



# ***Delta County 4-H*** **4-H Family News**

Winter 2015

## **Winter 4-H Teen Overnight Hit the Slopes in Marquette**

February 21-22, 2015

Saturday 12 p.m. to Sunday 12:30 p.m.

### **Registration deadline: February 12th**

Youth ages 12 and up are invited to attend this exciting event. This is a great opportunity to meet other youth from across the U.P.

Winter Teen Overnight begins at Silver Creek Church in Harvey and starts with fun and interactive activities that provide the youth with the opportunity to get to know each other. Then the fun shifts over to Marquette Mountain where they will hit the slopes for some night time skiing. To some this will be a new and potentially challenging experience, but there will be learning opportunities for all. After the ski trip, the youth will come back to Silver Creek Church and work together to prepare their dinner through the experience of team work pizza making. Sunday activities include a downhill luge course and a snowshoeing at Lucy Hill in Negaunee.

Cost: \$25 per person— the Delta County 4-H Council is providing scholarships (regular registration fee \$55) Make checks payable to: Delta County 4-H Council.

Register at: <http://events.anr.msu.edu/UP4HTeenOvernight/>

Please select the pay with a check option when registering, complete the three forms and return them with your payment to the MSU Extension Office by February 12th.

Don't forget to bring sleeping bag, sleeping mat, pillow, towel and toiletries. There will not be shower facilities. Bring outdoor winter clothing as we will be spending a lot of time outside during the program.

We are in need of an adult chaperone who has gone through VSP and are also in need of adults willing to transport. Chaperone fees will be covered by the Delta County 4-H Council. Contact 4-H if you can assist.



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# Real Colors Workshop

February 26th, 6 PM to 8PM, MSU Extension Office

This is a **FREE WORKSHOP** for youth ages 12+ and adults

Please **RSVP with 4-H Staff by Monday, February 20th**

**WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 12 PARTICIPANTS TO HOLD THIS EVENT.**



Why do people act the way they do? Real Colors® is presented in a fun, interactive workshop where participants learn to quickly identify their own temperament or “color” and that of others. Through Real Colors®, you'll gain a completely new perspective on yourself and the things that are most important to you. As you learn more about the Colors, you'll begin recognizing characteristics of people you know, and their Color. This will give you valuable insight into what is most important to them, why they may react to situations differently than others and how you can best communicate with them. Using this powerful knowledge can help you build better relationships at home, in the work place, in groups you are a part of and with young people you work with.

## STATE LEVEL AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

### 4-H Mark of Excellence Award

4-H'ers who are 11 or 12 years old are eligible to apply for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To enter, a young person needs to write an essay on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can . . . .” Counties select their representatives, and submit names and essays to the State

4-H Awards Committee. For more information and instructions, see the “*Overview and Instructions*” link listed on the 4-H web site at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards\\_scholarships/4-h\\_recognition\\_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program).

**Deadline** for submission is **February 1**.

### State 4-H Awards Program

The State 4-H Awards program, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth, is for 4-H youth aged 13 and up who have at least three years of 4-H experience. Youth compete in 19 different award areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences.

To apply, youth **submit the State 4-H Awards application** to [State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu](mailto:State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu) by **February 1**. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees. Delegates are invited to participate in either an advanced leadership development program (juniors) or competitive interviews (seniors) during 4-H Exploration Days. State 4-H Award winners are announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, during 4-H Exploration Days. Complete instructions (including an overview and a webinar) and the application, are on the “4-H Awards and Recognition Program” web page at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards\\_scholarships/4-h\\_recognition\\_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program).

<http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/MI4HKeyClubApp.pdf>.

Feel free to contact 4-H staff if you are interested in the 4-H State Awards Program.



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## 4-H WORKSHOPS

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_volunteer\\_training\\_workshop\\_schedule](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule)

Consider attending one of these great workshops this winter!!

The Delta County 4-H Council recently increased compensation for traveling to Michigan 4-H Workshops at Kettunen Center. Mileage reimbursement has been increased to \$125 in addition to up to \$90 for hotel costs. **Participants pay the first \$15 for the workshop and the remainder of the workshop costs is covered by the Council.** Contact 4-H Staff to register. Transportation may also be available with another U.P. County.

Contact 4-H Staff to register for any of these workshops.

### February 28-March 1: 4-H Beef Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin-Kettunen Center is Michigan's 4-H training facility located just outside of Cadillac, 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, 2015) and older.

**NOTE:** I will be attending this workshop. Interested youth and adults can contact the Extension Office to reserve space in my vehicle.



### Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop

Come explore & discover how to incorporate environmental education (EE) into your lessons and activities with youth. The opportunities & challenges will inspire you to be a difference maker in our changing world. This workshop is a hands-on, experiential format. You will be a participant; not a recipient. However, you will leave with more knowledge & valuable resource materials that will help you teach youth to help make our world a better place to live! A small meal and beverages are included!

