



Alpena County

4-H Family News

April 2015

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign!

*Please help support Alpena County 4-H by volunteering
at the TSC Paper Clover Campaign!*



Sign Up Times:

Saturday, April 25, 2015 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Sunday, April 26, 2015 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Saturday, May 2, 2015 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Sunday, May 3, 2015 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Please contact Helen-Ann to sign up for a time slot

What is the TSC Paper Clover Campaign? Twice a year TSC has a two week time period when customers can donate \$1 to purchase a 4-H paper cover. 70% of the funds go to state and county 4-H programs and 30% go to the National 4-H Council. In the spring of 2014, Alpena TSC was in the top five stores in our competition class for paper clover sales. Thank you Tractor Supply Company for your support of 4-H!



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Do your part to better your community, your country and your world! Join us next year for the 2016 Adopt-A-Highway clean up on April 27th. This year's Adopt-A-Highway clean-up took place Earth Day, April 22, 2015. We hope to see you next year!

Social Media Highlights 4-H

If you tweet, post, chat or pin, you are enjoying social media.

Did you know that 80% of people check their smartphones first thing in the morning? Michigan 4-H can be found on *Facebook*, *Instagram*, *Pinterest*, *YouTube* and *Twitter*. Follow Alpena County 4-H online too! You can find us on Facebook and Twitter.

You will also find that many state events and county programs have their own pages and groups to share information. Log in to like us, retweet, share a post, follow what is happening or learn about upcoming events.

4-H Events

May 4: *Build Your Future* Curriculum Training

(http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/build_your_future_curriculum_training3)

Max Thompson Community Center, Warren, Michigan

May 6-8: 2015 Michigan Envirothon State Competition (<http://conta.cc/1AVTkY5>)

Fort Custer, Augusta, Michigan

May 15-16: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class

Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)

Bay College, Escanaba, Michigan

May 16: Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show (formerly 4-H Poultry Palooza)

(http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_poultry_palooza1)

Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte, Michigan

May 16-17: May 15-16: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class

Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)

Otsego County MSU Extension Office, Gaylord

May 28: Skill Building for Youth Workers: Youth Development and Communication

(<http://bit.ly/1MnLxoT> <http://bit.ly/1MnLxoT>)

MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

May 30-31: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp

(http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp1)

Camp Tuhsmehta

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo

(http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_expo2015)

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 13-14: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class

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Camp Tuhsmehta, Greenville, Michigan

June 13-20: Citizenship Washington Focus

(<http://bit.ly/1Mm2yOi>)

National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

June 15: Keep Your Head When You Win and Your Heart When You Lose: Teaching

Sportsmanship in Animal Science Webinar (<http://bit.ly/1MnLRnB>)

June 15-19: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp

MSU, East Lansing

June 17-18: MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour

Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@msu.edu)

Novi, Michigan

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

Thank You, Alpena Youth & Recreation Committee!

Alpena County 4-H is partially funded through the Alpena County Youth & Recreation Millage. MSU Extension and our 4-H programs are so pleased to again have received the funding support of the Alpena Youth and Recreation Committee (YRC) in 2015. We are so lucky to have such dedicated and supporting committee members in Alpena. Please, if you know or meet someone who sits on the Alpena Youth and Recreation Committee make sure to thank them for their support of Extension youth programs these past years; especially 4-H!

YRC Members:

Tom Heise
Darlene Wilmot
Tony Suszek
Linda Canfield
Calvin Howard
Kamila Robillard
Fred Wegmeyer
Lisa Siegert

Thank you, 4-H Volunteers!

In honor of National Volunteer Week during the month of April we want to say thank you to all our 4-H volunteers and leaders in Alpena County! Your dedication and support of 4-H youth programming in Alpena County is greatly appreciated! Without you 4-H would not be possible. 4-H members, make sure to thank your leaders for their dedication and your parents for their commitment to 4-H. Thank you!

