



Kalamazoo County

4-H Family News

February 2019

2019 MSU Extension Exploration Days— More to Explore!

The 2019 MSU Exploration Days registration is coming up soon. Youth won't want to miss out on this exciting adventure **for 11-19 year olds!** The registration books will be available the end of February and can be found at

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information

All of the forms that need to be completed are included in the registration booklet and can be brought to the early sign up on March 5th starting at 6pm. We will be taking registrations at the MSU Extension office at 201 W. Kalamazoo, Suite 306. Parking is free downtown after 5pm and it is the night of a county commissioner meeting so the doors to the administration building will be open. Please remember to sign up early for the best opportunity to get the classes that interest you the most. Many classes fill up early so don't delay! It's going to be an exciting time for youth to attend classes at MSU, develop new friends and skills while having a great time with our county delegation! Youth will be able to enjoy MSU dairy ice cream, various campus tours, nightly entertainment and a variety of other activities while on campus.

The session numbering system easily identifies the session type as follows:

100-157	1st-half session (Wed. PM, Thurs. AM)
200-266	2nd-half session (Thurs. PM, Fri. AM)
300-311	Full session (Wed. PM, Thurs. AM & PM, Fri. AM)
500-528	1st-half session repeated as 2nd-half
600-628	2nd-half session same as 1st-half
900-918	State Awards 4-H Program

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4-H EXPLORATION DAYS
50TH ANNIVERSARY



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4-H Exploration Days

2018 Impact Report



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Exploration Days is a three day campus-based pre-college program that is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Youth participants stay on campus in MSU residence halls and attend action-filled classrooms and field trip sessions on a wide variety of topics. These topics include animal science, business & entrepreneurship,

language & culture, performing & visual arts, and science, engineering & technology.

Nearly 2,000 youth attended Exploration Days in 2018. Post-event evaluations revealed that participating youth gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving, and communication. Youth also reported feeling more prepared to attend college.



94% of youth feel more independent



92% of youth built time management skills



92% of youth feel more prepared for college

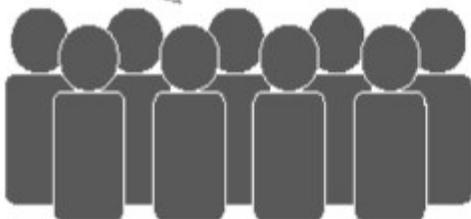


75% of youth are now interested in attending MSU

"Attending [Exploration Days] has helped me with being **more independent and confident**. It has also informed me about all the career choices that MSU has to offer."

"Seeing and spending time exploring the campus **has made me want to go to MSU.**"

"This program has made me **better with communication skills** and working in a group that I'm not familiar with. It's made me more social!"



DID YOU KNOW?

Youth who participate in Michigan 4-H pre-college programs are more likely to go to college: 67% of youth who participated in Exploration Days between 2009 and 2016 enrolled in college within six months of finishing high school. That's 11% higher than the Michigan average!

Contact: Laura Potter-Niesen, Educational Program Events Coordinator, (517) 432-2963, potterla@msu.edu

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ART BAYOU

Mix and mingle with fellow 4-H members while painting pottery

February 13th, 2019, 6pm 3306 Stadium Drive

We have all kinds of techniques, stamps, stencils and design tools for you to use to create your amazing pottery piece to display at fair.

There are over 400 pieces to choose from so we are confident we have something for every budget. We have plates, bowls, mugs, figurines, canisters, platters, candle holders, coasters, home decor items, etc. Your \$6 deposit will go towards your bill total.

Cost is your pottery piece plus tax. Your \$6 deposit will go towards your total bill. If non-4-H family members would like to participate, that is fine however they will each need to be registered separately and their bill will be separate from the 4-H members.

If you'd like to sit with someone in particular, please mention their name when registering at <https://www.artbayoustudio.com/book-online> with the code **4HCLUB**.

4-H Leader's Council will pay a portion of the 4-H members bill. Total percentage of payment depends on the number of participants that sign up.

25th Annual Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction

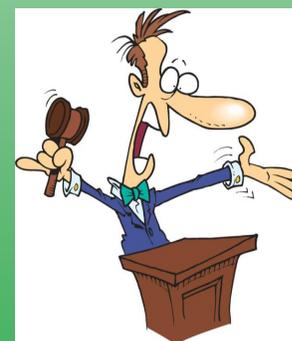
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Many of the items will be listed on the Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/4HLeadersCouncilBenefitAuction/>

Please check it out and pass the link on to others.



