Thank you for your participation in 2017!

If you are thinking that 2017 isn’t over yet, you are correct, but the 2016-17 4-H programming year ended on August 31st. We had a great first year together!

- 69 youth enrolled in 4-H programming in the county, through club, camp and workshop participation
- 243 youth were reached with 4-H and MSU Extension school-enrichment programs in 6th, 4th, 3rd and 2nd grades at Manistique Area Schools
- 12 adult volunteers who dedicated their time to deliver programming to youth
- $4,500 in grant dollars brought in for 4-H clubs to purchase equipment

What would I like to see for 2017-18?

- Participation in some statewide programs, such as:
  - Exploration Days (June), Capitol Experience (March), Kettunen Center Workshops (year-round), and China Art Kits.
- Two new clubs forming and the continuation of the current clubs—they are doing really great work with their members and for their communities.
- An increase in one-day, community-wide programs, such as Make-A-Difference Day and National Youth Science Day.

Have an idea for programming? Let me know!

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Hands to Larger Service...

This phrase is part of the 4-H Pledge and an integral part of the 4-H program. I was so pleased to be driving along US-2 towards Thompson last month and spot a Michigan Adopt-A-Highway sign with “Schoolcraft County Fire Explorers 4-H Club” on it. Another example of service learning was demonstrated by the Lifeskills 4-H Club, who made six “go kits” for Manistique Public Safety to use when kids need to be removed from their current living situation for a variety of reasons. The kits contained blankets and toiletries. This has sparked the idea to participate in the National Make-A-Difference Day with a day of making fleece tie-blankets and possibly pillowcases for Public Safety to use for this purpose in the future. Thank you to Jon and Julia Burk and Jenny VanDyck for inspiring their members to become true service leaders.
Local 4-H Clubs (sorted by age of participation)

Emerald Clover Buddies: for youth ages 5-9 who are interested in hands-on learning activities, such as kite making, veggie stamping, animal safety, etc. We cover a wide variety of topics that interest the members. Meetings are being scheduled for the coming year, contact club leader Jill at 906-286-3327 for details.

Archery Club: for youth ages 7 (as of January 1) and up who would like to learn about archery. This is club is not geared towards hunting, but towards improving skills through self-discipline and practice. The next meetings are Oct. 8 and 29, from 3-5pm at the Manistique Rifle and Pistol Club. There will be no club meetings in Nov. and Dec. and monthly meetings will start up again in January. Contact Jill at 906-286-3327 for more information or to be notified about 2018 meeting dates.

Lifeskills Club: for youth ages 12 to 19 who are interested in gaining skills for a successful transition to adulthood, such as cooking, budgeting, basic auto repair, baking, etiquette, etc. This club meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month after school. To join the fun, contact club leader Jenny at 906-450-1717.

Friends Helping Friends Club: for teens at Manistique High School who would like to learn more about, and promote, social-emotional well-being in teens. This club meets during lunch/seminar on Tuesdays in the Community Room at MHS. Just show up for a meeting or contact club leader Tracie at 906-235-2985 for info.

Fire Explorers Club: for teens who are 16- to 19-years-old who would like to learn about joining a fire department. Many departments in our area rely on volunteers and this club strives to teach teens what it takes to join a department through actual training and experiences at fires. For more information on this unique opportunity please contact club leader Jon at 906-450-0337.

Some clubs meet seasonally, so be watching for more information on those!

Other 4-H Events

September 23: Dickinson Outdoor Extravaganza
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/dickinson_outdoor_extravaganza
Cowboy Lake Park, Kingsford

October 14: Community Harvest Fest, 10a-2p
https://www.facebook.com/events/136215403641762/
North Farm at UPREC, Chatham, MI

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