



Kalamazoo County

4-H Family News

October 2015

4-H FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL



Food



Beverages



Games

Sponsored by
Kalamazoo County 4-H
Leaders Council

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

2900 Lake St., Expo South Building

Saturday, October 17, 2015

4:30-7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME

FREE ADMISSION

Games cost 50¢

Food available at various prices

Bring a non-perishable food item and receive one free game ticket
(food will be donated to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes)

Hosting A Booth?

Each club may come
between 3:00-5:00
on Friday or at 3:00
on Saturday to set up
their booth.

**All booths must
be set up by 4:00!**

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October at a Glance:

- October 2-4 – Dairy Club World Dairy Expo
- October 8—Member Record Book & Record Keeping Workshop
- October 15—Horse Council Meeting, Room C Fairgrounds
- October 16— Set up for Harvest Festival
- October 17—Harvest Festival, Expo South, Fairgrounds 4:30-7:30
- October 20—Countywide poultry meeting, Room B Fairgrounds 7:00 PM
- October 21—LSA meeting, Room B Fairgrounds 7:00 PM
- October 22—Countywide goat meeting, Room B fairgrounds 7:00 PM
- October 23—Record Books due for those applying for awards
- October 26—Leaders Council meeting 7:00 Room B, Carcass meeting, Room A
- October 27—Countywide Rabbit meeting, Room B, fairgrounds 7:00 PM
- October 28—Fair Council meeting, Room C Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM

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4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



As we look forward to the changing seasons, school starting, sweatshirts and s'mores around the fall campfires, it is also time to start enrolling/re-enrolling for the 2015-2016 4-H program year.

Families will need to log into the 4-H online database at <https://mi.4honline.com/>. For new members there is a family guide to building the family profile and adding family members on the front page, prior to logging in. This is a step by step guide to help make sure that all enrolled family members are entered correctly. For families re-enrolling there is a guide for you also! Once you log into your family profile it will be on your homepage, in the same location as the newsletters. If you need assistance finding the guide or logging in please contact your community club leader or 4-H office for help!

Some reminders:

- ♦ Any youth 5-19 years old as of January 1, 2016 will be able to enroll in the program
- ♦ Adults who would like to be a volunteer will need to go through the Volunteer Selection Process prior to working with youth
- ♦ Registration is \$10.00 and \$1.00 for insurance (\$2.00 for horse project participants and leaders) payable to your community club
- ♦ Re-enrollment is due no later than November 1, 2015
- ♦ New members may join anytime during the year, but may not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1, 2016

MI 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Applications Due November 1
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYLC2016>



The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council is a statewide leadership opportunity for youth ages 15-19. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a state committee of MSUE staff. Council members are representatives of the Michigan 4-H Program promoting 4-H at various events; planning, conducting and evaluating national, state, regional, county leadership programs and serving as role models to other youth. Council terms are two years.

Qualifications: Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2016 can apply for a council position. The 4-H'er must meet the age requirements listed above, must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed the previous year of 4-H work (e.g. 4-H involvement for

at least 2 years). Applicants should have an interest in leadership and able to commit time to the completion of SYLC activities. Candidates should be selected by a state committee on the following basis: 40% 4-H experience; 50% personal interview; 10% recommendation by MSU Extension Staff and volunteers.

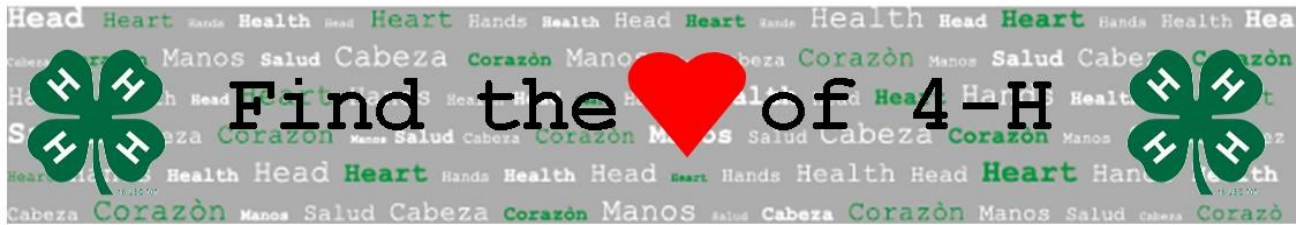
Meetings: The Council meets monthly through zoom online video conferencing and will hold at least 2 in-person meetings in conjunction with other state 4-H events. Attendance is strongly encouraged at the 4-H Teen Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular (Kettunen Center, January) and 4-H Exploration Days (MSU Campus, June).

