

*Kent County*

4-H Family News

June 2018

School is out, Scream and Shout!

We don't know about you all, but we are so ready to kick-start the summer! We are certain that all our students are anxiously awaiting the last day of school to arrive, and we wish everyone luck as they wrap up this school year. Despite any impatience we have waiting for summer to officially begin, we can't help but appreciate how wonderful it is to see the sunshine, warm temperatures and so much green all around. All we can say is...let summer commence!

As we eagerly welcome the month of June in all its splendor, we know that summer schedules are filling up fast with events and fun festivities. The following newsletter contains plenty of news and updates to share with our 4-H community, as well as several opportunities that our youth can participate in.

Looking forward to all that the month of June has to offer! As always, please feel free to reach out to the 4-H team with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Mary Newman & Nana Temple

Kent County 4-H Program Coordinators



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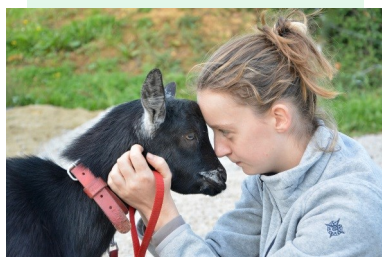
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<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/kent>

Michigan 4-H State Goat Show



Begin your show season with the 2018 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show on Saturday, June 23, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

Bring your goats to compete in showmanship, breed, pack and driving classes.

Check in begins Friday, June 22 at 6 p.m., and closes at 9 a.m. the following morning.

Registration is available until June 15 for youth, sponsors and camping. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/goatshow2018/> to learn more or register.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 9: 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure

Michigan's Adventure, Muskegon

Ticket purchases for this fun event can be made until the day of. There will be a catered lunch for an additional charge.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_michigans_adventure_2

June 10: Animal Science Anywhere Workshop

Kalkaska County Annex Building, Kalkaska

Learn more about the science and life skills involved in animal and veterinary science projects. This workshop is designed for youth ages 12 to 19 years old.

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

June 16: Thumb Dairy Odyssey Days

Deluur Dairy, Deckerville

Explore what a field rep does on the farm, discover how a cow perceives the world around it, and learn how to get your cow ready to show. Register by June 14.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/thumb_dairy_odyssey_days_3

June 23: 2018 Michigan State 4-H Goat Show

MSU Pavilion South Barn, East Lansing

Kick off the show seasons and exhibit your goats at the 2018 Michigan State 4-H Goat Show. Registration is due by June 15.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_michigan_state_4_h_goat_show

June 23: Shiawassee 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

Participate in obedience, rally, showmanship and agility classes at the Shiawassee 4-H Dog Show. Register by June 20 to qualify for the early registration discount.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee_4_h_dog_show_1

June 25-28: 4-H Forestry Day Camp

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

Participate in this four-day camp to learn about Michigan forestry. Learn how to identify trees, take forest measurements, use a compass and more. Register by June 8.

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

July 7: 4-H Gymkhana Fundraiser Horse Show

Horseman's Association, Centreville

Ride in this open gymkhana show while raising money for the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council. Register by June 24 to waive an office fee.

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

July 20-22: 2018 Upper Peninsula 4-H Camp

Clear Lakes Education Center, Manistique

Enjoy an unforgettable camp experience that helps youth meet friends from all over the region, try new activities, and learn new skills.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018_upper_peninsula_4_h_camp

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

Upcoming changes to Michigan 4-H Age Policy



Starting Sept. 1, youth ages 8 to 19 will be eligible to enjoy the full Michigan 4-H experience.

Beginning September 1, 2018, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy will change to reflect a younger beginning age for 4-H members. The new age for 4-H members will be 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.

This policy change is being 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 will move Michigan 4-H into alignment with counterparts across the country, including National 4-H.

As always, age appropriateness and safety will remain a top consideration for 4-H programming areas and Michigan 4-H will continue 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 will also retain their right to determine the beginning age for 4-H involvement within that county.

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.

2018 4-H Health and Food Science Camp

Are you interested in nutrition, food science, physical fitness, personal safety and sports science? Attend the 2018 Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp for your chance to explore these exciting fields, related careers, and tour research facilities at Michigan State University (MSU).

This three-day pre-college program takes place at MSU and is open to volunteers and youth ages 13-19. Youth will work together in teams to develop a plan that addresses health issues within their community and explore various health-related career fields.



The 4-H Health and Food Science camp is designed for 4-H members who are passionate about nutrition, food science, physical fitness, and sports.

Registration is available until June 8 at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_health_food_science_camp/.

4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure



On June 9, kick off summer by joining 4-H members across the state in a day of fun at Michigan's Adventure.

From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 9, Michigan 4-H youth are invited to grab their swimwear and 4-H t-shirts to participate in the 2018 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure.

A catered meal will be provided from 2 to 3 p.m. for an additional cost. There is a fee for standard car parking and oversized vehicles, however full size buses park for free.

To attend, you must RSVP (available up to the date of the event) and wear 4-H attire when purchasing your tickets the day of. To RSVP, visit <https://www.miadventure.com/play/events/4-h-day>.

