



Missaukee County

4-H Family News

December 2017

Time To Re-Enroll For the New 4-H Program Year!

Behind the scenes, many clubs are once again preparing for their first meetings of the year. A list of clubs is always available at 4-H online and appears in the yellow box below. All clubs are volunteer led, so our list constantly grows as new volunteers step forward. *Thank you to all of our volunteers who continue to give their time to Missaukee's youth!*

Once families have found a club to join, youth will need to enroll through 4-H Online at <https://mi.4honline.com>. You may do this now at home, or wait until your first club meeting. As you complete this form, be sure to register with an email address you regularly check. Your email box is where we will send information on new clubs, workshops, scholarships and activities. (Be sure our emails aren't going to your spam box!) Our programs are open to youth ages 5-19 (as of 1/1/2018). After enrolling, youth pay a \$20 participation fee to register for the year.

The \$20 participation fee is good for the entire 4-H year from now until August 31st. Youth can participate in other clubs, but participation fees are only paid once. Fees for families with more than 3 youth are capped at \$60. *Check with your club leader before paying. A few clubs may be paying participation fees on their members' behalf.* We accept cash or checks (made out to MSU). Families are welcome to mail the fee off to our office or turn it in to your new 4-H leader at your first meeting.

We will not allow fees to be a barrier to participation. Scholarship forms to cover this fee are available from the 4-H office or your club leader. The Missaukee 4-H Advisory Board is prepared to provide scholarships for families in need. These small fees help cover national background checks for leaders and insurance to cover youth engaged in 4-H programming. Let us know if you have any questions. Welcome to 4-H!

Sincerely,

Laura Quist

Missaukee 4-H Program Coordinator

2017-18 Clubs

Year-round Project Clubs

Backyard Poultry Club
Blazing Arrows 4-H Club
Canine 4-H Companions
Freedom Riders 4-H Club
Missaukee 4-H Little Moo-vers
Missaukee Hop Along 4-H Club
Moo Crew Missaukee 4-H
P.I.G. 4-H Club

SPIN Clubs now forming

(Short-term, and of special interest)

Babysitting Training
(Lake City and McBain)
Cooking Classes
Craft/Sewing Club

Upcoming Group Events

MAYS Education Series
Mock Interview Day
4-H Exploration Days
Home Alone Program
Officer/Leadership Training

Enroll Today!

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DECEMBER CONTEST:

We're giving away 4-H Logo gear! For your chance to win, have your 4-H member read this newsletter, and count the number of **4-H Clovers** that appear. Email the answer to Laura at quistla1@msu.edu for your chance to win.



Winner will be randomly drawn from the responses. Enter on or before Dec. 31, 2017.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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2018 4-H Winterfest



**Registration
opens next week!
See our Facebook now
for 30 classes offered!**

4-H Winterfest, one of Michigan 4-H's most popular workshops, is quickly approaching. This overnight event will be held February 3-4, 2018, in Tustin, Michigan, at the Kettunen Center.

Open to some of the state's youngest 4-H'ers, youth ages 8-12, the workshop allows young people to learn about exciting project areas and meet youth from across the state. Sessions include hands-on activities that range from crafting to shooting sports.

McBain Middle School students Nathan Meekhof and Jeremiah Quist hope to attend for their 3rd year. "It was fun to meet other kids from across the state — and the vet science class on dissecting a eyeball was awesome!" said Jeremiah!

**Look for registration
to open next week.**

**It fills fast! Be sure to
be re-enrolled in 4-H
first at 4Honline.com!**

4-H Workshops

December 12: Leader Update/Wexford Council Meeting—Wexford County
Cadillac Public Library—6:30 p.m.

Session will include a training on how and why to use parliamentary style meetings in our club or council. **Missaukee leaders, youth members and other volunteers are welcome to attend, but Wexford requests an RSVP for materials. Call Laura at 231-839-5848.**

December 13: Ready to Go Volunteer Training Toolkit Train the Trainer Workshop
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

Ready to Go: Volunteer Training Toolkit provides mentoring program staff with activities you may customize, support for using the curriculum and a toolkit.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/
ready-to-go-volunteer-training-toolkit-train-the-trainer-workshop](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/ready-to-go-volunteer-training-toolkit-train-the-trainer-workshop)

January 8: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training—Bay County
Bay County Fairgrounds, Bay City

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN Clubs. **2nd workshop may be added in Traverse City at a later date. Interested? Call Laura for details at 231-839-5848.**

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-
h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-bay-county](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-bay-county)

January 9, 2018: Missaukee 4-H Advisory Board Meeting

MSUE Office—Community Room—6180 W. Sanborn Road, Lake City—6:30 p.m.

Planning and budget session of Missaukee's 4-H programs. Club leaders, volunteers and others with interests in youth development programs encouraged to attend.