SYLC activities include: promoting 4-H through state and local activities, providing youth voice on 4-H program and curriculum development, training in public speaking, advocacy, and leadership skills. Optional opportunity to represent Michigan in attendance at National 4-H Conference, Washington DC (April 2016 or 2017).

There is no cost to apply. Some scholarships may be available to off-set travel expenses to attend face to face meetings and events.

How to apply: Interested youth should complete electronic survey which will serve as their application. Applicants must also select two adults, one being their 4-H Program Coordinator, to complete a reference. It will be the applicant's responsibility to distribute reference form information to their selected individuals. References will also be submitted electronically, with links being provided at the conclusion of this survey.

The SYLC application window will close on November 1, 2015. Selected applicants will be contacted by SYLC advisors to arrange time for an interview following the closing date.



2015 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

Get energized as you network with volunteers, county-based staff and state specialists from the 12 states in the North Central Region! Leave with new ideas you can use to infuse heart into your 4-H programs!

The **heart** of Belonging

Learn how to guide youth in developing a list of club or group expectations that accommodates all members, to support youth with special needs, and discover resources to help you in your role as a caring adult. Leave with activities that will help you foster positive behavior, belonging, and inclusion in your club!

- **October 8, 2015.....7:00 p.m. (ET)**

The **heart** of Community

Volunteers in this session will be prepared to help youth find their voices as they become actively engaged in their communities. The session will include resources and models to incorporate mastery, belonging, generosity, and independence as you include citizenships activities in 4-H settings.

- **November 5, 2015.....7:00 p.m. (ET)**

Encouraging the **heart** of Leadership

Young people do not magically become leaders at age 13! Leadership is nurtured from their first 4-H experience. You'll receive tools to help inspire youth of all ages to discover and develop independence and mastery.

- **December 3, 2015.....7:00 p.m. (ET)**

Find the of 4-H at:

**October 8 & December 3 @ Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room C
2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo**

November 5 @ The Nazareth Complex, 3299 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo

To register for the e-Forum, contact **Veronica Bolhuis** at **269-383-8867** or **bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu** no later than **3 days before each event**. The 2015 4-H Volunteer e-Forum has been developed and provided by the 12 states of the North Central Region.

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During these dates, 4-H supporters can purchase a paper clover at [Tractor Supply Co. stores](http://www.tractorsupply.com) for \$1 to support their local 4-H program. Of the proceeds, 65% is donated to the county 4-H program where the store resides, 5% to the state and 30% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.

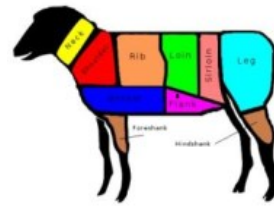
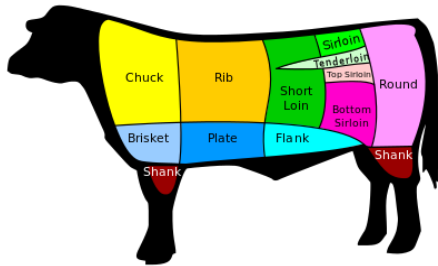
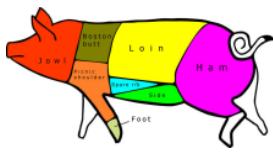
Paper Clover results are tracked by store nationwide. There are 79 TSC stores in 56 Michigan counties. Find a store near you at www.tractorsupply.com.

The Spring 2015 Paper Clover Promotion raised nearly \$52,000 for Michigan 4-H (ranking 5th in the nation) and over \$913,000 nationally! This campaign is an excellent way to both raise funds for your local program, as well as promote 4-H locally!

IN-STORE 4-H CLUB PARTICIPATION

Stores that have youth present in-store during Paper Clover earn up to 40% more revenue than those who do not! Clubs which participate in-store can enter an in-store participation sweepstakes so that they have an opportunity to win a \$150 TSC gift card or a \$100 4-H mall gift card! Visit <http://www.tractorsupply.com/4h> for sweepstakes details. Examples of in-store participation include: bake sales, demos, petting zoo, cook outs, public speaking and more!





Carcass Project News

We are looking forward to another great year in the Carcass Project. Be sure to sign-up on your enrollment/re-enrollment form under MEAT SCIENCE. Carcass Projects are **not** listed under species (Lamb, Beef, Pork, Goat) on the enrollment form as they are for fair forms.

The Carcass Project allows 4-H members the chance to see the results of their animal-raising practices first-hand, just as packers and FDA inspectors would evaluate them.

For the past few years the instruction focus of the project has been on wholesale cuts, yield grade, and quality grade. This year we are going to also venture into other aspects of meat science: retail cuts, ranking cuts and giving reasons for the rankings given. Evaluation and reasoning are skills you can use in many life situations--in and out of 4-H.

