



Alpena County

4-H Family News

March 2016

Alpena County 4-H Youth Day!



Wildcat Welding Club @ 2015 Youth Day



2015 Written Expression Individual Project Winners; Courtney Krentz and Jenna Britton

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MSUE Office Hours
Tues-Thurs; 8:30a-4:30p



When: Saturday, February 27, 2016

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm (arrive at 8:00am for set-up)

Where: Alpena Mall (2380 South U.S. 23, Alpena)



Market Club



2016 Market Club Dates:

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

- Tuesday, March 15 @ 6pm
- Tuesday, April 19 @ 6pm
- Tuesday, May 17 @ 6pm
- Tuesday, June 21 @ 6pm
- Tuesday, July 19 @ 6pm



2015 Market Club Officers

L-R: Anissa Eagling (Reporter), Katelyn Conrod (Secretary), Demi Oliver (President), and Stephanie Donke (Vice-President)

All market club meetings will be held at the Merchant's Building at the Alpena County Fairgrounds (one meeting may be held in the swine barn). If you are planning to market livestock at the 2016 Alpena County Fair, you need to be a member of the Market Club. For questions please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office. Market Club rules, Market Sale Guidelines, and other important information regarding the market sale will be discussed at meetings. To be a member of the market club, just come to meetings and make sure to sign-in.

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4-H Online Family Guide

Looking to enroll in Michigan 4-H? Your county Michigan State University (MSU) Extension office staff can help you find a club, get the forms you need and begin the enrollment process.

ENROLLING IN 4-H ONLINE AS A NEW FAMILY
To enroll in Michigan 4-H Online, you need a computer, internet access, a valid e-mail address and a web browser. Although 4-H Online will work in Internet Explorer, Chrome or a Microsoft browser, some aspects work better with Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome. If you need assistance accessing the internet, please contact your county MSU Extension office.
To begin, go to <https://mi.4honline.com> (notice there is no "www" in the address).

- Click "I need to set up a profile." Select the county in which you want to join 4-H and then type in your valid family email address.
- Confirm your e-mail address.
- Type in the last name of the household participant. This will be the name that appears on mailing labels, i.e. "The Johnson Family."
- Create your password. It must be a minimum of eight characters and include at least one letter and one number/symbol.
- Select Family as your role.
- Click on "Create Login."

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Enroll in 4-H Today =
<https://mi.4honline.com>
+
Pay \$10 participation fee
or submit a waiver form

Host a Foreign Exchange Student Through 4-H!

Host a Youth from Belize this Summer from June 26th until July 14th! Did you know there is a 4-H program in Belize? Did you know that Belize is the only Central American country where the official language is English? Did you know that by opening your home for 3 short weeks to a youth from Belize could result in a lifelong friendship and a better grasp on global competencies? Sign up to be a host family today! We are in search of 2 additional families for two 18 yr. old girls, 1 family for a 15 yr. old boy, and 1 family for an adult male chaperone. Families will need to complete an in-home interview and a background check. Please contact Jackie Martin (marti623@msu.edu) or Heather Gray (grayhea2@msu.edu) by May 1, 2016 for more information. This is your chance to be involved in an exchange program without a long term commitment.



4-H Workshops

March 4: Junior Master Gardener Workshop
Children's Garden Classroom, East Lansing

March 11-13: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Beechpoint Christian Camp, Allegan

March 12-13: 4-H Robotics Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Teens as Teachers Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 19: 4-H Day at the Palace and Leadership Workshop
The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills

March 19-20: Challenge U 4-H FunFest
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

February 27: Alpena County 4-H Youth Day
Alpena Mall (9:00am-2:00pm)

March 2: Pork Quality Assurance Training
Hillman High School (6:00pm-7:30pm)—Contact Bonnie Hardies (colli427@anr.msu.edu)

March 5: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing—Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)

March 20-23: 4-H Capitol Experience
Lansing

April 6: 4-H Night at the Joe (Red Wings)
Joe Louis Arena, Detroit

April 10: 4-Hairy Horse Benefit Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 16: 4-H Pattern-O-Rama Horse Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 16: State 4-H Goat Expo
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 27: Alpena County 4-H Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up
Long Rapids Hall, Lachine (meet at 5:45pm)

April 22-23: 2016 Equine Educational Expo
Anthony Hall & MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

June 22-24: 2016 Exploration Days
MSU

June 27-30: Five County 4-H Summer Camp!
Ocqueoc Outdoor Center, Millersburg

July 30-August 7: 2016 Alpena County Fair
Alpena County Fairgrounds



2016 Exploration Days Theme

**For more information on each event and for the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>*

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*** Enroll in 4-H Today ***

step
1

Enroll in 4-H Online at: <https://mi.4honline.com>

New 4-H Members: need to create a family profile, then add youth members to their account. Only add an adult member if they are a volunteer.

