcases: All members over eight-years-old and leaders/parents. This project involves beginning sewing skills. Even if you are not participating in Spring Achievement, please come and join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Lexie Marsh at blueskieskm@netscape.net.

When: Friday, April 17, 2015 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Where: The Hartland Educational Support Service Center (the old Hartland High School)

Who can participate: Active members 5 to 19 years old
Looking for a 4-H Youth who needs a good horse

My daughter is expecting her second child and just does not have time for her horse anymore. Her heart’s desire is that she go to a youth who will love her as much as she has. She has been extensively trail ridden, and rides English or Western. She is incredibly fast and very smart.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact Julie at 517-202-0064 or by email at julieforce@ymail.com

2015 Livingston County
4-H Horse
Performance Levels

LEARN more about HORSES & demonstrate your knowledge. Open to ALL 4-H members in Livingston County (including cloverbuds) You do NOT need a horse to start Levels. Learning workshops will begin March 1st. For complete details, please visit:

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/livingston/livingston_county_4_h
Host for a month or less in Summer 2015

Japan middle-school youth: Host a youth (age 12-15) from Sat., July 25th to Sat., Aug. 22nd. Apply online by 5/1/15 at www.states4hexchange.org. Adult chaperones and college-interns can be hosted for 2 weeks (no sibling requirement). Earn $100 credit to your child’s 4H trip to Japan by hosting.

Belize high-school youth: The Belizean delegates are ages 14-18 (national language=English). They attend 4-H Exploration Days on June 24-26, 2015, and then go to their Michigan family.
HOST A JAPANESE YOUTH in Summer 2015 through States’ 4-H International

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!

Hosting Period: 4 weeks from late July to late August (summer 2015)

Youth Characteristics:
- 12-16 years old (most are 12-14) or adult chaperones
- Youth have limited English language skills, and host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

For more information, visit [http://www.states4Hexchange.org/](http://www.states4Hexchange.org/)

or contact your state coordinator: Brian Wibby, wibby@anr.msu.edu, #906-475-5731
www.4h.msue.edu/4h/international_exchange_programs
Host for Academic Year 2015-2016:

Welcome an international youth to your home as a son or daughter & experience the global connection!

Exchange students, ages 15-18, arrive August 2015 to join a family and attend a year of high school.

FLEX: Our delegates from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine are top finalists in the U.S. State Dept.’s competitive FLEX Program (Future Leaders Exchange).

LEX/LABO: Host a delegate from Japan or Korea and earn a $1000 credit toward your child’s 4H trip.
The Grand Equestrians Program is looking for Horses to Volunteer!

The ideal volunteer horse for our program is a calm horse that has been used in either a 4-H program or shown by younger children. The horse must stand quietly while being groomed, saddled, and mounted. The horse must have good ground manners and be comfortable with “side walkers” on both or either sides. The horse must not spook easily as our riders may run, yell, etc. The horse must be able to walk and trot while being led.

Please note, our program does not use bits. We simply attach reins to the halter. The horse must be trailered into our program 1 or 2 days per week and will be used for 3 hours each evening for 6 weeks (June-July). This is a wonderful opportunity to help children in need.

HORSES NEEDED!
The Grand Equestrians Program is looking for horses to volunteer!

If you think you have a horse that would be a good fit, please contact our Lead Instructor, Kelsey Dempsey, at 517-930-2120 (text/call)
The registration book and forms are now available on the web at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/registration_book.

Even if participants prefer to use the printed copies of the book, they can obtain additional registration forms from the web site so that multiple members can share one book.

Paper registration books will be distributed to counties during the 4-H Program Coordinator training at the Kettunen Center. That means Leslie and Sarah will have them back to the county office by no later than Monday, March 9th. Club Leaders may pick up books for their members at reenrollment day the sequel!

Registration opens March 17th at 9:00am. Sessions fill quickly and the office enters registration forms in the order they were received. The earlier you turn in your forms the better.
2015
OAKLAND COUNTY TACK SALE

Hosted by Oakland County 4-H Horse Council
Saturday, March 7, 2015
10am - 2pm

Name:_________________________ Business/Club:
Name:_____________________________
Address:______________________________________________
City_________________________State____Zip ______________
Phone:_______________Email:_____________________________

# 10 X 10 spaces _____X $35.00 = $________
# of 4-H spaces _____X $25.00 = $______
# table & chair sets (one set included with space rental)
_____X $10.00 = $________

Please make check payable to Oakland County 4-H Horse Council
and return by March 2nd with registration form to: Debbie Morgan,
Oakland County 4-H Youth Development, Building 26 East, 1200

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Fishing Instructor Workshop introduces adults & Older teens to “REEL FUN” at MSU

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Project F.I.S.H. invites educators and volunteers, even parents and grandparents, interested in teaching children how to fish and care for our water resources to a **Project F.I.S.H. Workshop, March 10 and 11, 2015** on the campus of Michigan State University during Agriculture and Natural Resources Week.

