



Alpena County

4-H Family News

January 2018

You're Invited: Alpena County 4-H Youth Day!

When: Sunday, March 18, 2018

Time: 1:00pm-4:30pm (arrive by 12:00pm for club set-up)

Where: Alpena Events Complex (701 Woodward Avenue, Alpena)



At the 2017 Alpena County 4-H Youth Day (38) 4-H members were awarded a \$40 scholarship to be used for a 4-H educational event or activity. Congratulations to all the 4-H members that received a scholarship and a special thank you to the Alpena County 4-H Council for offering this opportunity to Alpena 4-H'ers! If you are interested in applying and interviewing for a scholarship make sure to attend the 2018 Alpena County 4-H Youth Day.

*** Enroll in 4-H Today - Just 2 Steps ***

The 2017-2018 4-H year is here—Enroll in 4-H today! Volunteers and youth can enroll at home or use our 4-H volunteer computer at the MSU Extension office. The \$20 4-H enrollment fee (\$60 family fee for 3+ children in the same family) or participation fee scholarship form can NOT be paid or completed online, you must come into our office, drop it in our secure mailbox located outside of our main entrance, or mail us your participation fee/waiver form. **Youth are NOT enrolled in 4-H until their participation fee/scholarship is turned into the Alpena MSU Extension office and they have completed their 4-H Online enrollment.** Don't miss the **March 1, 2018 deadline** in order to be eligible to market livestock projects at this year's fair.

4-H Online Website: <https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx>

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4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship Member's Guide



The new and updated Michigan 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship Guide is out! Download your copy at:
<http://bit.ly/2pFs3Lc>

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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We were able to use our new digital livestock scale at the December Finished Beef Weigh-in! (5) 4-H members registered a total of (7) finished beef projects for the 2018 Alpena County Fair!



In October the Plastics F.L.O.A.T. 4-H Club helped green the Alpena Chowder and Chili Cook Off.



In November Alpena 4-H Member of the Year, Demi Oliver, volunteered to wrap presents at the Shop with a Hero event at Meijer.

4-H Events & Workshops

January 5: #SanctuariesAre Film Submission Deadline*

<http://www.nemiglsi.org/calendar.asp?ogt=ev&zeid=292>

All students in grades K-12 are invited to submit a short film, 5 minutes or less, related to your sanctuary. No entry fee! Selected films will be show at the Thunder Bay International Film Festival on January 24-28, 2018.

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Alpena

January 10 : Family STEM Night

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/family_stem_night

Mio Elementary School, Mio

January 20: Underwater Robots 101 Professional Development Workshop*

<http://bit.ly/2zE8wKP>

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Alpena

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin and Alumni Tip-Off Reception

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

Michigan State University, East Lansing

January 27: State 4-H Rabbit Show

<http://bit.ly/2zflGdD>

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 7: 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

<http://bit.ly/2zDMZBV>

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Owosso

February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

<http://bit.ly/2zg9k9F>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

<http://bit.ly/2ceXN18>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dog_project_leader_and_judges_workshop_1

Michigan State University, East Lansing

March 1: Deadline to Enroll in 4-H*

<https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx>

Enroll in Alpena by March 1, 2018 at 4:30pm in order to be eligible to market livestock in 2018

March 6: ANR Week—Certified Pullorum Tester Workshop (*Expected Training Date*)

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek/sessions/>

Michigan State University, East Lansing

*4-H Volunteers are needed to help pullorum test poultry at the 2018 Alpena County Fair

March 18: Alpena County 4-H Youth Day*

<http://bit.ly/2wCxeIg>

Aplex, Alpena

March 25: Michigan FFA and 4-H Horse Judging Contest

<http://bit.ly/2ygW0n5>

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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

*Indicates a local event

Alpena County 4-H Youth Day

Sunday, March 18, 2018 @ the Apex

- 701 Woodward Avenue, Alpena -

1:00pm—4:30pm (arrive by 12:00pm for club set-up)

Who can participate in Youth Day? All 4-H members are encouraged to participate! This event is open to the public; so invite your parents, family, and friends.

How do I participate? Bring your 4-H project(s) to Youth Day—it could be a poster, record book, something you made, or more. Then you present your project to a judge in that category (project categories listed on page #4). After you present you will immediately receive a ribbon—if you receive an honor ribbon you are in the running for the best of show; which is the overall best project in that category. There are (18) best of show individual project areas and (4) best of show individual/group project areas.

