



Eaton County

4-H Family News

January 2019

Eaton County 4-H Fun Day

What: Eaton County 4-H Fun Day - Animal Projects, Non-Livestock Projects, Dance, and Pizza

When: Saturday, March 23 from 4 pm - 9 pm

Where: Kardell Hall - 1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813

Cost: FREE

Interested in being a Project Leader: Any older teen or adult can lead a project. Please sign up at: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2623693/false#/invitation>

Interested in being a Participant: Please sign up at: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2623714/false#/invitation>

Ages 5-19 (4-H Age) are welcome to participate. If you have any younger/older siblings they are also welcome.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- 4-H Council, 1/7, 7 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 1/9, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, 1/17, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 1/21, 7 pm, Kardel
- Extension office CLOSED 1/21 for MLK Day
- Youth Adult Partnerships Training, 1/24, 6-8 pm, PMR *Please RSVP by 1/23*
- 4-H Fashion Venue Committee (formerly Style Revue), 1/28, 6 pm, Extension office
- Owl Walk, 2/2, 6 pm—7:30 pm, Capital Area Bird Sanctuary
- Jr Livestock Association, 2/11, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 2/18, 7 pm, Kardel
- Extension office CLOSED 2/18 for President's Day

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](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton%20county%204%20h/4%20h%20events%20calendar)

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Save the date
for the 4-H
Alumni Tip-Off
Reception!**



On Feb. 24, Michigan 4-H alumni will gather to celebrate 4-H with other alums from across the state at the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception!

Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and drinks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before enjoying a women's basketball game at the Breslin Center.

Organized by Michigan 4-H and the Michigan 4-H Foundation, the Tip-Off event takes place before 4-H Day at the Breslin, for which free tickets are available.

More information about the Alumni Tip-Off event is available at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>. For free tickets to the 4-H Day at the Breslin, contact your local MSU Extension office.

4-H Events and Workshops

January 10 : 4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training

Online Webinar

This training is geared toward 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4>

January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--washtenaw_county

January 18-19: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference

Crowne Plaza, Lansing

This networking event builds show management skills and fulfills the yearly seminar requirement for Michigan 4-H horse judges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-managers-conference>

January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--ingham_county

January 26: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19 by Jan. 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and spectators are welcome!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019_state_4-h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

February 1-2: Michigan 4-H Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants will have the opportunity to judge high quality Quarter Horses and deliver a set of reasons after learning more about evaluating horses from Extension experts.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_horse_judging_workshop_practice_contest

February 1: 4-H State Award Deadline

Online

Submit your State Award application on time for careful review by the selection committee. The application may take several weeks to finalize, so be sure to get an early start.

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

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

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension. Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop!



Enhance your engineering skills at the hands-on, 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop, March 16-17, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin!

The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 13 and up interested in developing and growing a 4-H robotics club.

Participants will be introduced to and learn basic robotic skills, as well as explore different types of robotic projects within LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, LEGO Wedo and Junk Drawer Robotics.

Learn more at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_robotics_leaders_workshop_2019.

Citizenship Washington Focus registration available

Registration for the 2019 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program, taking place June 22-29, is now available. Program participants learn about the nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring historical sites in Washington, D.C. The cost of the 2019 4-H CWF program is \$1,500 and includes all meals (except seven meals in transit), lodging and transportation. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWF2019/> to register.



2018 Capitol Experience participants interacting with resource people.

Now recruiting for 4-H Capitol Experience 2019

4-H Capitol Experience is now recruiting for 2019 participants! This annual statewide program, occurring March 17-20, helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy.

More than 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

Attendees will leave the program having a great understanding of the responsibilities of a citizen, be able to identify different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities, and know potential careers in public policy.

Cost for this event is \$360 and includes most meals, lodging and materials. For more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

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2019 Fair Theme

The fair theme for the 2019 Eaton County Fair is:

The County Fair—An All American Tradition

Save the date—free winter family events

Join wildlife biologists from the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at these free events for families of all ages this winter, in partnership with the Delta Wild 4-H Club! Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Owl Walk will take place on Saturday, February 2nd, 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at the Capital Area Bird Sanctuary (meet at Hawk Meadows Park).

Build a Butterfly Backyard Workshop will take place on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m.—noon at the Delta Township District Library. Learn about native plants and design your own backyard garden!