The workshop is designed to provide the participants with hands-on activities and lessons to get kids interested in fishing. You may even want to start a neighborhood family fishing club or after school program after attending this class. “Fishing and learning about the outdoors with kids is extremely rewarding, you can’t even imagine,” says Mark Stephens Project FISH Coordinator. “You just have to try it for yourself!”

Workshop participants learn about Michigan aquatic ecology, people and fish, tackle crafting and developing angling skills. This workshop will also introduce the participants to the national curriculum from the Future Fishermen Foundation, Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs (HOFNOD) as well as the numerous aquatic education resources available to them. They will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with children.

The program runs from 9:30 to 4:00 p.m. each day and costs $60 to attend. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Project F.I.S.H. is coordinated through the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife with support from partnerships with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Jay’s Sporting Goods, and other donors at the local state and national levels.

**The registration deadline is March 1st, 2015**
Canine All-stars Dog Show
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Dog Zone Training Center 51400 County Line Rd New Baltimore, MI

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 am. Rally Classes start at 9:45 a.m. Sharp
All inside showing and crating, must show certificate of DHPP & Rabies
Day of match fees: $8.00 first class and $5.00 each additional with same dog
*State 4-H dress code* Food and drink will be available on Show grounds *Silent Auction
For more information/questions contact Terry Harrison @ k9allstars@yahoo.com

Pre-Registration Form—please print (one dog and handler per form) Sorry no refunds

Name ______________________ Age on 1/1/14 _____
Address ______________________

Dog’s Name ______________________ Breed ____________
Email ______________________ Phone ______________________

4-H Club ______________________ Total Amount Due ____________

Circle level A, B, or C division & 4-H age for classes you are entering
Class less than 8 may be combined the day of the show

Rally
9:30 a.m.
Cloverbud
Novice A or B or C
Advanced A or B or C
Excellent A or B or C
Elite

Agility
10:30 a.m.
Beginner A or B
Intermediate A or B
Advanced A or B
Elite

Obedience
1:00 p.m.
Cloverbud
Pre-Novice 9-13
A B C
Pre-Novice 14 & Up
A B C
Novice A B C
Grad-Novice A B C
Advanced-Grad
A B C
Open

Showmanship
3:00 p.m.
Cloverbud
Novice 9-13
Novice 14+
Open
Champion
Elite

Mail pre-registration form & Fees to:
Pre-registration Postmarked by April 10, 2015
$7.00 for first class
$4.00 each additional Class
Fees payable to: K9 All-stars
TO: Terry Harrison @ 410 Timberwood Tr
Ortonville MI 48462

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4-H AGILITY TRIAL
MARCH 28, 2015
Dog Zone 51400 County Line Rd New Baltimore MI

Registration: Times vary for your level please check the individual box for your time
Inside showing and crating area, must show certificate of DHPP & Rabies
Day of the Match. Fees $8.00 first class and $6.00 for each additional with same dog
** State 4-H dress code (exception – appropriate Jeans and sweats)*
Food and drink will be available on show grounds for purchase.
For more information/questions contact Terry Harrison @ k9allstars@yahoo.com
Pre-Registration Form- please print (one dog and handler per form). Sorry no refunds.
HELP US - HELP DOGS ACROSS MICHIGAN - BRING A NEW OR USED TOY, DOG BOWL,

COLLAR, LEASH, TOWELS, BLANKETS, RUGS OR COMFORTER:

Name_________________________ Age as of 1/1/2015__________
Address_______________________ City_____________ Zip__________

Dogs’ Name____________________ Breed____________________

Email address____________________ Phone #___________________

4-H Club (if a member)____________________ Total Amount Due______

Circle level, A or B division and 4-H age for classes you are entering

Standard 4-H Agility Course- Check in times are staggered to avoid waiting long for your class
** Elite 9:00 – 9:20 Registration, work new obstacles 9:30 a.m. Class will start after new obstacles are run
by each participant (Must have 3 qualifying scores in advanced)
Advanced 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Registration and measurement Class starts at 10:30 a.m.
Intermediate 10:00-10:30 a.m. Registration and measurement Class starts at 11:00
Beginner 10:30-11:00 a.m. A 9-13, A 14 & up, B 9-13, B 14 & Up
Registration and measurement. Class starts at 11:30

Jumpers CPE guidelines and Rules – Check in 12:00 p.m. Class starts at 1:00 p.m.
Circle one On Leash Off Leash
Circle your dog’s jump height 4 8 12 16 20 24
Your score can not be used towards a CPE Title

Full House CPE guidelines and Rules – Check in 12:00 p.m. Class starts immediately after Jumpers.
Circle one On Leash Off Leash
Circle your dog’s jump height 4 8 12 16 20 24
Your score can not be used towards a CPE Title

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Mail Pre-registration Form & Fees Postmarked by March 20th 2015
To: Terry Harrison 410 Timeberwood Trl.
Ortonville MI 48462
Checks made out to k9 All-stars 4-H Club
Fees $7.00 first class $4.00 each additional
Wilderness First Aid

4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge

This is THE course for those who work, live, fish, hunt or play in remote areas - away from the usual EMS service. Even though emergency workers may be trained to search for and rescue those in need, there may be delays. This course uses a combination of classroom, skills practice, and role play learning to teach the response steps and treatment of injuries and illnesses in a delayed-help situation. Basic first aid skills and techniques are covered in this course, making this course appropriate for anyone regardless of experience level.