ATTENTION**4-H Members
With Animals...**

Are you a 4-H Member with an animal? If so, we have an opportunity for you to take your animal to visit with residents at Clark Retirement Community on Keller Lake.

Please contact Barbara MacQueen at 616.204.8042 for more information.

**4-H County Workshops**

Showmanship PLUS Workshop.....06/16/18

Other County Events

Horse Leader Meeting @ 5:30pm.....6/7/18

4-H Council Meeting @ 5:30pm.....6/18/18

4-H Exploration Days @MSU.....6/20-22/18

4-H Explorer Day Camp.....7/16-17/18

4-H Council Updates

Kent County 4-H Council met on May 21, 2018 at the MSU Extension office in Grand Rapids. At this meeting, the council discussed recognition of 2018 graduating high school seniors at the fair. In addition, updates for this summer's Kent County 4-H Explorer Day Camp were shared with council members including the camp flyer, registration forms, and short description of camp activities.

Furthermore, we are looking for new ways to raise funds. If you have any suggestions, please contact Mary Newman at newmanman65@anr.msu.edu. The council would like you to know that the next time you order with Amazon, be sure to shop with Amazon Smile using the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/>. Once there, you can select Kent County 4-H Council as a charity to donate to!

Feel free to join us at the next Kent County 4-H Council Meeting which will be held on June 18, 2018 at 5:30pm. Meetings take place at the Kent County MSU Extension Office (775 Ball Ave. NE, Grand Rapids MI, 49503).

Kent County 4-H Explorer Day Camp

Summer Schedules are filling up fast, BUT if your 4-H Explorer is still looking for a fun summer opportunity, we have an event for you! We are pleased to announce that Kent County MSU Extension 4-H will be hosting a 4-H Explorer Day Camp this summer on JULY 16 & 17. Sign up for one OR both days and join us for fun summer activities! (See page 6-7 for the camp flyer and registration form). Please direct any questions to Nana Temple, 4-H Program Coordinator, at 616-632-7888 or at templedi@anr.msu.edu.

4-H Fun Day!

Kent County MSU Extension 4-H would like to invite any of our 4-H members to our first ever 4-H Fun Days! We will be holding this July 14th at the Tractor Supply Company in Lowell starting at 9 a.m. We would love to have kids from every type of 4-H group be there to Showcase their goods, talents, or projects. We would LOVE to see all different types of 4-H project areas there to represent Kent County. The new 4-H Fun Day is to show the public all that 4-H has to offer. If any group has anything they would like to do as a fundraiser project (e.g. selling bottled water or baked goods), there would be an opportunity to do this at the 4-H Fun Day event. Please note that you would be able to do this as long as a fundraiser application form is turned into and approved by the MSU Extension office. There will be some tents and canopies set up for shade as most projects will be outside, as well as a small area available inside if necessary. Please contact Mary Newman at the Kent County MSU Extension office or Jamie Lett (616.250.0451) if you have any questions or would like to sign up. Thank you for helping support the Kent County 4-H program!

Rabbit & Cavy Workshop

The Rabbit and Cavy Workshop was held on Sunday, June 3 at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds in Lowell. Workshop attendees of all ages attended sessions on breeding, showmanship, pet classes, and fur and wool. Forty-seven youth in total participated in this event! Lena Schlientz, a member of Perfect Partners 4-H Club, took best in show.



ATTENTION 4-H Clubs, Members, and Volunteers

Looking for Sportsmanship Resources?

In Michigan 4-H we work to promote positive behavior and sportsmanship both in and out of competition. With fair season and other competitions quickly approaching, take some time to check out this awesome sportsmanship video created by Michigan 4-H:

Michigan 4-H Sportsmanship: It is our responsibility

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAo-RsguQSk>)

This is a great resource to share at club meetings with 4-H members and volunteers!





Kent County 4-H Explorer

July 16 & 17 8:30am-1:00pm

Fallasburg Park, Lowell, MI

Price:

\$5 per day for 4-H Members & \$20 (one time fee) + \$5 per day for Non-members

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This summer day camp experience is for youth ages 5-8 years old. Come join us at Fallasburg Park for an AWESOME opportunity to participate in activities that include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor Exploration
 - Gardening
- Food & Nutrition
 - Science

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Please complete the registration forms and submit by mail or in-person to the
Kent County MSU Extension Office:

775 Ball Ave NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

For more information, please contact Nana Temple, 4-H Program Coordinator, at 616-632-7888 or templedi@anr.msu.edu.





Kent County 4-H Explorer Day Camp

REGISTRATION FORM

(Required for Participation)



CAMP DETAILS:

WHEN: July 16&17, 8:30am-1:00pm (PLEASE NOTE TIMES BELOW)

(Drop-off @ 8:30am until 9am; Pick-up @ 12:30pm until 1pm)

WHERE: Fallasburg Park—Lowell, MI

WHO: Youth ages 5-8 years old

HOW: Register with this form BY July 6

PRICE: \$5/day for 4-H members & \$20(one time fee)+\$5/day for non-member (price for non-members includes 4-H membership)

ACTIVITIES:

* Arts & Crafts

* Gardening

* Science

* Animals

* Outdoor Exploration

* Food & Nutrition

* Sports & Recreation

Please read and complete the form below. Registration payments must be sent or turned into the Kent County MSU Extension

Office BY JULY 6th. No refunds will be granted after this date.