Club Leaders:

+ Fran Arthur
+ Brad Avery
+ Christin Avery
+ Tasha Beaudoin
Lynn Borke
Barbra Brege
Dawn Britton
+ Bonnie Cornelius
Emily Eagling
Patrick Eagling
Rick Fluharty
+ Kristy Fras

* Jeanna Gersewski
Andrea Griffin
Kristi Hoppe
Jean Kowalski
Nancy Kowalski
+ Cindy Krentz
* Laura Leatzow
Aaron Leatzow
Scott MacKenzie
Pamela Malaney
* Tabitha McDonald
Marcia Mott
* Dione Oliver
* Amy Roznowski
+ Linda Soldenski
+ Zina Sommerfeld
+ Kari Spragg
Cassandra Suszek
John Suszek
Lincoln Suszek
Robert Thomson
* Tricia Udell
Travis Wahl
Janel Woodward
Sheryl Wright

Resource Leaders:

+ Darlene Alexander
Brenda Atkinson
Brittany Aube
* Stacie Avent
Rochelle Boboltz
Tracey Burr
Kari Chamberlain
Jennifer Corn
Stephanie Gandulla
Meaghan Gass
* Nicole Graham-Kingsbury
Philip Hartmeyer
Patricia Howard
Pamela Joslin
Lori Kline
+ Jackie Konecke
Adele Lamay
Jennifer Newhouse
Christopher O'Bryan
+ Jacqueline Olsen
* Ruth Plume
Tim Pollard
Matthew Prince
Tamera Reed
Patrick Saker
Carey Schiller
Jeffery Schiller
Andrea Sigmon
Harriet Smith
Kali Smith
Katie Thomson
+ Pennie Wahoski
Lynn Wiley-Beaudoin
Ron Worth
Ben Young
Jennifer Young

Teen Council Members:

* Abbie Kowalski
* Demi Oliver
* Kelsey Udell
* Taylor Wong

4-H Member of the Year:

*Bree Oliver
Kelsey Udell (*runner-up*)

* = Alpena County 4-H
Council Member

+ = Alpena 4-H Horse Developmental Committee Member



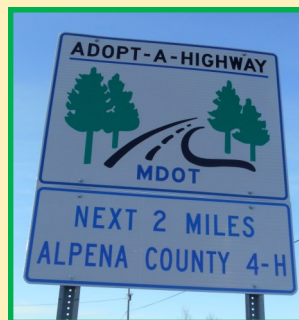
Alpena County Commissioners

Alpena County 4-H is partially funded by the Alpena County Commissioners. Their support of Alpena County 4-H is greatly appreciated. Make sure to thank your county commissioners next time you see them for their support of Michigan State University Extension and 4-H in Alpena County.

thank
you!

Alpena County 4-H is **GREEN** & White!

On April 22, 2015 twenty-seven 4-H members and twelve volunteers braved the cold to do their part to better our community, country and world by volunteering at our Earth Day celebration and Adopt-A-Highway clean-up. 4-H'ers cleaned a two mile stretch of M-65 by Long Rapids Hall and collected twenty-eight bags of trash. As part of the Earth Day celebration Kathy Freel, Alpena MSU Extension Health and Nutrition Program Instructor, gave a presentation on healthy snacks, foods and drinks. Thank you to the Alpena County 4-H Council for sponsoring this event and providing a pizza dinner.



News article submitted by 4-H member, Taylor Wong



HORSE CAMP Registration Open!

When: May 9-10, 2015

Where: Alpena County Fairgrounds

Who: All 4-H members

Cost: \$30 per person; \$40 for family of two; \$10 each additional child
\$5 stall deposit per each horse (will be returned when stall is cleaned)
\$10 additional fee for non 4-H members

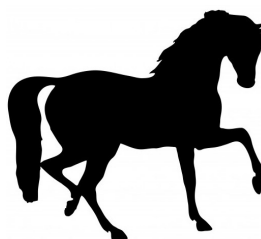
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 4:30pm

To register for camp visit the Alpena MSU Extension office or contact us and a registration packet can be e-mailed or mailed to you.