25th ANNUAL



BENEFIT

AUCTION

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2019

From: 10 am.-3 pm. Doors open at 9 am.

Location: Gull Lake High School Cafeteria
7753 N 34th St, Richland, MI 49083

Many items will be auctioned Gift Baskets,
Gift Certificates and much more.

Live Auctions and Silent Auction/Bid Boards
Bidboards are a cross between silent auction and a bidding war.

This takes place before the live auction begins.

PUBLIC WELCOME

Cash and Checks will be accepted. All money raised will
help to support the Kalamazoo County 4-H Youth programs.

For more information, contact Michigan State University Extension
Kalamazoo County 4-H Program 269-383-8830 or email bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu

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4-H Teen Leader Project

For the purpose of using the 4-H Teen Leadership materials, a 4-H teen leader will be defined as a young person who is:

- Between the ages of 13 and 19 years old by January 1 of the program year.
- Learning and developing leadership skills.
- Using his or her knowledge, skills and abilities to set and meet goals.
- Getting others involved in projects or activities.
- Practicing and applying leadership skills in various settings.
- Reflecting on his or her leadership experiences.

There are already several youth in the county who are holding the unofficial role of teen leader. Our goal this year is to have youth make it official and help to build those leadership roles they hold in their clubs and projects. Youth will complete an application and interview with 4-H staff and will attend upcoming trainings to help build their skills.

The teen leader application was just updated and is available at : <https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/uploads/files/2019%20teen%20leader%20application%20fillable.pdf>.

We will be taking applications for those interested in broadening their leadership skill starting immediately. They can be submitted to both Veronica and Tyler at bolhuisv@msu.edu and augsttyl@msu.edu.

There will be a hands-on orientation on February 12th starting at 6pm. It will be held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. Pizza, snacks and beverage will be provided.

You may also be interested in attending the 4-H Leaders in Action training at the Kettunen Center on February 23 & 24th. There is more information at : http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_teen_leaders_in_action_workshop.

There will not be a cost to youth who have completed the teen leader application prior to attending the training!



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4-H Pollinators Project is happy to welcome Conservation Biologist Sean Griffin to our February Meeting ! You do not have to be a member to join us, but please RSVP to Veronica at bolhuisv@msu.edu. 24 seats are available.



Come out **February 28th at 6:30 PM**
at the Great Lakes Bee Supply Store
33 W. Battle Creek St, Galesburg, MI 49053
and learn how to help our bees thrive!



Sean is a PhD student studying wild bee ecology and conservation at the MSU Kellogg Biological Station in Hickory Corners, MI. As a conservation biologist, his research focuses on finding ways to make habitat restorations better for native bees, such as changing the shape of the habitat or the flowers available to pollinators. Sean has been working with bees for over 11 years, starting with honeybees and apiculture in his undergraduate at Cornell University and switching to wild bees

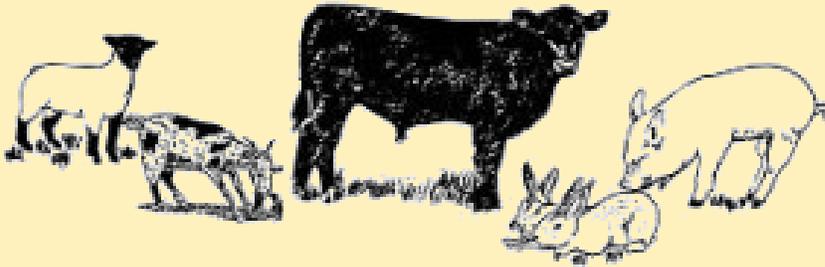
during his Masters at Rutgers University.

Sean has followed bees all over the country, including South Carolina, Colorado, Oklahoma, and North Dakota, but these days keeps his work much more local by studying bee communities in prairie restorations in Illinois and Michigan.

Sean is passionate about sharing conservation knowledge with the public and teaching people how they can protect pollinators in their own backyards, and is currently serving as one of the KBS Science Education and Outreach fellows.



Learn more about Sean's research on his website: www.srgriffin.com or his outreach work at: <http://www.kbs.msu.edu/2018/09/science-education-fellows-2018-19/>



***NEW THIS YEAR ***

MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL LIVESTOCK YOUTH!!

Who:

All 4-H Livestock Youth (*including Cloverbud*)

What:

Auction, Animal, and Barn Etiquette

Where:

Expo Center, Room A

When:

April 30 – 7pm-8pm OR May 1 – 7pm-8pm

All youth and a parent must attend one of the sessions.