January 13-14, 2018: Horsemen's Weekend

Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing, MI

From buying a horse to preparing for competition, you'll find a variety of topics covered at this weekend celebration. Weekend includes Polo and Stock Team matches and a walking tour of the Horse teaching and Research Center. \$2 admission to Saturday morning clinics. Contact: Taylor Fabus, 517-353-1748 or tenlenta@msu.edu.

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2018-horsemen-s-weekend>

January 27-28 Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

This event is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! Attending the 2018 Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures...it will change your world! This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by January 1, 2018), who seek to develop skills to serve (or assist youth serving) in leadership roles in clubs, schools, communities, the state, and the world. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or Brian Wibby @ 906-315-2662 - wibby@msu.edu

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular18/>

February 2-3, 2018: MI 4-H/MQHA Horse Judging Clinic & Practice Workshop

Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing, MI

All ages welcome. Pre-register by January 30 for best rate. This is a great opportunity to work



Save the date for Challenge U 4-H FunFest



Challenge U 4-H Funfest, held at the Kettunen Center, offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to participate in hands-on sessions that will engage youth in learning about themselves, food and being active.

Targeted to youth ages 9 to 13, the Challenge U 4-H Funfest provides an opportunity for younger 4-H youth to become familiar with the Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting.

Look for registration to open in January 2018.

For more information about this event, contact Michelle Neff at hydgmich@msu.edu.



out youth judging teams, or to just get an idea what a judging team is all about! Friday evening's session will feature MSU Extension Educator and MSU Horse Judging Team coach Taylor Fabus. Saturday morning, participants will have the change to judge high quality Quarter Horses, and deliver a set of oral reasons. Each class will be critiqued by officials, and tips will be given on improving your reasons. We have divisions for Junior (9-13 yrs), Senior (14-19 yrs) and coaches/adults! Contact: Taylor Fabus, 517-353-1748 or tenlenta@msu.edu.

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-mqha-horse-judging-clinic-practice-workshop>

February 2, 2018: MI 4-H/MQHA Benefit Clinic

Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing, MI

Rider registration form and waiver can be downloaded under this event. Select from Beginning Western Dressage, Showmanship, Beginning Over Fences, or Ranch Riding.

Contact: Taylor Fabus, 517-353-1748 or tenlenta@msu.edu.

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-mqha-benefit-clinic>

February 16—17, 2018: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their careers. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach attendees how to help members recognize healthy, sick, and/or injured animals. Meet other youth and leaders who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. New resources will be provided to all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2017) and older. Registration not yet open.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-veterinary-science-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 17-18, 2018 : 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

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. In addition, breakout sessions will include livestock and meat evaluation, animal management and more. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged for exchanging of ideas and programs and connecting with other volunteers in the same project areas. The workshop will also offer ways to enhance communication and teaching skills as well as learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries.

Resources will be available for all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2017) and older. <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/>

[events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop-2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop-2)

February 23—25, 2018 Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

We welcome 4-H youth ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2018) and above as well as all 4-H adult volunteers to attend. We'll have a weekend full of fun, educational, hands-on opportunities for equine enthusiasts! We'll learn about equine judging, horse bowl, equine massage, horse hair crafts, leadership skills, and much more! Contact: Taylor Fabus, 517-353-1748, tenlenta@msu.edu

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

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Before you start shopping, designate **Missaukee 4-H Advisory Board** as your gift recipient.

Gifts are made by Amazon directly to Missaukee's 4-H Advisory Board. They'll be used to help send more Missaukee youth to 4-H Exploration Days or send youth and leaders to training events at Kettunen Center.

To support your favorite charity (at no cost to you), shop at smile.amazon.com.

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

Other 4-H Events

January 20: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception: *Spartan Stadium, East Lansing*

4-H alumni will gather before 4-H Day at the Breslin for networking, refreshments and games.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception://msue

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin: *Jack Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing*

Join us for the 13th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game.

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

January 27: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show: *MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

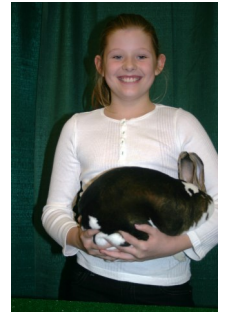
This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan.1 of the current year.

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

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

2018 Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show

Every year, Michigan 4-H'ers bring their rabbits and cavies to compete at the Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show. This year's event is taking place on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Michigan State University Agricultural Pavilion in East Lansing. Along with showmanship and judging classes, this year's event will feature educational contests such as breed identification and educational posters. There will also be a 15 to 20 minute judging seminar throughout the day that is free for youth and volunteers to learn how to judge like a professional. Pre-registration and the show catalog are available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show. Registration will also run from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. the morning of the event.