Returning 4-H'ers: Members re-enrolling need to sign-in, continue to their family profile, click edit next to their name, scroll down and click enroll, and then update all their information. For help with enrolling 4-H Online please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office at (989) 354-9870.

step
2

The last step to officially become an Alpena County 4-H member is to submit your \$10 participation fee to the Alpena MSU Extension office. The payment can be turned in during our regular business hours (Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm), mailed to our office, or dropped in our secure mailbox located outside of our main entrance. If paying the participation fee is a hardship please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office to discuss completing a participation fee waiver form.

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign!

Please help support Alpena County 4-H by volunteering at the TSC Paper Clover Campaign! April 13-24th!

***Worth 2 points!**



Sign Up Times:

Saturday, April 16, 2015 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Sunday, April 17, 2015 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Saturday, April 23, 2015 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Sunday, April 24, 2015 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Members and Clubs:

- Please contact the Alpena MSUE 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. 4-H members volunteer at the store to help carry purchases to customers vehicles, and more. 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 2015 we set a new store record and sold \$1,055 in paper clovers. Please help us set a new record this year!** Thank you Alpena TSC for your dedication and support of 4-H!



Coty Avent volunteered at TSC in the spring of 2015



4-H members helping at the spring 2015 TSC campaign.



Alpena 4-H'er Attends a Teen Leadership Workshop!



Alpena 4-H member, **Molly Thomas**, attended the 2016 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular at the Kettunen Center this past January.

At the Spectacular, Molly learned about "thinking globally and acting locally," through hands-on group sessions with fellow 4-H'ers from across the state.

The purpose of the workshop is to encourage teen leaders and adult volunteers to approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, people, and diverse cultures. We look forward to seeing what Molly brings back to Alpena County from her experience!

Alpena County 4-H Youth Day Saturday, February 27, 2016 @ Alpena Mall

- 2380 U.S. 23 South, Alpena, Michigan -

9:00am—2:00pm (arrive at 8:00am for set-up)

Who can participate in Youth Day? All 4-H members are encouraged to participate! This event is open to the public; so invite your parents, family and friends.

How do I participate? Bring your 4-H project(s) to Youth Day—it could be a poster, record book, something you made, or more. Then you present your project to a judge in that category (project categories listed on page #5). After you present you will immediately receive a ribbon—if you receive an honor ribbon you are in the running for the best of show; which is the overall best project in that category. There are (18) best of show individual project areas and (3) best of show individual/group project areas.

Why should you participate? The purpose of Youth Day is to recognize you for your hard work this past year, and specifically your winter projects. Come showcase what you have been working on. Another reason to come is so you can interview for a chance to receive a 4-H Council scholarship that can be used for Summer Camp, Exploration Days, or another educational 4-H event or activity. **Participating in Youth Day is also a requirement in order to be eligible to represent Alpena County at the State Horse Show.**



2015 Woodworking
Ethan Leatzow & Tyler Erickson



2015 Horse/Veterinarian Science
Hope Reed & Corey Boboltz



2015 Cooking
Bree Oliver & Michael Coonrod

2016 Youth Day Schedule:

8:00am	4-H Members Arrive (start setting up club displays)
8:50am	Youth Day Kick Off!
9:00am	Project Evaluation Begins
9:00am	4-H Council Scholarship Interviews Start
11:45am	Lunch Break (on your own)
12:15pm	Speeches, Demonstrations and Performing Arts start
1:15pm	Best Name Tag Award Club Display Winners (2) 4-H Scholarship Recipients Best of Show and Reserve of Show Awards
2:00pm	Clean-up



10 Reasons to Participate in Youth Day

1. SUPER FUN!

It's really, really, really fun!

2. Showcase your 4-H project(s)

Present all your 4-H projects from summer and/or winter and get recognized for all your hard work and dedication!

3. Compete for Best of Show

Compete against your fellow 4-H members in a fun environment.

4. Talk and network with judges about your 4-H project(s)

You will be presenting your project(s) to a judge—it's a great time to meet new people and make a few connections!

5. You could get \$\$\$

At Youth Day you can interview for a scholarship from Alpena 4-H Council that can be used for an educational 4-H activity or event (like Exploration Days or Summer Camp).

6. Meet 4-H'ers

In 2015 over 80 4-H members participated in Youth Day! Join your fellow 4-H'ers and meet new people.

7. Your club could win prizes

Door prizes will be given to the club with the best name tags and to 2 clubs that have a display.

8. State Horse Show Requirement

If you're thinking of trying out for the state horse show it's a requirement to participate in Youth Day.