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets now available!

FREE tickets are now available at your county Extension office for 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the University of Michigan Wolverines! Learn more at: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>.

When: Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 12:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events.

How to order tickets: Call or email the Extension office with how many tickets you wish to order by Monday, February 19. Tickets ordered before February 13 will be able to be picked up from the Extension office. Tickets ordered after February 13 will be available at the 4-H registration table (not will call) inside the Southwest Harrison Gate the day of the event.

Paige Cords Showman Program

Applications for the 2019 Paige Cords Showman Program are due February 2. The program awards funds to help Eaton County Fair livestock exhibitors with their projects. Funds can be used to purchase livestock, feed, or necessary supplies. Selected beef market recipients will be awarded \$500; sheep and hog market recipients will be awarded \$300. Beef breeding recipients will be awarded \$250 and sheep and hog breeding are awarded \$150. For more information and the application, visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mW2zXsXIST4TxjzDXjam87I1rBM9QXly/view?usp=sharing>.

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 1/7 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. Council will discuss ideas for supporting clubs with educational resources; come with ideas on what you would like to see for your club!

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 1/9 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. HDC will vote on the bylaw changes that were proposed at the November meeting, including restructuring meetings and quantity, and discuss educational opportunities for the horse project.

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 1/17 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend.

Fair board Corner

- Next meeting: 1/21 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall.

4-H Fashion Venue Corner

- Next meeting: 1/28 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. This meeting will discuss further event planning for the 4-H Fashion Venue (formerly 4-H Style Revue). If you are involved in the clothing/textile project areas (sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc), you are encouraged and welcome to attend to help shape this event!
- Save the date! The show will be on March 23 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlotte.

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 2/11 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. The meeting will discuss the budget for the year, sale marketing/advertising, bylaw changes that were proposed at the last meeting, and feature a presentation from the dairy feeder species representatives.

Dog Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 3/20 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. Get information on Bonnie's spring dog classes at this meeting.
- Save the date! The Pre-Fair Dog Show will be on May 18.
- Attention all dog leaders! NOW AVAILABLE: 10 copies of the Ohio State University Dog Resource Handbook for clubs. Club dog leaders will be able to check out the handbook for the year to use as a resource with 4-H members. To check out a copy, contact the Extension office. This is a great resource!

Beef Tagging

All those who are planning to exhibit beef and dairy market at the 2019 Eaton County Fair, please watch your emails for tagging information! This email will be sent to all those enrolled in the beef, dairy cattle, dairy market, and dairy feeder project areas in 4-H Online. Tags will be available starting 1/15 and forms and photos are due by 2/15.

Youth-Adult Partnerships Training

Volunteers, do you want to strengthen your skills when working with youth on youth voice, leadership, and involvement in your club? Learn how to work with youth as partners to build a better club! Three trainings on youth-adult partnerships will be held throughout the 2018-2019 program year. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE TRAINING!** Volunteers who attend this training will count toward the Training category in the Club Standards Award. Trainings are free and dinner or refreshments will be served 30 minutes prior to the start of the training. All trainings are located in the Public Meeting Room (basement of the Extension office). Please RSVP to the Extension office by the day prior to the training you want to attend. Youth are welcome to attend as well!

- Thursday, January 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Scholarships available for increasing your skills and knowledge!

Ongoing training to improve skills and knowledge in both youth development and specific projects are important for 4-H volunteers. Did you know that to help with this effort, 4-H Council has a scholarship for volunteers who attend educational workshops? Volunteers can be reimbursed for fees up to 50 percent at educational workshops such as Kettunen Center workshops, 4-H Exploration Days, and more! For more information about this scholarship, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/4_h_advisory_council#scholarship.

Prospective Volunteers

All prospective volunteers must go through the Volunteer Selection Process in its entirety prior to being accepted as a volunteer. Any adult who is involved in a club activity on an ongoing basis (more than 4 meetings) must go through this process. The full process can be found at http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu_extension_volunteer_selection_process.

One of the steps to become a new 4-H leader is to complete an interview and orientation with 4-H staff. If you know someone who wants to volunteer, the next scheduled interview dates are 1/23 for time slots available between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes. Orientation is 1/23 at 3:30 p.m. and will take about 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours. Call the Extension office to RSVP for a time slot.