Why should you participate? The purpose of Youth Day is to recognize you for your hard work this past year, and specifically your winter projects. Come showcase what you have been working on. Another reason to come is so you can interview for a chance to receive a 4-H Council scholarship that can be used for Summer Camp, Exploration Days, or another educational 4-H event or activity during the 2018 year. **Participating in Youth Day is also a requirement in order to be eligible to represent Alpena County at the State Horse Show**— If you are unable to participate at Youth Day and plan to try out for the state horse show please contact the Alpena MSUE office to set-up a presentation with the HDC.



2018 Alpena 4-H Youth Day Schedule:

12:00pm	4-H Members Arrive (club display set-up)
12:55pm	Youth Day Kick-off with 4-H Member of the Year
1:00pm	Individual Project Judging and 4-H Council Scholarship Interviews <u>Start</u>
3:00pm	Individual Project Judging and Interviews <u>Stop</u>
3:00pm	Speeches, Demonstrations, Performing Arts, and 4-H Club Presentations Start
4:00pm	Best Name Tag Award Club Display Winner and Runner-up 4-H Scholarship Recipients Best of Show and Reserve of Show Awards
4:30pm	Conclusion and Clean-up



10 Reasons to Participate in Youth Day

- 1. SUPER FUN!**
It's really, really, really fun!
- 2. Showcase your 4-H project(s)**
Present all your 4-H projects from summer and/or winter and get recognized for all your hard work and dedication!
- 3. Compete for Best of Show**
Compete against your fellow 4-H members in a fun environment.
- 4. Talk and network with judges about your 4-H project(s)**
You will be presenting your project(s) to a judge—it's a great time to meet new people and make a few connections!
- 5. You could get \$\$\$**
At Youth Day you can interview for a scholarship from Alpena 4-H Council that can be used for an educational 4-H activity or event (like Exploration Days or Summer Camp).
- 6. Meet 4-H'ers**
In 2017 over 80 4-H members participated in Youth Day! Join your fellow 4-H'ers and meet new people.
- 7. Your club could win prizes**
Prizes will be given to the club with the best name tags and to 2 clubs that have a display.
- 8. State Horse Show Requirement**
If you're thinking of trying out for the state horse show it's a requirement to participate in Youth Day.
- 9. Exploration Days Registration Books will be available**
Interested in going to Exploration Days? Pick up information about this year's trip, classes, and registration information at Youth Day!
- 10. Show Your 4-H Spirit**
Come show your 4-H spirit and cheer on your fellow 4-H members while they present their projects.

- Youth Day Individual Project Areas -

All Ages as of January 1, 2018

- 1) Clothing & Textiles (9-13 years old)** Showcase your sewing, knitting, crocheting, tie dye, and other related projects.
- 2) Clothing & Textiles (14-19 years old)** Showcase your sewing, knitting, crocheting, tie dye, and other related projects.
- 3) Cloverbuds (5-8 years old)** We want to see the work of our youngest members and the future of 4-H! Cloverbuds (All 4-H'ers age 5-8 years old) will have the opportunity to discuss and showcase their project(s) in a non-competitive but rewarding venue.
- 4) Cooking** Bring in those cakes, cookies, hors d'oeuvres, pies, smoothies, honey, and canning items to name a few ideas.
- 5) Visual Arts/Crafts (9-13 years old)** Arts and crafts that do not fall under any other category will be evaluated here.
- 6) Visual Arts/Crafts (14-19 years old)** Arts and crafts that do not fall under any other category will be evaluated here.
- 7) Gardening and Conservation** Did you make a garden related art project, design a bird house, or start a recycling program at your house? Maybe you have a seed experiment that you tried. Perhaps you have learned about no-till methods and completed a project on it. Showcase your gardening, horticulture, conservation and other related projects in this category.
- 8) Pets** Projects that should be included in this category include personal pet projects such as dogs, cats, birds, mice, hamsters and other domestic pets. You could present about how you trained your dog, talk about how you take care of your cat, make a poster on what you feed your pet, and more. *(No pets can be brought in for this project category)*
- 9) Horse Veterinarian Science (9-13 years old)** This project area can include a research based poster or display related to horses, a research project on a disease or current issue related to horses, a presentation about your horse related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to horses should be presented in this category.
- 10) Horse Veterinarian Science (14-19 years old)** This project area can include a research based poster or display related to horses, a research project on a disease or current issue related to horses, a presentation about your horse related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to horses should be presented in this category.
- 11) Large Animal Veterinarian Science** Ex: beef, dairy, swine, goat, sheep, alpaca, etc. This project area can include a research based poster or display related to large animal livestock, a research project on a disease or current issue related to large animal livestock, a presentation about your large animal livestock related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to large animal livestock should be presented in this category.
- 12) Small Animal Veterinarian Science** Ex: poultry, rabbits, etc. This project area can include a research based poster or display related to small animal livestock, a research project on a disease or current issue related to small animal livestock, a presentation about your small animal livestock related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to small animal livestock should be presented in this category. To see if you can bring your small animal livestock projects please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office at least two weeks prior to Youth Day for permission. No poultry can be brought.
- 13) Informational Displays and Exhibits** Projects such as a family history poster, a display on how you collected honey from bees you raised, a poster on safety when riding ORVs, etc should be presented in this category. This project category includes all informational posters and displays that are **NOT** specifically focused on horse, livestock, or pets.
- 14) Photography, Drawing and Painting**
- 15) S.T.E.M** This category includes all projects related to S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); such as invasive species, water science related projects, welding, ROVs, etc.
- 16) Shooting Sports** Bring in your bow and talk about your archery 4-H project, make a display on your shooting sports project(s), bring in the bow or rifle case you designed, etc. *(No firearms or ammunition can be brought in for this project category)*
- 17) Woodworking** Bring your 4-H wood projects to be evaluated. Such as a table you made, wood burning project, and more.
- 18) Written Expression** Poetry, short stories, reports and other written projects should be displayed in this category.

