**Clinton County 4-H UPDATE**

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**OFFICER ROLES & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TRAINING:** This training will be held on Thursday, December 19th for all 4-H members & leaders interested starting with pizza at 6:00. Attached is a flyer with RSVP information.

**FRIENDS OF 4-H DINNER & RAFFLE:** Will be held on Saturday, January 18th at Smith Hall. You won’t want to miss out on this terrific evening! It promises to be a fun way for the 4-H “grown-ups” to get together and eat, laugh, bid, win prizes and support the “kids” of Clinton County 4-H. In three years the fundraiser has raised funds in excess of $30,000. The profits are divided between the Clinton County 4-H Council and the 4-H & Youth Fair. Tickets are available for $25.00/person but don’t wait too long to purchase them since they go fast! See attached flyer for details.

**4-H DAY AT THE BRESLIN CENTER:** Once again this year families involved in MSU Extension youth development programs have the opportunity to join other families from across the state to attend, **free of charge**, a basketball game at the MSU Breslin Center. 4-H Day at Breslin is scheduled for February 2nd, 2014 as the MSU Women’s Basketball team hosts the Purdue Boilermakers at 1:30 pm. If your family is interested in tickets, please contact Kathy at lovek@clinton-county.org or call 989/224-5242. We need to know how many 4-H’er members/ parents/leaders and guest (children & adults) along with a contact person’s phone number & email address. Tickets will be available on a first-come basis so don’t delay. See attached flyer for more information.

**CLINTON COUNTY 4-H ALL-SPECIES TACK SALE:** On Saturday, December 7th a tack sale will be held at Smith Hall on the Fairgrounds from 9 am-1 pm. See attached flyer for contact & table rentals.

**2013 FAIR DATES:** If you are already planning your schedule for next summer, be sure to mark July 28th-31st for the 2014 Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair.

**4-H HIPPOLOGY:** Do you have passion for horses? Have you ever wanted to learn more about the physiology of horses or about the equipment that is used in the horse industry? The Clinton County Hippology Program is the right place for you! In Hippology you will be exposed to numerous areas of horsemanship including tack, breeds, genetics, medicine & much more! All ages are welcome. The program is free for both junior & senior level participants & will give members a unique chance to interact in a small group setting with experts in the various fields of the horse world. Participants will also have small class sessions with a member of the MSU horse management program. At the end of the program, members will have a chance to take the Clinton County Hippology test to help them understand the materials they have been exposed to. If you are interested or have questions about the program, please contact Anne Brock at cchippology@gmail.com.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** Potter Park Zoo has an invitation to small groups to stroll through the Zoo and sing carols or be the featured entertainment in the Safari Room during the 20th annual Wonderland of Lights event. This is a great opportunity for groups to experience the zoo and contribute to a wonderful family event. As a thank you for performing, performers will be admitted free to enjoy the festivities when not singing. The Wonderland of Lights event is open from 5-8pm, Thursday – Sunday from November 29th to December 29th. For more information and to reserve your day and time, please call Jen Rostar, Event Coordinator at (517)342-2709.

**4-H T-SHIRTS:** The 4-H Council has a supply of Clinton County 4-H t-shirts. These would make a wonderful Christmas gift and are available for purchase at the Extension office.

**2013 4-H CLOVERBUD T-SHIRTS**
If your Cloverbud member did not receive a t-shirt at the Fair this summer, please stop into the Extension Office and pick one up—they are free!

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For the 2013 Cloverbud t-shirts, please stop by the 4-H office and pick up your child’s t-shirt. The shirts are free!
LOST & FOUND: Did you lose a ring, a sweatshirt, shoes, etc. at the Fair this summer? We have a large bag with lost & found items that we will be throwing out soon. Stop in and look through it if you would like.

4-H COUNCIL/LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE ROASTERS MISSING: After the 4-H Fair was over, some of the roasters from the food stand came up missing. If you have any idea where they may be, contact Corissa 989/224-5227 or harri446@anr.msu.edu.

ONLINE BABYSITTING CLASSES: The American Red Cross is currently offering an online babysitting course through the holidays. The program is available to kids 11 years and older and covers everything a prospective babysitter needs to know to get started babysitting. Caring for kids, feeding children, how to stay safe on the job and what to do in an emergency are some of the topics covered. The class also gives suggestions on how to run your own babysitting business. The cost is $25.00 and takes four hours to complete. For more information, please visit http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/program-highlights/babysitting-caregiving
2014 VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

Adult & teen volunteers wishing to sharpen their skills by attending any of the 4-H trainings at Kettunen Center should check over the below list of workshops available. Registration is generally due at least 2 weeks prior to the workshop. All volunteers over the age of 18 attending an overnight workshop must complete the Volunteer Selection Process prior to attending. Clinton County 4-H also offers two scholarships per workshop to volunteers attending workshops for the first time. For more information, check out the State 4-H website at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h. Registration can be done online or at the Extension office.

- Jan. 18 - Jan. 19: 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference
- Jan. 25 - Jan. 26: 4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference
- Feb. 1 - Feb. 2: 4-H Winterfest
- Feb. 3: Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects
- Feb. 21 - Feb. 22: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
- Feb. 22 - Feb. 23: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
- Mar. 1 - Mar. 2: 4-H Environmental and Outdoor Education/Plant Science and Entomology
- Apr. 25 - Apr. 27: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
- Apr. 25 - Apr. 27: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification
- May. 17 - May. 18: 4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Training Workshop

Schedule of Events

November 28th & 29th .................Office Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
December 2nd ..............................Equine Advisory Committee Meeting
December 5th ...............................4-H Dairy Council Meeting
December 7th ...............................Tack Sale on Fairgrounds
December 9th ...............................Fair Board Meeting
December 16th .............................4-H Council Meeting
December 19th .............................Leadership Training
December 24th & 25th ....................Office Closed for Christmas holiday
Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st .......................Office Closed for New Year’s holiday
January 7th ..................................Equine Advisory Committee Meeting
January 14th ...............................Fair Board Meeting
January 18th ...............................4-H Steer Tagging
January 16th ...............................Friends of 4-H Dinner & Raffle
January 20th ...............................County Closed to Observe Martin Luther King Day
January 21st ..................................4-H Council Meeting
January 23rd ...............................4-H Livestock Committee Meeting
February 2nd ...............................4-H Day at Breslin

Most out-of-county 4-H events can be found thru the website http://ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events but if you do not have access to a computer, contact the Extension Office.

December 5th-8th .....................MILS Winter Classic Beef Show
January 25th ..............................State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
January 24th-25th ......................Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show
Jan. 31st-Feb. 1st ......................4-H Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
February 14th-16th .................MSU Spartan Stampede Rodeo
February 21st-22nd ..................4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop, Kettunen Center
February 22nd-23rd ..................4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop, Kettunen Center
March 1st-9th .........................Ag & Natural Resources Week