9. Exploration Days Registration Books will be available

Interested in going to Exploration Days? Pick up information about this year's trip, classes, and registration information at Youth Day!

10. Show Your 4-H Spirit

Come show your 4-H spirit and cheer on your fellow 4-H members while they present their projects.

YOUTH DAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Youth Day Scholarship Application

Sponsored by: Alpena County 4-H Council



*Turn in application at your interview; blank applications will be available at Youth Day

Name: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian(s): _____

Scholarship Amount: ~\$40.00 (exact amount TBD at Youth Day)

The scholarship can be used for one of the following 4-H activities:

- Exploration Days—June 22-24, 2016 at Michigan State University
- *Age limit 11-19 years old as of January 1, 2016*
- 4-H Summer Camp—June 27-29, 2016 at Ocqueoc Outdoor Center
- *Age limit 9-12 years old as of January 1, 2016*
- Other Educational 4-H State/Local Activity?

Questions 1-6

1) Will the scholarship be used for Exploration Days, 4-H Summer Camp or another 4-H activity?

2) Please give a brief summary about what you have learned from 4-H:

YOUTH DAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

3) Why do you want to go to Exploration Days, 4-H Summer Camp, or another 4-H activity?

4) List the most significant 4-H projects you have been involved in.

5) Please list any other 4-H activities you have been involved in (camps, Exploration Days, capitol experience, 4-H workshops, etc.)

6) Additional information on why you should be considered for a scholarship.

Thank You!

Summer Camp

Alpena 4-H Council Senior Scholarships!

Apply for an Alpena County 4-H Council senior scholarship! All current Alpena County 4-H members that are graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply. Pick up an application at the Alpena MSU Extension office today or e-mail Helen-Ann and a Word version can be sent to you. E-mail: princeh1@anr.msu.edu



★ **Application Deadline:**
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
at 4:30pm

Interview Date:
Monday, April 11, 2016
starting at 6:00pm

**Sign-up for your interview time slot at the Alpena MSUE office or call us at (989) 354-9870.*

2015 Senior Scholarship Winners:
Aaron Spigelmyre
Bree Oliver
Kelsey Udell
Miranda McDonald



4-H SUMMER CAMP—Save the date! Go GREEN!



What are you doing this summer? Join us at summer camp, with 4-H'ers from Alcona, Montmorency, Otsego and Presque Isle counties! Learn about recycling and going "GREEN," 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. Make sure to register for camp early, space fills quick!

Where: Ocqueoc Outdoor Recreation Center (Presque Isle County)

When: Monday, June 27—Wednesday, June 29, 2016 (*counselors stay until June 30th*)

Who: Youth ages 9-12 years old (*age as of January 1, 2016*)

Youth that will be 12 years old by the start of camp are eligible to attend

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

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

Alpena Registration opens: March 15, 2016

Deadline to register for camp: Thursday, May 26, 2016 by 4:30pm

Camp Activities:

- Archery
- Kayaking/Canoeing
- Group Games
- Plastic Exploration
- GREEN Activities
- Paint War
- Water Slide
- And More!



2015 Alpena 4-H Summer Campers and Counselors!



2015 Alpena Summer Camp Counselors!
Dakota Gersewski, Demi Oliver, Morgan Greene and Courtney Krentz

Serve as a Summer Camp Counselor this year!

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, 2016.

Deadline to apply as a counselor:
Friday, May 3, 2016 at 4:30pm

Complete your counselor application at:

bit.ly/1LCuDBb

summer CAMP

2016 Exploration Days Deadlines:

February 1

State Award Applications Due (13-19 years old)

February 1

4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest Due (11-12 years old)

March 9

Registration books available at Alpena County MSUE

March 15

State award application results sent to applicants

★ March 15

Registration begins—classes fill quick!!!
Register ASAP!!!

April 26

Exploration Days registration deadline

May 3

Last day cancellations are fully refundable

June 1

Mandatory Exploration Days pre-meeting @ 6pm at the Alpena MSUE office

June 1

Remaining Exploration Days payment due

June 24-26

Exploration Days @ MSU!



4-H Exploration Days June 22-24, 2016 @ MSU

Every year, approximately 2,500 youth (11 years old and up) and chaperones from every Michigan county (or close to it), come to MSU for 4-H Exploration Days. This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer – it could even change your life! Registration fee is \$165.00 (additional \$10 fee for non 4-H members)—remember, there are state scholarships available, 4-H Council scholarships, and **if you are going to Exploration Days as a state awards delegate, Alpena 4-H Council will pay your registration!**

- More than 200 session options to choose from—Quidditch, glass etching, dairy production, and much more. There is something for everyone!
- Live in a MSU dorm—just like a college student!
- Spend time with other 4-H'ers from across the state swimming, skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, basketball, dancing, going to class, and more!