The show is a great opportunity to showcase your rabbit or cavy.



New 4-H Science Blast activity released

A new 4-H Science Blast activity is now available! This resource is designed to help leaders show youth how to make and place "track traps" to capture animal tracks for identification. Youth return in one to two days to the trapping area to check for the presence of animals by looking for tracks and other signs such as markings left by wings or tails. Participants take note of their findings and a discussion of animal adaptations and

habitats follows.

The lesson plan is designed for 4-H'ers 8 to 12 years of age. From the activity, they will develop many life skills including problem solving, critical thinking and learning to learn. Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_science_blast_activities to download this and other 4-H Science Blast lesson plans.

New lesson plans include:

- Healthy as a Horse – Investigating Impaction Colic
- Where Is All The Water?
- Track Traps & Habitats
- Scoring Your Horse
- The Dirt on Clean Water
- Sensory Awareness

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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SHOP 4-H Online and support Michigan 4-H!

Get ready for the holidays by buying your favorite Michigan 4-Hers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store. Ranging from 4-H apparel to 4-H flashlights, you can find the perfect gift for every 4-H member, volunteer, parent or staff person. As you share the 4-H spirit this holiday season, you'll also be supporting Michigan 4-H! The SHOP 4-H Online Store is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H when you shop using this link: <https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>.



SHOP 4-H Online is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H with every purchase.

2018 4-H State Award applications process now open!



2017 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO> and is due Feb. 1, 2018. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu.

4-H Day at the Breslin—FREE tickets 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 Indiana Hoosiers at 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 2018 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 2:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events.

4-H alumni and their families are also invited to a special pre-event activity at Spartan Stadium, beginning at 1:30 p.m. To learn more, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception.



Michigan 4-Hers recite the American and 4-H pledges during the halftime show.

4-H Pledge Posters now available!

THE 4-H PLEDGE
I pledge...

- my **HEAD** to clearer thinking.
- my **HEART** to greater loyalty.
- my **HANDS** to larger service.
- my **HEALTH** to better living.

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

Whether you are a new or longstanding club, learning the 4-H pledge is an important step for all 4-H members. Help new members learn the pledge by downloading a free 4-H pledge poster available at msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_pledge_posters.

The colorful pledge posters can also be used for displays that can help with recruitment of youth and volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H pledge posters, contact Jodi Schulz at schulzj@anr.msu.edu.

Over 20 people from Missaukee will be attending! Order your tickets today!

4-H GROWS HERE

Missaukee Family Participates in States' 4-H International Exchange Program *(and why you should, too)* by Dereck Kamphouse, 4-H member

Hello, my name is Dereck Kamphouse, and I am a middle school student at McBain Rural Agricultural School. This past summer I took part in a 4-H International Exchange Program. This is a program in which you host youth (ages 12-16 years old) from Japan, Costa Rica, Finland, Norway, or South Korea to come and stay with you for a month and act as a brother or sister. I was the host brother of a boy from Japan named Minami Hadano. We first met in person at the matching ceremony where you and your new brother or sister are brought together at Michigan State University.



Article author and exchange program host Dereck Kamphouse and Minami Hadano during the 2017 4-H International Exchange Program.

During the month that he was with me we did many things despite the fact that he spoke very little English. The language barrier was easy to break because I could go on Google Translate. While he was with us we travelled to Mackinac Island. We went to the Missaukee Youth Show where I show a pig and rabbits every year and he got to meet many of my friends and look at the animals. He also went to football camp with me and was able to practice with the team, even though it was a sport he had never before played. Minami turned out to be the fastest person there, running a 5 second 40 yard dash. There were so many other activities that kept us busy while he was here. We went kayaking, fishing, watched the Detroit Tigers, played with my dog Daisy, and watched movies. However, I think the thing that he enjoyed the most was just spending time with me and the rest of my family playing sports, games, and doing some of the things that he brought with him from Japan, like his origami and games.

My favorite thing about having him here was that I got to know him very well and I got a new friend out of the program. The exchange program is definitely something that I will take part in again next year because of all the experiences and relationships that come with it. Minami and I continue to write to each other. He is a close friend, even though he is on the other side of the world. I hope to someday visit him in Japan.

4-H is prevalent across the world through programs like International Youth Exchange. Learn how you can become involved in hosting a summer or year-round exchange student from D'Ann Rohrer at drohrer@anr.msu.edu or 231-845-3361.



Become a reporter!
4-H Members- We are looking for club members to spotlight in our monthly newsletter.

Members are asked to submit a several paragraph write-up and pictures sharing your experiences with 4-H. Introduce yourself, tell us about how you became involved in 4-H and your club(s) activities.

Please submit this information to Laura Quist quistla1@msu.edu. Articles may be shared in this newsletter, website and Facebook page.