Hello 4-H Families,

A few updates for everyone! Shiawassee County 4-H now has their own webpage on the MSU Extension website. You can reach this page by going to msue.anr.msu.edu/county/shiawassee/shiawassee_county_4_h. Go check out the new page and let me know if you believe there should be any changes or additions. We are still working on adding events and important notices as they are announced. This page is an extra resource for you and your family.

4-H Camp dates have been set for this summer for June 24-26th please save the date! Camp Counselors have started to prepare for camp and are looking forward to a great year. The next Camp Counselor Meeting is Feb. 21st from 6-8 at the Fairgrounds, if you missed the first meeting please make sure your applications get turned in!

Sincerely,

Nikki Hersch
4-H Coordinator
Join Michigan teens speaking out on the hot topics that matter to them in education, agriculture, health, crime, jobs, equality and the environment at the...

**Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!**

4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. Register today to join high schoolers from around the state to experience state government in action and learn how YOU can influence Michigan policy issues. Registration closes on Feb. 10th so don’t wait! [http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex/)

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**4-H Council Corner**

As spring nears we will be making phone calls regarding scheduling weekends at the food stand. Please talk with your clubs at the next meeting on which dates work best for your families so you can get the shifts you want. All help over the summer is greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Project Medal Brunch Saturday Feb. 4th!

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I pledge...

my **head** to clearer thinking,

my **heart** to greater loyalty,

my **hands** to larger service, and

my **health** to better living for

my **club**, my **community**, my **country**, and my **world**.
4-H Workshops

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 4: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischa@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

February 3-4: 4-H/MQHA Clinic Weekend
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living
http://4hcenter.org/tours_programs/national-youth-summit-series/#healthy-living
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

February 18: Michigan 4-H Night With the Griffins
Contact Tarin Minkel (minkeltj@anr.msu.edu)
Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
Will You Put the “U” in the Challenge U 4-H FunFest?

The 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest is another special workshop for younger (aged 9 to 13) Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h)’ers. At this event, participants will:

- Spend two action-packed days – in sessions they choose, led by experts – learning the secrets of healthy living and food science. The hands-on sessions from which to choose will include:
  - What to eat and when to increase energy
  - Becoming a junior chef
  - Relaxation tips and tricks
  - Indoor and outdoor cooking
  - Healthy money habits
  - Food preservation
  - Dancing and more.

Through such 4-H projects, young people both enjoy hands-on activities and develop life skills (http://bit.ly/1PVDmlX). For example, by allowing 4-H’ers to choose the sessions in which they want to participate, they learn decision-making skills and independence. At the 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest, youth will also learn communication, cooperation and teamwork. All in all, participants learn to make “the best (themselves) better.”

- Enjoy some fun in the great outdoors
- Have an overnight workshop experience
- Meet other 4-H’ers from around the state

Who
Youth 9 to 13 years old as of January 1, 2017 and chaperones

When
March 11 to 12, 2017 (begins 9:30 to 10:30 Saturday morning and ends at 11:30 Sunday morning, before lunch)

Where
Kettunen Center (http://www.kettunencenter.org) in Tustin

How
The Challenge U 4-H FunFest schedule and registration is available on the web (http://bit.ly/2joxVkS). The registration fee ($70 for 4-H members and volunteers or $119 for non-4-H members and volunteers) includes overnight housing, meals and all session supplies.

If you need more details than are available on the registration site given above, you can obtain additional information from:

- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Michelle Neff (by email at hydemich@msu.edu or by telephone at 989-539-7805)