- Youth Day Individual or Group Project Areas -

To be completed after individual project judging on stage

- 19) Speech** Speeches can be done individually or by a group and can be on any appropriate topic. Topic such as what 4-H has taught you and/or how it has impacted your life, current events related to 4-H (animal disease, climate, new regulations, etc), what your 4-H club is doing in Alpena County, confidence, etc are some topic examples. **Time restriction: < 8 mins.**
- 20) Demonstration** Demonstrations can be done individually or by a group and should consider teaching something you know how to do to others. Demonstrate anything from how to properly saddle a horse to making French crepes. **Time restriction: 5-12 mins.**
- 21) Performing Arts** This category could include a group or individual dance routine, singing, musical instrument, comedy act, skit, etc. **Time restriction: < 8 mins.** If you need background music for your performance contact Helen-Ann.
- 22) 4-H Clubs** This category is for presentations, skits, etc conducted by a whole 4-H club. **Time restriction: < 8 mins.**

Youth Day Name Tags

Who should make a name tag? Each club designs their own matching name tag for all their members and leader(s)

What should be on my name tag? Your first and last name, and the name of your 4-H club
**We will be randomly drawing a winner from each club that has name tags. The winning club will receive a \$50 prize sponsored by the Alpena County 4-H Council.*



Youth Day Club Display

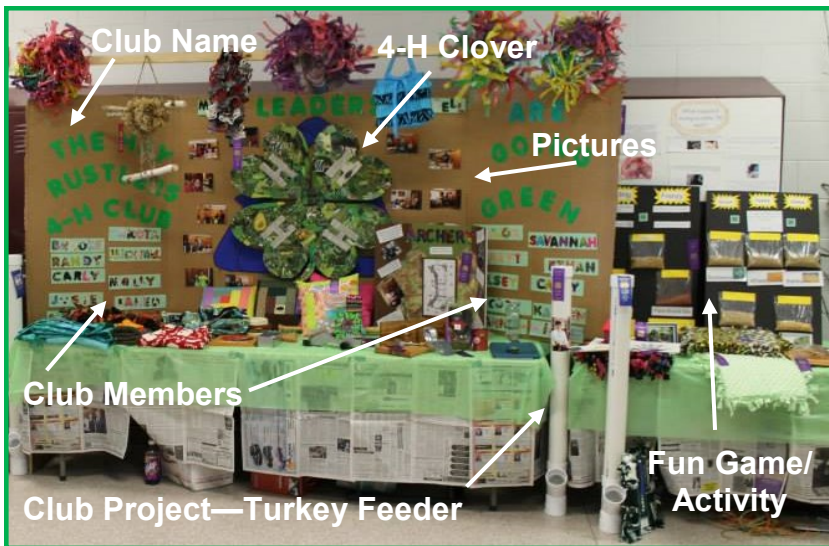
What should we include in our club display? Club name, 4-H clover (stickers are available at our office if needed), member list, projects your club does, pictures, a fun game or activity for other 4-H'ers and community members, and an educational component.