PLEASE SELECT THE DATES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

JULY 16 _____ JULY 17 _____ BOTH DAYS _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

4-H Member _____ Non-Member _____

PAYMENT (Please make checks payable to MSU):

CHECK _____ CASH _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Phone Number: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION (Please list and describe any allergies/dietary restrictions/health considerations/medications we should be aware of); PLEASE NOTE— Any personal medication is the responsibility of the individual:

RELEASE FOR AUDIO, VIDEO, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

I authorize Michigan State University to record the image and voice of the subject named below and give MSUE and all persons or entities acting pursuant to MSUE's permission or authority, all rights to use of these recorded images and voice. I understand that said images and/or voice will be used for educational, advertising and promotional purposes in all conventional and electronic media, including but not limited to the internet, and any future media. I also authorize the use of any printed material in connection therewith.

I understand and agree that these images and recordings may be duplicated, distributed, with or without charge, and/or altered in any form or manner without future or further compensation or liability, in perpetuity.

Name of Youth: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Check here to Decline: ☐ Date: _____

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June 16, 2018

Hurry Time is Running Out to Register!



Live animals will be provided



Presented by Kent County MSU Extension in partnership with Kent County Youth Fair

Place: Kent County Fairgrounds 225 Hudson Street, SE, Lowell, Michigan

Advance Class: 9 am-12 pm

Free Lunch at noon (parents welcomed to join at no cost)—During lunch, we will be drawing prizes including two sets of clippers!

Beginner Class: 1 pm – 3 pm ***Beginner youth please join us at noon for lunch and the drawing!***

Thank you to our Sponsors for supporting our youth!

Progressive Heating & Cooling

Maple Lane Farms LLC

Caledonia Farmers Elevator

Clarksville Feed Store

Wolverine Building, Inc.

Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corporation

Who should attend: Exhibitors ages 5-19 that are interested in showing: Beef, Sheep and/or Swine

Description: Topics covered Clipping, Grooming, Showmanship, Nutrition, Animal Welfare and Record Books.

To Register: go to- <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ShowmanshipKent2018/>

Cost: \$5.00 for Advance session and \$5.00 for Beginners session

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ATTENTION!!! Cooking Club Opportunity

4-H Teens...Are you looking for a way to learn more about cooking and eating smart?

Throughout the month of July, join MSU Extension for a series of classes called "TEEN CUISINE."

Please see page 10 for more information. Contact 4-H Program Coordinator Mary Newman with any questions.



Exploration Days 2018

Exploration Days are just around the corner! On June 20-22, youth from Kent County, as well as from across the state, will head to East Lansing to attend the 2018 Exploration Days on Michigan State University's campus. Youth and volunteers will participate in a variety of sessions and activities that will open their eyes to a wide range of career opportunities and the college experience. Kent County youth have been busy preparing to attend this event by participating in orientation. This orientation will help attendees know what to expect when they arrive on campus. In addition, Kent County State Award Delegates have continued their preparation for this event by practicing their interview and presentation skills. These skills will be utilized during Exploration Days as our delegates represent Kent County. We are looking forward to these fun, challenging, and informative days!

2018 High School Graduates

Are you a Kent County 4-H member who graduated from high school this year? If so, we want to take the time to celebrate and recognize your achievements during fair! Please provide us with the following information: Name, number of years in 4-H, Projects, favorite things about 4-H/Fair, what's next for you (college, military, trade school, work), and a framed 8x10 photo of you. You may drop the picture and information off at the Kent County Youth Fair Office or the Kent County MSU Extension Office.

If there are questions, please contact Mary Newman at 616-632-7870.

June Coloring Competition

With spring in the air, we are looking to brighten up our office space with some 4-H Artwork! On the last page of the newsletter is a June coloring page. All 4-H Members can participate by printing the page, decorating or coloring it, and submitting it to the 4-H Program Coordinators at the Kent County MSU Extension Office. All those who submit their artwork will be entered to win a prize. Please also include your name and contact information with your artwork so we know who to contact if you win! **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 25, 2018.** Please submit in person, or to the following address:

MSU EXTENSION
ATTN: 4-H Program Coordinators
775 Ball Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503



Teen Cuisine: Cooking Club

DATE:

JULY

9, 11*, 17, 18, 23, 25

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm

*JULY 11 4:30-6:00pm

LOCATION:

Kent County Fairgrounds
225 S. Hudson St. SE
Lowell, MI 49331

RSVP BY:

June 22nd, 2018

Teen Cuisine



Teen Cuisine is a hands-on cooking program that teaches students in grades 6-12 important life skills for eating smart, which will stay with them as they grow into adults. Lessons cover how to choose healthy foods and prevent foodborne illness. With a cooking demonstration in each lesson, students learn by doing.

It is comprised of a series of six lessons and each lesson contains interactive activities designed to help teens learn how to make healthy diet and physical activity choices for themselves.

For more information contact:

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