*New this year, 4-H members interested in participating in the McKinley Trail Ride & Camp on July 11-12, 2015 are required to attend Horse Camp. However, an exception will be made if you contact the Alpena MSU Extension office prior to camp. Those that do not attend Horse Camp will be required to complete a trail ride safety test before the trail ride registration on July 11, 2015.

Notice: HDC Bylaws Revision

The Alpena County 4-H Horse Developmental Committee (HDC) will be conducting a bylaws revision at their next regular council meeting on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:00pm** at the Alpena MSU Extension office. Proposed bylaw changes to be discussed include updating of committee officers, HDC membership, voting and more. Please join us! All 4-H volunteers, and teens currently enrolled in a horse club are considered active members of the HDC. Voting on proposed changes will take place at the HDC meeting on June 2, 2015 at 6:00pm. Please join us to help guide and advise 4-H horse programming in Alpena County!



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SUMMER CAMP IS ALMOST HERE!

4-H SUMMER CAMP

Fins, Fur and Feathers!



What are you doing this summer? Come to summer camp along with 4-H'ers from Alcona, Montmorency, Otsego and Presque Isle counties! Learn about S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) while participating in awesome games and group activities with campers throughout northeast Michigan! You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend summer camp.

Where: Ocqueoc Outdoor Recreation Center (Presque Isle County)

When: Monday, June 29—Thursday, July 2, 2015

Who: Youth ages 9-12 years old (age as of January 1, 2015)

Cost: \$75.00 (additional \$10 for non 4-H members)

Camp Counselor: Do you like working with youth in a leadership role? Then serving as a counselor at summer camp is just for you! Counselors must be 15-19 years old by January 1, 2015. Deadline to apply as a counselor: May 1, 2015

Transportation: Campers are required to find their own transportation to and from camp; carpooling is encouraged.

Deadline to apply: May 28, 2015 by 4:30pm

Camp Activities:

- Shooting Sports (Archery)
- Kayaking (*NEW!*)
- Group Games
- Paint War
- Fisheries
- Mammals
- Aves (birds)
- Water Slide
- And More!



Above: Alpena County 4-H members had a BLAST at the marshmallow paint war!

Below: Campers got to dissect a fish from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at summer camp!



Left: Helen-Ann with Alpena County 4-H members that attended the 2014 Summer Camp, "Ready, Set, Go!" Campers had a great time and learned a lot about S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) related projects!



Alpena County 4-H Council Update

Alpena County 4-H Council has been working hard to guide and advise 4-H Youth Development Program in Alpena County. However, your help is needed! Please join us for council meetings to give input and help guide 4-H in Alpena.

Everyone is welcome to attend council meetings—parents, community members, 4-H members and more. Meetings take place the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm at the Alpena MSUE office.

Please note at our May council meeting we will be reviewing our 4-H council bylaws. Please join us to help provide input and guidance.

Upcoming Meetings:

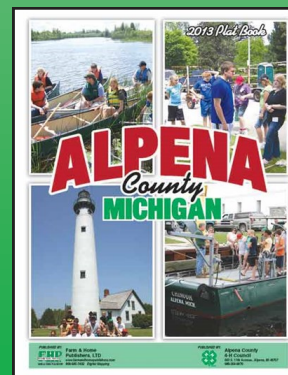
May 20, 2015

June 17, 2015

July 15, 2015

August 19, 2015

4-H Council has plat books for sale—Support Alpena County 4-H and pick one up today! \$25.00 each (cash or check)





This weeklong, **triple award-winning** (<http://bit.ly/18xHcjC>) camp, now in its 33rd year, features outdoor, hands-on learning experiences and activities such as charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, swimming, hiking, dune exploration, and wading through wetlands!

GLNRC learning sessions and recreation are designed to:

- Increase teens' appreciation and enjoyment of the outdoors, natural resources and science.