Why:

To educate youth on various auction related items (obtaining buyers, pictures, thank you notes, etc.) and to discuss the requirements during fair for animal and barn care.

Please contact the individual species superintendents

ASAP

if you are unable to attend!



**Michigan 4-H
Miniature Horse
Show Guidelines
now available**

The new Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines allow Michigan 4-H mini showmen to understand the rules governing their shows. It is also a great resource for leaders and show managers, as well as 4-H members!

Included in the document is information for all classes, including: jumper, hunter, costume, driven dressage, gymkhana, pole bending and more.

Download your free copy today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf.

Carcass Project News

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7 pm in Room C at the fairgrounds. Plan to join us then! Last year our education focus was on retail cut identification; this year we will be focusing on whole carcass and wholesale cut evaluation.

Listed below is the meeting schedule for the rest of the year so you can plan ahead to attend your two required meetings at times convenient to you.

Jan 28

Feb 25

March 25

April 22

May 20

NO REGULAR MEETING IN JUNE

July 22

The other important dates for you to know are the dates of our competition:

Monday, July 29, 2019 6 pm

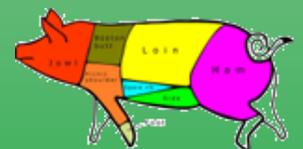
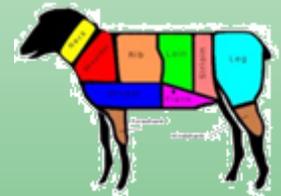
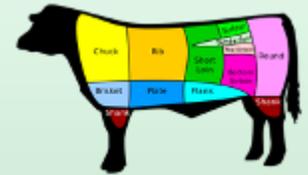
Wednesday, July 31, 2019 10 am

Plan ahead with your work schedules for both competition dates.

Attendance is mandatory for both.

The Carcass Project meetings give 4-H members the opportunity to practice evaluation and reasoning, two skills they can use in many life situations--in and out of 4-H. Additionally, at the competition, members get to see the results of their animal-raising practices first-hand, just as packers and FDA inspectors would evaluate them.

If you have any questions, e-mail superintendents Cindy and Kevin Rose at kevintherose@aol.com, or call at 269.317.3462



Kalamazoo Project/Club News

Calves are coming!

Please see the project requirements for more details—but here is a quick reminder :



Dairy calves can be born between January 1—February 28 for 4-H members and January 1- March 31 for Cloverbud members.

Beef calves must be born between January 1— May 30 for both 4-H members and Cloverbud members.

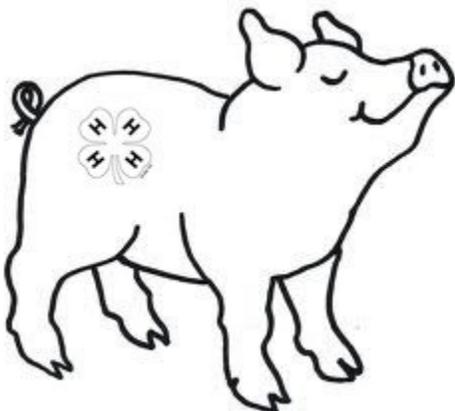
Please join the “Kalamazoo County 4-H Feeder Calf Club” page on Facebook!

Save the date: March 15-19, 2019 is the 2019 Michigan Dairy Conference at the Kettunen Center. The theme this year is dairy cattle nutrition. This is fun camp to learn more about cows. Please stay tuned for more info!



4-H Swine Project

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, February 27th at 6:30 pm, at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room B. We will have a guest speaker from MSU Extension speaking on “Swine Welfare and Senses – Helping YOU Better Understand Your Animal Partner.” This interactive and educational session will introduce the basics of animal welfare, help youth learn about how a pig perceives the world with their senses, and how to be a better partner with that animal in a 4-H project.



Additional upcoming swine meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 26th - 7:00 pm, Rm B
- Tuesday, May 28th – 7:00 pm, Rm B
- July – TBD – Fit & Show meeting

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>Kalamazoo Poultry Project 2019<

Update



Our next county wide Poultry Project meeting is
Tuesday, February 19th .



Meet us at :

7pm in room B at the Expo Center

We will be placing orders for your market project chicks and learning how to make them grow BIG!

POULTRY ORDER DEADLINES

NO orders accepted after 10:00 pm on order date

ALL birds MUST be picked up ON the pick up date!!