For more information on this year's Exploration Days, pricing, possible scholarships available or to register, please contact Helen-Ann Cordes, Alpena County 4-H Program Coordinator. **Registration opens March 15, 2016**—Hurry, classes fill quick! Registration books will be available online February 26, 2016.

For more information on 4-H Exploration Days at MSU and to view the registration book online visit:

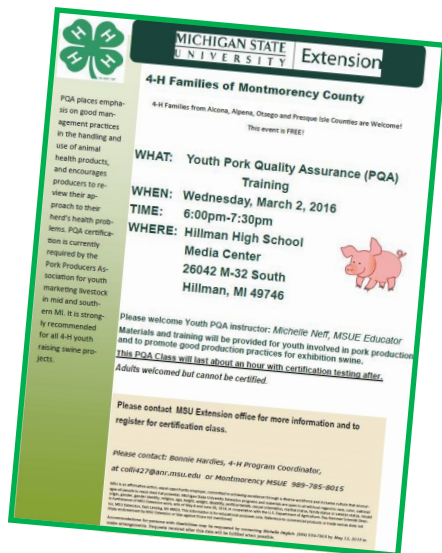
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/
events/4-h-exploration-days](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h-exploration-days)

Interested in serving as an instructor at Exploration Days?

Contact the Alpena MSU Extension office. You could teach a class on sewing, poultry, dance, singing, and more. You may not realize it, but you are an expert! Share your knowledge and in doing so, teach youth. There are over 200 classes for youth to choose from at Expo Days—In order for this to be possible, help from volunteers is needed. The Exploration Days fee (including lodging and meals) is covered for all instructors.



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Pork Quality Assurance Training

Sponsored by Montmorency County 4-H

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 6:00p-7:30p
@ Hillman High School Media Center

Who Should Attend? 4-H members age 8-19 years old can get the PQA certification. Any 4-H member that markets swine is encouraged to attend the training.

Register for this *FREE* training by contacting Bonnie Hardies at the Montmorency County MSU Extension office at colli427@anr.msu.edu or (989) 785-8015.

Adopt-A-Highway

Worth 2 points!

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 @ 5:45pm

- Meet at Long Rapids Hall in Lachine -



Please meet at the Long Rapids Hall at 5:45pm to kick off our 2016 spring Adopt-A-Highway cleanup! We will have a safety meeting, before dividing up into groups to conduct the cleanup. The Alpena 4-H Council will be providing pizza for dinner after the clean up. We hope to see you there!



Alpena County 4-H Archery Club!

Informational Meeting:

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00pm
@ Northern Lights Arena

This is the first meeting of the year and will be strictly informational and organizational. We will not be shooting at this meeting. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in participating in the club. All 4-H members ages 9-19 years old can join the club (additional \$10 for non-members); however, space may be limited due to facility space and equipment. Please note regular meetings will not be held at Northern Lights Arena.



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Alpena County 4-H Council 2016 4-H Member Challenge!

- Enrolled in 4-H by March 1st
1 pt
- Participate in Youth Day
5 pts
- TSC Paper Clover Campaign
2pts each (max 4 pts)
- Parades (July 4th and Holiday)
2 pts each
- State or County 4-H Event
2 pts each
- Summer camp and expo days not included
- Adopt a Highway
2 pts each (max 4 pts)
- Club meetings
Attend 5 for 5 pts (max 5 pts)
Verification required by leader, market club does not count
- Attend County Awards Banquet
2 pts
- Exploration Days
5 pts
- Summer Camp
5 pts (counselors earn 7 pts)
- Exhibit at Alpena Co. Fair
5 pts max
- Petting Zoo
2 pts
- Showmanship clinic attendance
2 pts
- Fair Workbees
2 pts
- Food Booth Volunteer
4 pts (max 4 pts)
- Attend Council Meeting
1 pt each (max 2 pts)
- Teen 4-H Council member
5 pts
- Present to Community Leaders
2 pts (max 4 pts)
- Other Alpena 4-H Activity
2 pts (max 4 pts)
- Members Age 5 - 11**
need to earn at least 30 points
- Members Age 12 - 19**
need to earn at least 35 points
- Age based on January 1, 2016



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Save the Date!
2016 Alpena County Fair
July 30—August 7



Follow Us, Friend Us, and Watch Us!



Join us at the 2016 Alpena County 4-H Youth Day on Saturday, **February 27th** at the Alpena Mall from 9:00am-2:00pm!

“To make the best better”

Alpena County 4-H is sponsored by the Alpena Youth and Recreation Millage