Hope to have all of last year's participants re-enroll, and if you haven't participated before in the Carcass Project, consider it. Our first meeting of the year is October 26th, at 7 pm, at the fairgrounds. See you then!

If you have any questions, contact Kevin or Cindy Rose at kevintherose@aol.com or text or phone at (269) 317-3462.

Youth Leadership Council Applications

The second year of the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council applications are now open. The deadline to apply is November 1. Youth can complete an online application at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYLC2016>

In addition to the application, applicants must request two adults (one being a 4-H program coordinator) to complete the reference page at the link provided at the end of the survey.

Or, ask one of our advisors!

-Jackie Martin marti623@anr.msu.edu

- Connie Lange langecc@anr.msu.edu

-Makena Schultz schul430@anr.msu.edu

The Animal Science Youth Extension Events Calendar for 2015-2016 has been posted at the following web link:

http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/youth_events

Kalamazoo County Project News

We are Proud of our State Goat Show and Expo Winners!

State Goat Show Winners

Breed Winners:

Saanen— Junior Champion: Bodhi Miller

Saanen— Senior Champion: Bodhi Miller

Pack:

Junior 4th place: Bodhi Miller

Junior 7th place: Anna Perse Hanson

Showmanship:

Class 1 (age 9-10) 1st place: Anna Perse Hanson

Class 2 (age 11-12) 1st place: Bodhi Miller



State Goat Expo Winners

Senior Individuals:

3rd place: Katherine Denney

Illustrated Talk:

Senior 1st place: Katherine Denney

Judging, Senior Individuals:

4th place: Katherine Denney

Photography, Juniors:

1st place: Raelene Colvin

Crafts, Seniors Class 2 Product:

1st place: Katherine Denney



Aim For Perfection Archery Project

Informational Meeting

October 14th, 2015 , 7pm

Room D, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

Contact Mike George arch3rynutl@comcast.net with questions



2015-2016/2016-2017 Kalamazoo County 4-H State Exchange Informational Meeting

Nazareth Complex– Georgian Room

October 10, 2015

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

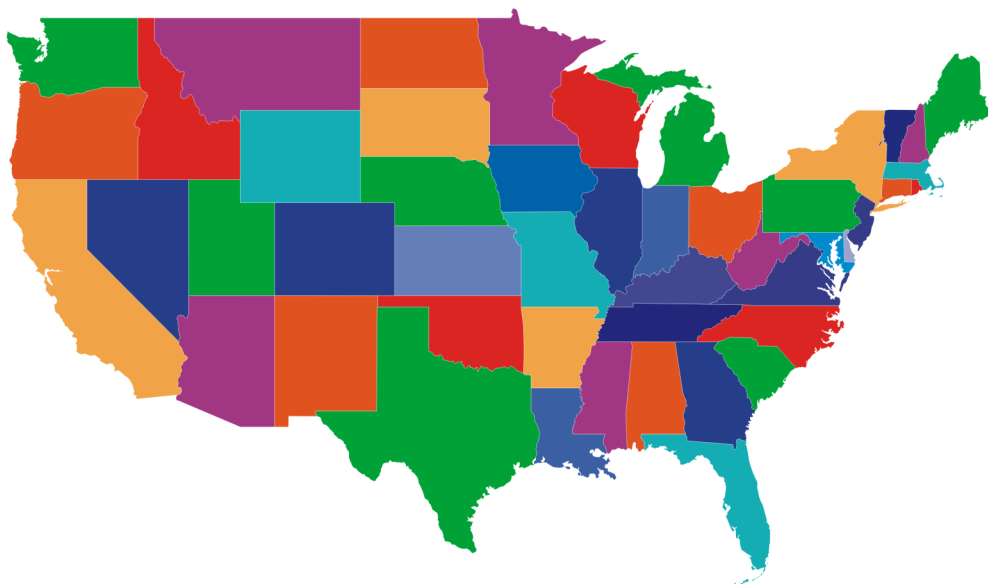
Donuts and cider will be provided

The 4-H Interstate Exchange program offers you the opportunity to travel to another state, stay with a 4-H member and their family in that state, and then host that 4-H'er the following summer.

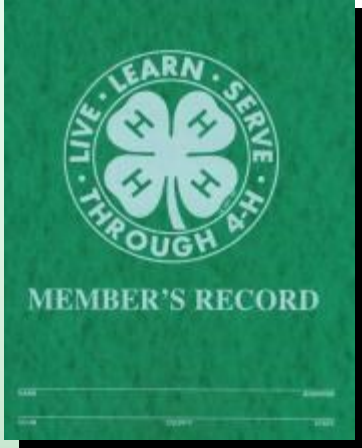
If you are between the age 13 – 18 (4-H age, 7th grade or older), would like to travel to another state, meet new friends, have wonderful learning opportunities and build valuable life skills, you won't want to miss this opportunity. Contact Deb Ellinger (838-8193) or Veronica Bolhuis (383-8867) for more information.