Activity at display: The activity at your club display should be a fun educational game; such as matching, trivia, obstacle course, etc. This activity is for fellow 4-H members and community members!

Club display rules: You must have at least one 4-H member by your display at all times to help answer questions, and showcase your 4-H club. Help inform the community on the power of 4-H in Alpena County!

Club Display Contest: There will be a 4-H club display contest at Youth Day! The winning 4-H Club will receive a \$50 prize and the runner-up 4-H Club will receive a \$25 prize.

Example Display (Hay Rustlers 2014 Club Display):



4-H Council Scholarship Interview

Who should interview for a scholarship? All 4-H members age 9-19 interested in attending Exploration Days (11-19 year olds), Summer Camp (9-12 year olds), a Kettunen Center Workshop, MI 4-H State Horse Show, or another 4-H educational event/activity.

How: When you arrive at Youth Day fill out an application and get in line to complete a 5 minute interview. If you want to complete a scholarship application prior to Youth Day see pages 7-8 in the newsletter or visit the Alpena MSUE website: <http://bit.ly/2C1dyGI>

Requirements: In order to be eligible to receive a 4-H Council scholarship you must participate in an individual project category at Youth Day.

2018 4-H State Awards! Start your app TODAY :)

The State 4-H Awards program, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth, is for 4-H'ers aged 13 and up who have at least three years of 4-H experience. We encourage all members who meet the requirements to apply for this program. 4-H'ers compete in 19 different recognition areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences. To apply, youth submit the State 4-H Awards application, found on the 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/1lhGcC>), to State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu by February 1, 2018. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees. Delegates, who are announced by March 15, are invited to participate either in an advanced leadership development program (juniors), competitive interviews (seniors), or presentations (groups) at the State 4-H Awards Assembly held during 4-H Exploration Days June 20-22nd (<http://bit.ly/1eFjEXH>). State 4-H Award winners are announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, also held during 4-H Exploration Days, at the prestigious Huntington Club (<http://bit.ly/1l014Tc>) in Spartan Stadium (<http://bit.ly/1kABpk9>). Complete instructions and the application, are available on the Michigan 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/1lhGcC>).



2014 State Awards Winners:
Brandon Borke and Caitlin Borke

Season of Lights Exhibit at the Besser Museum

This year Alpena County 4-H is a participant in the Besser Museum's Season of Lights Exhibit. A special thank you to 4-H volunteer Jeanna Gersewski for coordinating our participation in this exhibit. Through this exhibit we are able to promote 4-H to the local community— from archery, sewing, live-stock, crafts, and more.



4-H Exploration Days June 20-22, 2018 @ MSU

Every year, approximately 2,500 youth (ages 11-19 years old) and chaperones from every Michigan county come to MSU for 4-H Exploration Days. This MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer – it could even change your life! Registration is \$165 (additional \$20 fee for non 4-H members) There are state scholarships available, 4-H Council scholarships, and if you are going to Exploration Days as a state awards delegate, Alpena 4-H Council will pay your registration!

- More than 200 session options to choose from—Quidditch, glass etching, dairy production, shooting sports, and much more. There is something for everyone!
- Live in a MSU dorm—just like a college student!
- Spend time with other 4-H'ers from across the state swimming, skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, dancing, going to class, and more!
- We applied for a \$40 scholarship for the first (15) Alpena 4-H'ers to apply!



For more information on this year's Exploration Days, possible scholarships available or to register, please contact Helen-Ann Cordes, Alpena County 4-H Program Coordinator.

Registration opens starts March 13— You can apply prior to the registration date. Classes fill quick—so turn you application in as soon as you get it. Registration books will be available in February.

Interested in serving as an instructor at Exploration Days?