**WHO:** K-12 teachers, 4-H Volunteers, Youth Leaders

**TIME:** 5:30 - 9:00

**COST:** \$20.00

Moosewood Nature Center, Marquette

**March 16:** Luce County MSU Extension Office, Newberry (registration deadline March 6<sup>th</sup>)

**March 23:** Moosewood Nature Center, Marquette (registration deadline March 19<sup>th</sup>)

**March 30:** -Lindquist Center, Gogebic Community College, Ironwood (registration deadline March 26<sup>th</sup>)

Contact Nick Baumgart ([baumga75@anr.msu.edu](mailto:baumga75@anr.msu.edu))

For more information and registration:

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/environmental\\_education\\_on\\_the\\_road\\_show\\_workshop](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/environmental_education_on_the_road_show_workshop)

## 4-H Capitol Experience-March 22-25:

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h\\_capitol\\_experience](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience)

Lansing

4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Participants experience state government

in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

**When:** Sunday, March 16, 2014 to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Tours and agency visits will take place at the State Capitol and surrounding area.

**Who should attend:** High school students at least 14 years old and adult participant-chaperones. All participants must have pictured identification.

**Cost:** \$310 4-H members, \$320 non 4-H members. Includes all meals, lodging and material fees. The Delta County 4-H Council offers scholarships for youth to attend this event. To qualify, a completed application must be sent to the State office as outlined on the scholarship application.

**Registration deadline: February 16, 2015.**



## 2015 4-H Exploration Days: Explore the Possibilities

### MSU Campus, June 23-27

Each year, about 2,500 youth and chaperones from across Michigan attend this fun MSU precollege program. 4-H Exploration Days includes:

- More than 200 session choices held on and off campus. Participants choose one or two for their three-day stay.
- Living in a MSU dorm and eating in the cafeteria, just like MSU students do.
- Fun activities such as swimming, skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball, even a great dance Thursday night.
- An exciting side trip planned by participants

Participants must be age 11 by January 1. Session age requirements are also based on age as of January 1. Delta County youth ages 11-12 must complete the Mark of Excellence essay to travel on the bus.

The cost is estimated to range between \$250 and \$300. Delta County offers numerous fundraising opportunities and most participants raise or exceed the amount they need to cover this trip.

**Registration will open March 17, 2015.** The book will be available online in late February and hard copies available in hard copy from county offices the second week of March.

**video and podcast previews**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIFDetehGeA>)





# One Million Pillow Cases Community Service Project

## Saturday, March 7 10 A.M – 2 P.M.



**THIS IS A GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT FOR YOUR CLUB!**

**All are welcome regardless of their sewing skills!**

**Bring a sack lunch and join the fun!**

**Extra sewing machines would be appreciated!**

*American Patchwork & Quilting* is challenging quilters, sewers and crafters to help them reach their goal of donating one million pillowcases across the U.S. to local charities. Many charities can benefit from the donation of a pillowcase and the challenge gives you the opportunity to donate and make a difference in your community. Delta County 4-H is sponsoring a sewing bee to meet

Some “expert” sewers will be needed. Plans are to create an assembly line to produce as many pillow cases as possible.

If you have any material to donate, please contact 4-H Staff.

## Parliamentary Procedure and Office Training

**March 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM MSU Extension Office**

This session is for all members not just officers. Youth learn how to play an active role during meetings. In addition officers learn how to run an effective meeting and what role each officer should play in a meeting and in their club. This 2 hour workshop comes packed with hands on learning. It is a great workshop for both youth and leaders and makes Parliamentary Procedure fun. **Please RSVP with 4-H Staff by Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## 4-H Online Enrollment is Up and Running:

**<https://mi.4honline.com>**



4-H Online is an effort to streamline enrollment statewide and reduce paper work.

There is a link “4-H Online Family Guide” on this page with instructions to walk you through this process. Hard copies of the guide are available at the Extension Office. Most people have completed enrollment without the guide but it can be helpful.

Families may now access the registration and create a family account.

- You will need a valid email address to create a family account. Click on “I need to set up a profile” when you first enter the system.
- Only 4-H members and volunteers need to be added to each family account. Parents are added within the member registration. Click on add a member or add a volunteer. You can add additional members/volunteers after you complete all the screens for your first entry.
- Once you create a family account and password, you can update your family account information at any time.
- Please enter information in the health section including insurance info— if you do not have this at time of registration, you can log back in and add it later.
- You will still need to pay your participation fee to your club leader or at the Extension Office. Members will remain in a “pending” status until participation fees have been paid at the Extension Office.
- There are several digital forms in the member enrollment that require parental authorization (code of conduct, media/medical, and health insurance information).
- If you need internet access, please contact 4-H staff.
- Volunteers will remain “pending” until a double check of required forms and procedures are completed— this includes VSP paperwork and completion of the volunteer e learning course.
- The biggest hurdle so far has been remembering to click on the “add club” button after you have selected the club in which you are a member.

Please feel free to contact 4-H staff to ensure you got in the system or if you need assistance.