- Develop a strong attitudinal attachment to Michigan's unique natural resources and bioregional features.
- Increase teens' knowledge about the Great Lakes, natural resources ecology and management issues.
- Foster scientifically rooted environmental stewardship.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Develop leadership skills and self-confidence.
- Increase social and academic skills needed for successful transition to college and life as an adult.

Who: Youth age 13-15 (or going into grades 8 to 10) who function at grade level or above.

When: August 2-8, 2015

Where: Camp Chickagami (<http://www.campchickagami.org/#!>), Presque Isle

How: Youth applicants must complete the 2015 Michigan 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camper Application (<http://bit.ly/1xbmVw8>) and submit the application by May 1 to Laura Potter-Niesen, 4-H Youth Development, Room 160 Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824. Space is limited!

Cost: The 2015 cost (that includes meals, snacks, lodging, and program and activity fees) is \$345 per young person (\$355 for youth who are not 4-H members). A limited number of state 4-H scholarships are offered for teens with financial need. 4-H members may wish to check with their county MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

More Information: For more information on GLNRC visit our website at: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc>



Unscramble the following phrase:

RMUSME PCMA SI OMATLS EHER!

Hint: 4-H Activity

The Power of 4-H, Learn by Doing



In 4-H, we learn by doing. We help young people gain skills through hands-on experiences that allow them to perform an activity; then we follow that up with important and purposeful questions. This is called "experiential learning."

Participants:

- Experience an activity
- Share the results
- Process by discussion
- Generalize to understand how it connects to the real world
- Apply what they learned to other situations.



When 4-H volunteers use this model, everyone benefits from the exchange of ideas, and everyone grows in knowledge and the ability to apply what was learned in other settings.

JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Alpena County 4-H Youth Day

On March 21, 2015 over eighty 4-H'ers from Alpena County came together to compete alongside each other in project categories ranging from woodworking, veterinarian science, S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and more. Youth Day gives 4-H'ers the opportunity to showcase their winter projects and all of their hard work. In each project category there is a judge that 4-H members present their project to. Judges then give members an Honor Group, Honorable Mention or Successful Completion ribbon based on their presentation and the depth of their project. 4-H'ers that received an Honor Group ribbon were in the running for the Best of Show for that project category. Other activities that 4-H members participated in at Youth Day include interviewing for a scholarship to attend 4-H Exploration Days, Summer Camp or another educational 4-H activity; giving a performing arts presentation or speech; and setting up a display representing their 4-H club. Twenty-nine 4-H members from Alpena received a scholarship.; which is a huge increase from last year! Every 4-H member that participated in Youth Day did a fantastic job!

Best Name Tag Award:
Binder Twiners 4-H Club

Club Display Winners (drawn randomly):
Green Acres 4-H'ers Club
The Cloverleafs 4-H Club



Photography, Drawing & Painting (above)
Best of Show: **Morgan Greene (R)**
Reserve: **Molly McArthur (L)**



Performing Arts (above)
Best of Show: **Lindsay Hoppe (R)**
Reserve: **Nehemiah Rao (L)**



Speeches (above)
Best of Show: **Demi Oliver (R)**
Reserve: **Jessiaca Schoville (not pictured)**



Alpena County 4-H Important Dates:

4-H Re-enrollment Due
The 4-H year is from September 1—August 31. So make sure to re-enroll in Alpena County 4-H today!

April 22, 2015
Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up;
Long Rapids Hall at 6pm

April 24 & 25
TSC Paper Clover Campaign;
10-2pm at Tractor Supply

April 28, 2015
4-H Exploration Days
Registration due by 4:30pm

May 2 & 3
TSC Paper Clover Campaign;
10-2pm at Tractor Supply

May 5, 2015
HDC Meeting; 6pm

May 12, 2015
Spring Weigh-in 5:30-6:30pm
& Market Club Meeting
6:30pm

May 20, 2015
4-H Council Meeting; 5:30pm

May 28, 2015
4-H Summer Camp
Registration due by 4:30pm

June 2, 2015
HDC Meeting; 6pm

June 3, 2015
Mandatory Exploration Days
Pre-Meeting; 6:30pm

YOUTH DAY RESULTS

2015 Youth Day Results Continued

Best and Reserve of Show Winners (pages 7-9)



