



Eaton County

4-H Family News

September 2018

Update your bookmarks: Website Update

If you have visited our website in the last week, you may have noticed that it has a new look! Our county website, along with other MSU Extension webpages, have gotten a fresh new look and redesign. Things may look a bit different and may be located in different places than you are used to finding them as we take time this fall to update content on the site, so be sure to visit the site so you are familiar with where the content is now located (this may change throughout the fall as we work on the site). If you notice any broken links, please contact the Extension office so that we can fix them. If there is content that you would like to see on our 4-H page, be sure to also let us know so that we can keep the site updated with the information that you need!

The URL for the website has also been updated in this process. The old URL will redirect to the new site, but please update your bookmarks and saved links to the new one. The new URL is:

http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

PMR = Public Meeting Room (basement of Extension office); Kardel = Kardel Hall on the Eaton County Fairgrounds

- Small Animal Association, 9/6, 7 pm, PMR
- Fall Leader Update Meeting, 9/10, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 9/12, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 9/17, 7 pm, Kardel
- 4-H Night at the MSU Observatory, 9/29, 9 pm *RSVP required*
- 4-H Council, 10/1, 7 pm, PMR
- National 4-H Week, 10/7—10/13
- National 4-H Spirit Day, 10/9
- Jr Livestock Association, 10/8, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 10/15, 7 pm, Kardel

Follow our Google calendar for a calendar layout of events!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar

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National 4-H Youth Summits registration now available



Participate in 4-H Maker, Agri-Science, Healthy Living or Photography summits to gain real world exposure and meet other 4-H'ers from across the nation that share your passions.

Held at the National 4-H Conference Center, these multi-day programs allow youth to learn technical skills, participate in hands-on activities and engage with nationally-recognized leaders. Students typically attend in groups comprised of two to eight youth and are accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Registration and more information about these events are available at <https://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summits/>.

4-H Events and Workshops

September 13: Completing Your 4-H Groups Annual Financial Report

Online Webinar

Join MSU Extension staff in this online webinar to learn how to complete an Annual Financial Report Summary, required by Michigan State University Extension.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/completing_your_4_h_groups_annual_financial_report

September 22: Michigan 4-H Goat Project Youth Workshop

Ionia Fairgrounds, Ionia

Learn about parasite management, the digestive system and dairy goat judging at this hands-on workshop. Registration closes September 12.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018_michigan_4-h_goat_project_youth_workshop

September 29: 4-H Night at MSU's Observatory

MSU Observatory, East Lansing

Gaze into the sky using MSU's 24 foot reflecting telescope and others. Engage in hands on astronomy-related activities. Preregistration required by September 22.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_night_at_msus_observatory

October 5: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Michigan State University Kellogg Center, East Lansing

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members (donors of \$25 or more) are invited to attend and vote on items. Major donors to Michigan 4-H from the past fiscal year will also be recognized.

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/event/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting/>

October 5: Michigan 4-H Emerald Awards

Michigan State University Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Michigan 4-H Citation Award, Emerald Clover Society, Salute to Excellence and Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award winners will be honored at this event.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_emerald_awards

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

Save the Date!

November 17: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Meet others from across the state passionate about creative arts while engaging in hands-on activities that build your creative talent. Registration available in September.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/save_the_date_michigan_4_h_creative_arts_celebration

Accepting nominations for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year

Again in 2018, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will be awarding a Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award. If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the nomination form by Oct. 1, 2018. Help us to recognize deserving youth and adults in the 4-H program going above and beyond to make the best better.

Please be sure to include the following with your submission:

- Nomination form found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources
- Nomination letter
- Letter of support from county staff

Reminder of upcoming changes to Michigan 4-H Age Policy

The new 4-H programming year is finally here, and with it comes changes to the Michigan 4-H Age Policy. Beginning September 1, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy reflects a younger beginning age for 4-H members. The new age for 4-H members is 8 to 19 years old, continuing to use January 1 of the program year as the date of calculation. The 4-H Cloverbud experience will remain available to youth ages 5-7.