Training fee is provided free or at a reduced rate to all 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge leaders and new volunteers. Successful participants will receive certification from the Red Cross which is valid for two years from the time of certification. Adult CPR & AED certification is required prior to taking this course.

A small meal and beverages are provided. Participants are responsible for their own lodging and transportation. Wilderness first aid is a requirement for leaders in order to take youth on overnight 4-H Challenge sponsored activities.

Registration is limited to the first 12. Registrations beyond 12 may require a small fee to allow more participation.

For More Information & to Register contact:

Nick Baumgart
MSUE
527 Stephenson St.
Norway, MI 49870
906-774-0363
baumga75@anr.msu.edu

Michigan State University Extension
Michigan Butterfly Network

The Michigan Butterfly Network (MiBN) is a State-wide citizen science program that monitors the changing population status of our state’s butterfly species and engages the public in significant citizen science research. We are supported by regional hubs, land managers, local experts, and enthusiasts.

Other Regions: We have several other hubs! Visit michiganbutterfly.org to view other training workshops as they are posted

Butterflies are powerful indicators of the quality and health of ecosystems

Ashley Wick, MSc
Biological Research Director
awick@naturecenter.org

Kalamazoo:
4/14 (pt.1)
5/12 (pt.2)
6-8pm
5/16 & 5/30 (field days) 1-3pm

Grand Rapids:
5/14 (indoor portion)
6-8pm
5/23 (field day)
1:30-3:30

Flint:
5/9 (indoor portion)
9am-12pm
5/23 (field day)
12:30-3pm
2015 4-H Renewable Energy Camp

This camp (http://bit.ly/1BmswAO) – a five-day, precollege program held at Michigan State University (MSU) – explores ideas, research and opportunities in the field of energy as they relate to natural resources and agriculture. Participants, while exposed to three primary tracks focusing on wind energy, solar energy and bioenergy, choose one track to provide heightened experiences with the renewable energy that intrigues them the most.

At this fun, interactive camp, youth:
- Conduct experiments
- Ask questions
- Brainstorm new ideas
- Work with leading researchers at MSU who are developing the latest innovations in biofuel production and technology.
- Make their own biofuel
- Visit companies turning the latest scientific discoveries into real products that impact our families, local communities and even the world.
- Earn a digital badge for the knowledge they learn and apply within their renewable-energy track.

Who: Youth participants must be between the ages of 13 to 19 by January 1.

When: July 6 to 10, 2015

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

How
Youth participants (those who meet the age-eligibility requirement given above) must complete the 2015 Michigan 4-H Renewable Energy Camp Application Packet (http://bit.ly/1AllkRk) and submit it by May 1 to Laura Potter-Niesen, 4-H Youth Development, 446 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824. Space is limited! Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications.

Cost
The 2015 cost (that includes meals, lodging, field-trip transportation and materials) is $190 per young person (and $200 for youth who are not 4-H members). You may wish to check with your county MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

More Information
Some ways to find out more about 4-H Renewable Energy Camp are:
- The one-page 2014 Impact Summary (http://bit.ly/1E6n2tK)
- 4-H staff in your county MSU Extension office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Insa Raymond (raymon65@msu.edu) or 517-439-9301
**STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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

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**4-H Makes a Difference!**

Did you know that youth who participate in 4-H get better grades, are more likely to go to college, are less likely to use drugs, cigarettes or alcohol, and are more likely to give back to their communities (http://bit.ly/1CJqZCM)?

Belonging to 4-H is just one way we can help our young people develop life skills, prepare for the future and enjoy experiences with their peers.

Opportunities abound for members and leaders and you can find them all on at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
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### 4-H Workshops

April 24-25: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop  
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hshooting15](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hshooting15)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

### Other 4-H Events

April 11-16: National 4-H Conference  
[http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/about](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/about)  
Washington, DC

April 17: State 4-H Horse Communications Contest  
Contact Taylor Fabus ([tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu))  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 17-18: 4-H Equine Educational Expo  
MSU, East Lansing

April 18: Small Animals Day  
Contact Carla McLachlan ([mclachl2@msu.edu](mailto:mclachl2@msu.edu))  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 25: 4-H Horse Pattern O Rama Warm Up Show  
Contact Taylor Fabus ([tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu))  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

State 4-H Goat Expo  
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_expo2015](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_expo2015)  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

May 6-8: 2015 Michigan Envirothon State Competition  
[http://conta.cc/IAVTJY5](http://conta.cc/IAVTJY5)  
Fort Custer, Augusta

May 16: Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show (formerly 4-H Poultry Palooza)  
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_poultry_palooza](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_poultry_palooza)  
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

May 30-31: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp  
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp)  
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

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