



Allegan County

4-H Family News

March 2019



Allegan County 4-H March 2019 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
K.C. = Kettunen Center MSU = Michigan State University Ldrs = leaders Wkshp = Workshop S.R. = Spartan Meeting Room					1	2
3	4 4-H 5 Day Clinic comm., 6pm, S.R. 4-H Horse Leaders mtg. 7pm, S.R.	5	6 ASH WEDNESDAY	7 Allegan Co. 4-H Clubs By- Laws mtg. 5:30pm, S.R.	8 MI Horse Expo, MSU Pavilion March 8-10	9
Ag and Natural Resources Week at Michigan State University March 2 - 10						
10	11	12 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting 7:30pm S.R.	13	14	15 4-H Dairy Conf. 15-17, K.C.	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Chocolate Wksp 2pm, Spartan Rm RSVP & fee	18	19	20	21 4-H Clubs Bd. Mtg. 6:30pm, S.R.	22	23 4-H Council Auction 3:30-8pm Hopkins H.S. (drop of items after 12:30)
24 4-H FFA Horse Judging Contest, MSU	25 4-H Rabbit Leaders 6:30pm S.R.	26 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm, S.R.	27	28	29 Michigan Beef Expo, MSU March 29-31.	30
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of **young**
people
across **America**
who are learning
leadership,
citizenship and
life skills.



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**Registration
available for the
4-H Animal &
Veterinary
Science Camp**



The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the age of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 1-April 30: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign

Local JOANN stores, throughout Michigan

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30 and purchasing a clover at the register for either \$1 or \$4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

March 17: 4-H STEAM Sunday—China Art

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Learn about Chinese culture through an art exchange program. You will look at and learn about art created by students in China before creating your own art to send back.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-steam-sunday-china-art>

March 26: 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Training

Muskegon County MSU Extension Office, Muskegon

This training is designed for both 4-H members and volunteers who want to learn more about parliamentary procedure and how it can be used in their 4-H clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/muskegon-county-4-h-parliamentary-procedure-training>

March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

Local Tractor Supply Co. stores, throughout Michigan

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

April 7: Mission to Mars

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Ever wanted to know what it was like to be an astronaut and travel to Mars? Now is your chance to think, eat and explore Mars just like a astronaut would!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mission-to-mars>

April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun, educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Attend to earn instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

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

Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!



Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator

Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot.

Michigan State University Extension recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation.** If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) **Unloading.** Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) **Settling in.** Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) **Comingling.** When you are beginning to comeingle animals, remember that each specie has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal_science/.

4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.

During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn more and register today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.

JOIN US FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL

4-H LIVE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, MARCH 23

SILENT AUCTION 3:30-6pm
LIVE AUCTION 6pm

333 CLARK ST.,
HOPKINS, MI

Home-prepared food will
be available for a donation.

Buy a decorated pretzel
and you could win a treat!

ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFTS

SPORTS TICKETS	ARTS & CRAFTS
SPORTING ITEMS	GIFT CARDS
GIFT BASKETS	JEWELRY & MORE!
THEME PARK PASSES	



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