Youth ages 8 to 19 as of January 1 of the program year are eligible to be Michigan 4-H members.

This policy change has been implemented by MSU Extension after lengthy consultation with early childhood and Michigan 4-H youth development staff, as well as careful consideration of research regarding youth and competition. Furthermore, it moves Michigan 4-H into alignment with counterparts across the country, including National 4-H.

As always, age appropriateness and safety remain a top consideration for 4-H programming areas and Michigan 4-H continues to support minimum age limits for certain learning environments that may not be appropriate for children 8 years of age. Additionally, individual county 4-H programs with MSU Extension also retain their right to determine the beginning age for 4-H involvement within that county.

Furthermore, Michigan 4-H partners such as fairs and exhibitions may choose to implement age limits for certain projects where they feel 8-year-old participation (or older age groups) may not be safe or appropriate (for example, market beef projects). Alternatively, fairs and exhibitions may offer activities that are not consistent with 4-H Cloverbud policies, such as competition for youth below age 8. These are not considered a Michigan 4-H Youth Development activity and participation is the decision of the young person and his or her family.

For more information on the 4-H Participant Age Policy, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_participant_age_policy. For questions regarding the Cloverbud age, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_cloverbud_frequently_asked_questions.

Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting



All Michigan 4-H Foundation members (those who have donated \$25 or more in the past year) are invited to attend and vote at the Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting. This meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 5, at 2:30 p.m. at the MSU Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Agenda items include trustee elections, audited financial statement report, 2018 president's report and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year. Michigan 4-H donors are encouraged to attend. Admission to the annual membership meeting is complimentary.

Register by Sept. 20 at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/event/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting/>.

4-H Age Guidelines:

Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs are open to young people aged 5-19 years of age. "4-H age" is determined by a young person's age as of January 1 of the current 4-H program year, which runs from September 1 through August 31. Cloverbuds are 4-H age of 5-7 and complete non-competitive projects; 4-H members are a 4-H age of 8-19. For the 2018-2019 program year:

If you were born in ...	Your 4-H age is...
2013	5
2012	6
2011	7
2010	8
2009	9
2008	10
2007	11
2006	12
2005	13
2004	14
2003	15
2002	16
2001	17
2000	18
1999	19

Reenrollment in 4-H

The 4-H program year runs September 1—August 31. Each year, 4-H members and volunteers must reenroll in the program. Detailed instructions regarding reenrollment will be given at the Fall Leader Update Meeting and sent out via email in September. All 4-H members and volunteers must reenroll via 4-H Online. A brief overview of the reenrollment process this year:

- After September 1, member and volunteer profiles will automatically roll over to inactive in the system.
- All members and volunteers that wish to reenroll in 4-H for the 2018-2019 program year will need to log into the account they created and update any necessary information for each person's profile that is reenrolling for the new year.
 - All information currently in the system will carry over to the new year, with the exception of the agreement signatures and health information, which have to be recompleted each year.
- DO NOT create a new account if you have ever enrolled in 4-H Online. You will be required to log into your existing account. There is an option to reset the password to the email on file! If you need to check which email you used or change your email, please contact the office.
- If any information has changed, please update the info (including any club changes or project changes!) and then resubmit your profile for approval.
- You will receive one automated email from the system when you submit your profile. You will receive another automated email once your profile has been accepted and marked active. Members and leaders are not official until their profile has been accepted by the Extension office.
- The \$20 participation fees for youth members (maximum of \$60 per family) will still be collected by administrative leaders and at the Extension office, you will not be able to pay online.
- Your reenrollment in 4-H will not be complete until youth participation fees have been turned in and profiles are determined to be completed correctly by the Extension office. All reenrollments will need to be submitted (including participation fees) by November 15.