No Exceptions.

Call **Ann Hollister at 685-2301** to place your order for market turkey poultts.

All of the families that ordered breed/show/layer chicks from

McMurray Hatchery with the project group order will also be picking up their chicks during the week of **Feb. 25th**.

Jackie will call each family for pick up details as soon as they have been shipped.

Poultry type	Order Date	Pick up date
Turkey	Feb 22	March 26
Market Geese	March 29	May 7
Heavy Duck	April 12	May 21
Roaster	May 3	May 29
Market (Peking) Duck	May 10	June 11
Broiler	May 24	June 18
Cornish	May 31	June 25

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Check out our private Facebook page -

Kalamazoo County 4-H Poultry Group - for fun and educational discussions and ask to join the group!



Did you Know?

Dogs can smell your feelings?



Your pup can pick up on subtle changes in your scent, which can help him figure out how you are feeling — such as by smelling your perspiration when you become nervous or fearful.

Credit to Juliana Weiss-Roessler

Michigan 4-H Dog Program

Learning Workshop

March 9, 2019

Michigan State University, Anthony Hall

Description: Youth aged 8 to 19 in a dog project and adult volunteers are invited to learn from seasoned professionals about various aspects of dog care, management and training.

Tentative Agenda:

8:30-9 Check In

9-9:30 Welcome/Opening Session

9:45-10:30 Session Block #1 (all sessions will be repeated so that attendees can participate in them all.)

- Nutrition—Jessica Fescemyu DVM
- Essential Knowledge—First Aid for your Companion—Mary Fischer
- Developing a proper warm up exercise program—Anna Schloff
- A look into Nosework—Nancy VonKoehnen

10:45-11:30 Session Block #2 (Repeat of Session Block #1)

11:45-12:30 Lunch

12:45-1:30 Session Block #3 (Repeat of Session Block #1)

1:45-2:30 Session Block #4 (Repeat of Session Block #1)

2:45-3:30 Panel Discussion with Instructors and Closing

Registration: To register visit, <https://events.anr.msu.edu/DogProjectWorkshop/>



Cost: \$25 per person which includes lunch and materials.

The Michigan 4-H Dog Project Learning Workshop is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

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What are 4-H SPIN clubs?

A 4-H SPIN club is a combination of the concept of special interest groups with the 4-H club model. Thus the "S" and "P" is taken from special and the "I" and "N" from interest combined with clubs gets 4-H SPIN clubs.

CONGRATULATIONS Abigail VanDyk

Abby has been selected as a 2019-2020

Michigan 4-H State

Youth Leadership Council

Member!



WAY TO GO ABBY!

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Occurring in two locations, East Lansing and Marquette/Chatham, attendees have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about one of twenty grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://>

4-H Trophy Sponsorship Opportunity

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27 Trophy Sponsorships available.

Be a champion yourself--sponsor a trophy!

There are 27 trophies still in need of sponsors this year. If you would like to sponsor an available trophy listed below, please contact Cindy Rose,

the trophy coordinator Phone: 269.317.3462

E-mail: kevintherose@aol.com

Thank you for your consideration!



Beef	Champion Bred & Raised Dairy Beef	\$13.00
Beef	2nd Weight Class	\$7.00
Carcass	Champion Lamb Carcass	\$17.00
Carcass	Reserve Champion Swine Carcass	\$17.00
Carcass	Sheep Carcass Rate of Gain	\$25.00
Dairy	Top Showman	\$35.00
Dairy Feeder	Cloverbud Showman (5 total \$12 each)	\$60.00
Goats	Intermediate Showman	\$35.00
Goats	Reserve Champion Best in Show	\$18.00
Goats	Reserve Champion Pet Wether	\$16.00
Goats	Grand Champion Dry Doe	\$16.00
Goats	Reserve Champion Dam & Daughter	\$16.00
Goats	Grand Champion Meat Breed Market Individual	\$16.00
Goats	Cloverbud Showman (5 total \$7 each)	\$35.00
Poultry	1st Place Breed Drake	\$15.00
Poultry	Champion Market Hen Turkey	\$20.00
Poultry	1st Place Breed Goose	\$15.00
Poultry	Reserve Champion Market Duck Pen	\$20.00
Poultry	Senior Poultry Showman	\$25.00
Poultry	Reserve Champion Show Chicken	\$20.00
Poultry	1st Place Breed Gander	\$15.00
Rabbit	Best of Breed	\$7.00
Rabbit	Best of Breed	\$7.00
Sheep	Champion Wether	\$20.00
Sheep	Reserve Champion Wether	\$20.00
Sheep	Supreme Champion Ewe	\$16.00
Swine	Reserve Champion Barrow	\$35.00
Swine	6th Weight Class Barrow	\$16.00
Swine	6th Weight Class Gilt	\$16.00
Swine	3rd Weight Class Gilt	\$20.00





Become a

Kalamazoo County **Youth Fair**

SPONSER!