## **Barn Quilt Workshop at UPSF Antique Village Steam and Gas Engine Association**

The UP State Fair Authority has teamed up with the Steam and Gas Engine Association to add more barn quilts at the Fairgrounds. Barn quilts are painted quilt squares-usually fashioned on boards and then mounted on a barn or other building. While cloth quilts are usually made up of a series of squares of the same pattern placed together, a barn quilt is almost always a single square. . Often the barn quilt is a replica of a painted quilt that resides on the property or honors a loved one. A pattern may be selected because of its name; Corn and Beans is popular among farmers. Sometimes, the barn quilt is simply one whose pattern is appealing to either its creators or its owners.

In many communities, an organizing group-an arts council, a quilt guild, a 4-H club, or simply a motivated bunch of residents-work together to organize their barn quilts into a trail. Some are guided walks in a downtown area that includes historical buildings. More often, quilt trails take visitors on a drive through the countryside where barn quilts are mounted on farm buildings, on homes, along fences, and sometimes on freestanding posts.

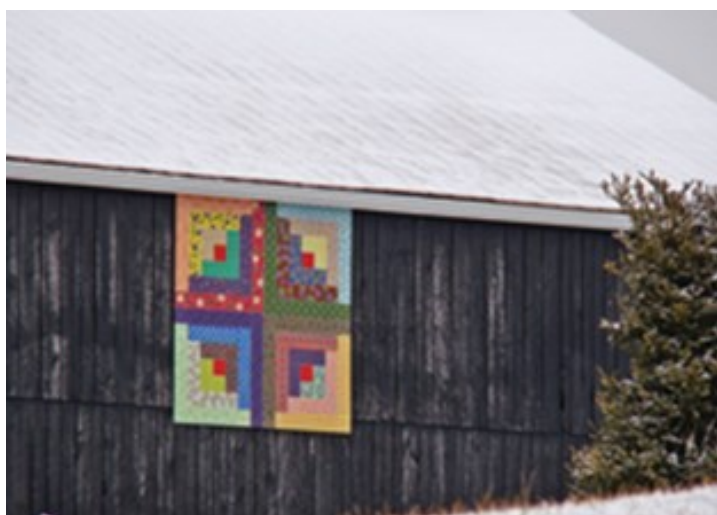
The Antique Village has 15 barn quilts on display at this time and more will be added in the future.

Through sponsorship, the village will be adding 10 more hand painted Barn Quilts this spring in time for upcoming events. It is their hope to develop a walking tour of the grounds for folks who visit our area. It is the first Barn Quilt Trail in the UP.

4-H Leaders and Junior Leaders are invited to participate in a painting workshop to be held in late April. 14th 2015 at the Community Building in the Antique Village. This will be a learning experience at no cost to the participants and their Barn Quilts will be on display at the Fairgrounds. The hope is that club leaders and teen leaders bring this project back to their clubs and create individual or club barn quilts that could be entered into the fair and possibly create a 4-H barn quilt trail here in Delta County.

Contact Ann J. Miller 906-630-9523

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## U.P. STATE FAIR MARKET LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

The Market Livestock Record Book Project for the U.P. State Fair will be using an adapted version of the new Michigan 4-H Animal Marketing Record Book. Hard copies are available at the Extension Office.

You can also access record books through a link for the U.P. State Fair on the Delta County MSU Extension site (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/delta>) under Resources-scroll to the bottom of the page. Supplemental questions will also be available here.

Direct link to Michigan 4-H Animal Marketing Record Book:

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/resource/4\\_h\\_market\\_animal\\_record\\_book](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/resource/4_h_market_animal_record_book)

Direct link to Market Livestock Book information on MSU Extension site:

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/up\\_state\\_fair](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/up_state_fair)

Beef Leaders should have received Steer Show Preliminary entry forms.

**Reminder** that these forms are due to the Chamber of Commerce, 230 Ludington Street, Escanaba on or before **FEBRUARY 16, 2015**. Please make a copy of your club's entry form and submit to 4-H Staff.

## PARTICIPATION FEE PROPOSALS

There are funds available for club or committee use to develop new programs or update, enhance, and expand existing programs. Applications are available at the Extension Office and on the Delta County Leader's Corner section of the Delta MSUE website : 4-H [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/delta/delta\\_county\\_4\\_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/delta/delta_county_4_h)

The guidelines for proposals are listed on the first page of the application. Proposals are due to the MSU Extension Office by **4:00 pm by March 6, 2015**.

The 4-H Council Executive Committee will review proposals after this date. You will be notified if your proposal has been accepted and the amount of funding your project will receive.

**Note:** 4-H Clubs will need to be in compliance with county club certification requirements to be eligible to receive funding for their project (All your annual club paper work needs to be in).

Clubs and committees who receive funding from the participation fee fund will need to submit a project report to the 4-H Council. If you have any questions regarding completion of the proposal or use of the participation fee funds, please contact 4-H staff.

**Have you heard about and are you subscribed to *Michigan 4-H Today*?**

*Michigan 4-H Today*, our statewide, bimonthly newsletter, contains articles about 4-H happenings around the state. For example, it has information about the impact Michigan 4-H'ers and their leaders are having on the lives of the state's citizens. There is a comprehensive listing of upcoming 4-H events, including where to find more information. You can also learn about resources available and opportunities to serve. Best of all it is free!

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