Woodworking (above)
Best of Show: **Tyler Erickson (R)**
Reserve: **Ethan Leatzow (L)**



Shooting Sports (above)
Best of Show: **Beau Oliver (R)**
Reserve: **Dakota Gersewski (L)**



Cooking (above)
Best of Show: **Michael Coonrod (R)**
Reserve: **Bree Oliver (L)**

Veterinarian Science—Horses (below)

Best of Show: **Hope Reed (L)**
Reserve: **Corey Boboltz (R)**



Veterinarian Science—Livestock (below)

Best of Show: **Carey May Udell (L)**
Reserve: **Justin Timm (R)**



Junior Crafts (9-13 yrs old) (below)

Best of Show: **Brooke Gersewski (L)**
Reserve: **Lilly Domke (R)**



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Alpena County 4-H Important Dates Continued:

June 9, 2015
Market Club Meeting; 6:30pm

June 14, 2015
Horse Achievement Day at Alpena Fairgrounds
**This is for state horse show qualifying*

June 17, 2015
4-H Council Meeting; 5:30pm

June 24-26, 2015
Exploration Days @ MSU

June 29-July 2, 2015
4-H Summer Camp

July 7, 2015
HDC Meeting; 6pm

July 11-12, 2015
HDC Horse Trail Ride Camp

July 14, 2015
Market Club Meeting; 6:30pm

July 15, 2015
4-H Council Meeting; 5:30pm

August 2-8, 2015
4-H Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp

August 4, 2015
HDC Meeting; 6pm

August 8-16, 2015
Alpena County Fair

August 14, 2015
Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale

August 19, 2015
4-H Council Meeting; 5:30pm

YOUTH DAY RESULTS

Best and Reserve of Show Winners Continued:

Senior Crafts (14-19 yrs old) (below)

Best of Show: **Mackenzie Jore (R)**

Reserve: **Tyler Erickson (L)**



Jr Clothing & Textiles (9-13 yrs old) (below)

Best of Show: **Brooke Gersewski (R)**

Reserve: **Elizabeth Romel (not pictured)**



Sr Clothing & Textiles (14-19 yrs old) (below)

Best of Show: **Kelsey Udell (R)**

Reserve: **Dakota Gersewski (L)**



Gardening and Conservation (above)

Best of Show: **Brooke Gersewski (R)**

Reserve: **Julia Modrzyewski (L)**



Written Expression (above)

Best of Show: **Courtney Krentz (L)**

Reserve: **Jenna Britton (R)**



S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) (above)

Best of Show: **Eric Slosser (R)**

Reserve: **Keyler Werda (L)**

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Alpena County 4-H Important Dates Continued:

August 25, 2015

Market Club Meeting; 6:30pm
(OPTIONAL MEETING)

September 1, 2015

HDC Meeting; 6pm

September 16, 2015

4-H Council Meeting; 5:30pm

September 28, 2015

Leader Update Meeting;
5:30pm @ MSUE

October 1, 2015

Leader Update Meeting;
5:30pm @ MSUE

October 6, 2015

HDC Meeting; 6pm

October 21, 2015

4-H Council Meeting; 5:30pm

October 25, 2015

Alpena County 4-H Awards
Banquet

November 3, 2015

HDC Meeting; 6pm

November 18, 2015

4-H Council Meeting; 5:30pm

November 27, 2015

4-H Float in the Alpena
Holiday Parade

December 1, 2015

HDC Meeting; 6pm

January 20, 2015

4-H Council Meeting; 5:30pm
(1st council mtg of the year)



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2015 Earth Day Celebration & Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

26 4-H'ers and 12 volunteers helped clean-up two miles of M-65 and collected 28 bags of trash at the 4-H Adopt-A-Highway on April 22, 2015. A special thank you to everyone that participated!

“To make the best better”

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