Contact the Alpena MSU Extension office. You could teach a class on sewing, poultry, dance, singing, and more. You may not realize it, but you are an expert! Share your knowledge and in doing so, teach youth. There are over 200 classes for youth to choose from at Expo Days—In order for this to be possible, help from volunteers is needed. The Exploration Days fee (including lodging and meals) is covered





Youth Day Scholarship Application

Sponsored by: Alpena County 4-H Council



Must be an Alpena County 4-H member age 9-19 years old
Please turn in at the start of your 5 minute interview at Youth Day

Name: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian(s): _____ Phone: _____

Scholarship Amount: ~\$40.00 (exact amount TBD at Youth Day)

4-H Exploration Days – June 20-22, 2018 at Michigan State University

Age limit 11-19 years old as of January 1, 2018

Please note receiving a scholarship does not automatically sign you up for Exploration Days

4-H Summer Camp – June 25-27, 2018 at Ocqueoc Outdoor Center

Age limit: 9-12 years old as of camp

Please note receiving a scholarship does not automatically sign you up for Summer Camp

Other Educational 4-H Activity?

Questions 1-6

1) If you receive a scholarship, what educational event or activity do you plan to use it for? Why do you want to attend this event?

2) What is the greatest thing you have learned from 4-H?

3) What does the 4-H motto, “*To Make the Best Better*” mean to you?

4) What is the most important 4-H project you have undertaken? What does this project entail?

5) What other 4-H events have you been involved with (camps, exploration days, capitol experience, 4-H workshops, etc.)? Please describe these events.

6) Do you have any additional information on why you should be considered for a scholarship?

4-H MEMBER CHALLENGE!

Alpena County 4-H Council 2017-2018 4-H Member Challenge!

Member Points Tracking Form:

September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018

4-H Member: _____ 4-H Age: ____ Phone #: _____

Parent Name: _____ T-shirt Size: Adult or Youth _____

Date	Event	Member Initials	Leader/Parent Signature	Point Value
Sept. 1 – March 1	Enrolled in Alpena 4-H by March 1st			1
Sept. 19	Post Fair Wrap-up Meeting			1
Oct. 22	Attended County Awards Banquet			2
Nov. 24 July 4	Participated in Parade (2pts each; max 4)			
Mar. 18	Participated in 4-H Youth Day			5
Oct. 4-15 April 11-22	TSC Clover Days (2 pts each, max 4pts)			
June 20-22	Exploration Days			5
July 30 – Aug. 6	Exhibit at Alpena County Fair (grandstands or livestock)			5
	State Sponsored Activity (ex: Kett. Ctr) Can do more than 1; worth 2pts each			
	Adopt-A-Highway – September, April and/or July (2 pts each, max 4 pts)			
	Club Meetings – (1 pt each max 5 points)			
	4-H Summer Camp/GLNR Camp			5
	Teen counselor at summer camp			2
	Present to Community Leaders—coordinate with MSUE office for this			2
	Fair workbees – (2 points each, max 4)			
	Food Booth Volunteer (4 hour shift)			4
	Attend council meeting (1 pt each, max 2)			
	Teen Council Member			4
	Other Alpena County Event:			2
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Members age 5 – 11 need to earn a minimum of 25 points

Members age 12 – 19 need to earn a minimum of 30 points

Your active participation in 4-H can earn you a custom t-shirt and recognition at the 2018 County Awards Banquet!

Tracking Sheets are due to the MSU Extension office Tuesday, September 11, 2018 by 4:30pm



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Enroll in 4-H Today for the 2017-2018 Year!

Don't miss the **March 1, 2018** deadline to be eligible to market livestock at the 2018 Alpena County Fair.
[Enroll Online + Pay \\$20 Enrollment Fee/Scholarship](#)

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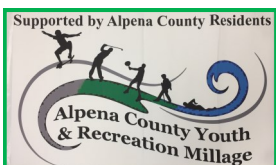


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A special congratulations to Alpena County 4-H Member, **Brooke Gersewski** who was featured as a True 4-H Science Teen Leader! Brooke has been active in Alpena 4-H for the past 9 years, where she has participated in various 4-H projects ranging from livestock, shooting sports, invasive species, and more. Brooke was nominated and selected as a True 4-H Science Teen Leader to highlight because of her involvement with the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council, where she presented to the Michigan Senate about the impact of invasive species. Additionally, Brooke was just named to the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council, which is a very prestigious honor. Over the next 2 years Brooke will serve in a leadership capacity to help guide, advise, and promote 4-H across the state. Thank you for stepping up as a True 4-H Science Teen Leader in Michigan 4-H, Brooke!

View the complete news article featuring Brooke at: <http://bit.ly/2C1dyGI>



4-H GROWS HERE

Alpena County 4-H is sponsored by the Alpena Youth and Recreation Millage