Fall Leader Update Meeting 9/10

The fall leader update meeting will be held on Monday, 9/10, at 6:30 pm in the PMR. All clubs must have at least one leader in attendance at this meeting, which will cover important year-end information from the prior year and enrollment information for the new 4-H year. If nobody from your club can make the meeting, you must contact the office prior to the meeting and arrange another time to meet or your club may be placed on probation.

Delta Wild 4-H Club

Interested in learning more about wildlife? Come be a wildlife biologist! Youth will learn about the wildlife in Delta Township, conduct hands-on scientific research using motion cameras to study wildlife, and learn from students and faculty at MSU! The fall program will be on Wednesdays, bi-weekly, from September 8 to December 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library. Call the Extension office at 517-543-2310 or email msue.eaton@county.msu.edu to RSVP your spot!

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 9/6 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will feature officer elections! Help serve the county and have a greater voice in county decisions!

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 9/12 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will feature officer elections! Help serve the county and have a greater voice in county decisions!

Fairboard Corner

- Next meeting: 9/17 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall.
- Help support fairground improvements! Fairboard is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 23, from 6:30 a.m. to noon at Kardel Hall. All you can eat pancake breakfast, adults are \$8, kids 10 and under are \$5. For more information, visit their Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2157895757832132/>.
- Have fun with fairboard! Fairboard is hosting a Halloween weekend of fun with their first annual Camp'R'Treat on October 19—21 at the fairgrounds. Trick or treat through the campground, haunted barn, games, costume contest, hayrides, bonfire, and more! Camping will be \$10/night. For more information, visit their Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1883118108660222/>.

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 10/1 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will feature officer elections, discussion of fair themes, and talk about the 4-H Participation Celebration! You won't want to miss it!
- **DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING:** Did you or someone you know grow in their development and project area this past year? Nominate or submit a county award application! County award forms are due to the Extension office by **September 14**. Fillable PDF applications can be found online at http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/4_h_advisory_council.
- SAVE THE DATE! The 4-H Participation Celebration, our county awards banquet, will be held on Saturday, November 3, at Kardel Hall. Stay tuned for ticket information!
- Submit 2019 fair theme suggestions to the Extension office or bring them to the 10/1 Council meeting.

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 10/8 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will feature officer elections and voting on sale bylaw changes that were proposed at the August meeting, including sale order.

JLA/SAA Sale Checks

Sale checks are now available! Sale checks must be picked up from the Extension office; checks are not mailed. Checks not picked up by November 1 will be donated back to the appropriate association.

Inspire Kids to Do!

National 4-H is launching a year long “Inspire Kids to Do” movement to celebrate all kids who “do” with purpose to better themselves, their families, their communities and their nation. You will be seeing more about this movement as the year progresses!

30 Days of Doing—September

Get inspired to do! Participate in this fun, skill-building challenge and check out tips and activity suggestions for the month. The 30 Days of Doing inspire to-do list can be downloaded from <https://4-h.org/inspire-kids-to-do/>.

As an added bonus, you could win a \$10,000 scholarship for your kid by submitting a photo that shows how your child inspires themselves or others to do with purpose. Visit the link above for more details!

National 4-H Week: October 7—13 and the first 4-H Spirit Day on October 9

National 4-H Week is a great time to share and spread the word about 4-H! Want a chance to be featured on our county Facebook page? Send a photo and short caption about what 4-H means to you to the Extension office or as a Facebook message to our county page by October 1!

The first ever 4-H Spirit Day is on October 9! Show off your 4-H pride by wearing your 4-H t-shirt, sticker, pin, etc. to school or work! If you need a pin or sticker, stop by the Extension office and we will give you one FREE (available while supplies last). We have FREE 4-H Alumni pins available too!

4-H National Youth Science Day: Code Your World

The 2018 4-H National Youth Science Day is on October 1 (however you may participate in activities all month long). This year’s activity is all about coding and includes online and offline activities. Clubs can check out one of the Code Your World activity kits from the Extension office for FREE (5 kits available, each kit can facilitate a group of up to 20 youth)! You can find out more information about the event and activities at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day/>.