For your \$100 Friend of the Fair sponsorship

- *A Donation is made into the 4-H Youth Development Program Premium Fund
- *Sponsor's Name listed on Fair brochure/program as Donor
- *2 free Adult and 2 free Children's Admission Tickets
- *2 Maple Leaf Amusement 1-Day Ride Wristbands

If you would like to be a Fair Sponsor:

Send us a signed and dated letter with your Name, (or Business Name plus Contact Person,) Address, Phone Number and E-mail Address requesting "Friend of the Fair" sponsorship. Send to:

Kalamazoo County Fair Office
Dept. of Parks and Expo Center
2900 Lake St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Please include your payment made out to
"Kalamazoo County Treasurer".

THANK YOU!!

Y *Kalamazoo County* **Youth Fair**

We are searching for an
Open Class Still Exhibit
Superintendent

Duties:

- Help to find ways to encourage the public to participate in the program
- Help to design a system for identifying projects as they are registered
- Help to organize and layout the projects at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center on Saturday August 3, 2019 from 8am to 12pm

Time Commitment:

- 2 preliminary meetings with Fair Coordinator to discuss ideas and direction
- Email Communications with Fair Coordinator
- 4 Hours on Saturday August 3, 2019

Interested?

- Contact Josh Gower at jdgowe@kalcounty.com or at 269-373-5071

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4-H Day At MSU Breslin Center!

Feb 24th

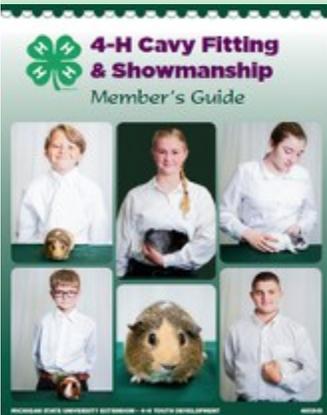
Doors open at 12:30pm
Game at 2pm

Join us for the 14th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the University of Michigan Wolverines at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Gates open at 12:30 p.m., come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families. Contact the Kalamazoo County 4-H office, by February 1, 2019 to obtain your free tickets!



New Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide

Michigan 4-H cavy showmen now have a new resource! The Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide contains objectives and guidelines for the 4-H participant in cavy fitting and showing contests.



Information covered in the resource includes feeding, care, handling and conditioning. The bulletin provides full color, step-by-step instructions with photo illustrations for completing the contest examination. Also included is a cavy showmanship scorecard.

Download your free copy today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/cavy-fitting-showmanship-member-s-guide-4h1345>.

4-H Events and Workshops

February 15-16: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from experienced veterinarians and others.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-veterinary-science-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 16: Michigan 4-H at the Griffins
VanAndel Arena, Grand Rapids

Come out to VanAndel Arena for an exciting night of hockey with the Grand Rapids Griffins! A portion of each ticket will support Michigan 4-H programming.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-at-the-griffins>

February 16-17: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 23: 4-H Teen and Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Conference
Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Attend this conference to explore topics such as horse judging, equine first aid, and veterinary care for horses. Information shared will assist leaders in youth development and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

February 23-24: 4-H Teen Leaders in Action Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Teens attending this workshop will learn how to teach an educational lesson to other youth in their local community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-leaders-in-action-workshop>

February 24: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception
MSU Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

The Michigan 4-H alumni community is invited to an alumni reception prior to the 4-H Day at the Breslin event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>

February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin
MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

Show your Michigan 4-H pride while cheering on the MSU Women's Basketball team during this annual event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

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



POTLUCK DINNER

The Kalamazoo Russian Cultural Association will be having a speaker at their Monthly Potluck presenting on a recent trip to St Petersburg Russia as part of a professional social work exchange.

Bring a dish to pass and join us:

**Monday, March 18
6:00 PM**

At the Walden Woods Club-house, Wynding Oaks (off Arboretum) DunnsRidge, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

All are welcome!



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.

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.

For more statewide, upcoming events check out:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/events>