Please RSVP by October 5 to Deb or Veronica

If you can't make it to this meeting but are interested in this opportunity for your 4-Her, please let us know!



MEMBER RECORD BOOK & RECORD KEEPING WORKSHOP



If you would like to apply for Fall Achievement Awards but need a little help? Haven't started a Member Record book? Want to learn why record keeping is a life skill worth working on? There will be a Member Record Book and Record Keeping Workshop on **Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.** in Room C at the Fairgrounds. Please bring your Project Record sheets that you completed for each fair project and any other Award Book pages you have already completed. Other member books and experienced members will be available for you gain knowledge from during this time. Come learn how you can benefit from good record keeping! RSVP to Veronica by October 6th.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP GIVE 4-H'ers A PAT ON THE BACK?



The Awards Committee will be meeting Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Georgian Room at the Nazareth complex. The Awards Committee helps the 4-H office to secure sponsors of awards, reviews award policies and procedures and honors members by reviewing Member Award Record Books and rewarding them with awards that they have applied for. Please contact the 4-H staff if you would like to volunteer for this committee. (383-8867)

FALL ACHIEVEMENT—November 12th at 6:00pm

Fall Achievement is a time to recognize our 4-H members for their accomplishments during the past year. This year's award celebration will be held in the Georgian Room at the Nazareth Complex on Thursday, November 12th, at 6:00 p.m.

Turn in your Member Award Record Book by October 23rd to be eligible for awards and trips. All 4-H members who have completed one year in 4-H are eligible for Fall Achievement awards and trips. To apply, members need to complete a nomination form and hand in their Member Award Record Book to the 4-H office. Please remember that these forms do need to be signed by your Community Club Leader before being turned in to the office.

Apply for Award Trips

During our Fall Achievement Awards evening, many youth will be awarded with fun and educational trips that they get to help plan – please don't be left behind – apply today.

9-11 year old Day trip: This is a trip that youth will get to help plan. They may choose to go to John Ball Park Zoo, Binder Park Zoo, Fredrick Meijer Gardens, Impressions 5 Science Center in Lansing, or one of any other local educational sites. This trip will be planned for Spring 2016.

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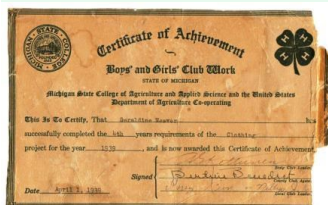
Capitol Experience: This trip is for (6) 14 to 16 year olds. Four day leadership experience in Lansing. You'll join 4-H teens from all over the state in the spring of 2016. Awarded odd years.

Citizenship Washington Focus: This trip is for (4) 15 to 19 year olds. Join 4-H teens from the Southwest Region as they travel to Washington D.C. June 2014. You'll stay at the National 4-H Center with youth from all over the United States to learn about our government and visit many historical sites. Awarded odd years.

Next year teens will be able to apply for the **Grand Rapids Awards Trip** or the **Chicago Awards Trip** which are both awarded in even number years (November 2016).

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Ever Wonder Where the Name “4-H” Came From?

During the early 1900s, 4-H was called various names such as boys' and girls' clubs, agricultural clubs, corn-growing clubs, tomato clubs, poultry clubs, home-canning clubs, etc. In those early days, 4-H was also known as "four-square education," based upon education, fellowship, moral and physical development.

In 1918, Gertrude Warren, widely known as the first national 4-H leader and often called the "Mother of 4-H," employed the term “4-H” in a federal publication. At a conference of club leaders in the early 1920s, participants discussed giving these clubs a distinctive, national name. Several people, including Miss Warren, favored “4-H” as the name. Thus, in 1924, the clubs became known as 4-H.



4-H Workshops

November 5: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/north_central_region_4_h_volunteer_e_forum
Online

November 10: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum

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December 3: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum

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Online

December 8: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/north_central_region_4_h_volunteer_e_forum
Online

January 30-31, 2016: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

<http://bit.ly/1Xc491o>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 6-7, 2016: 4-H Winterfest

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 19-20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

<http://bit.ly/1GalbOO>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 20-21: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

<http://bit.ly/1JS8BOv>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 11-13: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/Michigan_4_H_Dairy_Conference
Beechpoint Christian Camp, Allegan

Other 4-H Events

November 27-December 1: National 4-H Congress

<http://national4-hcongress.com>
Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia

January 30, 2016: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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

2015 National 4-H Week: 4-H GROWS Here!

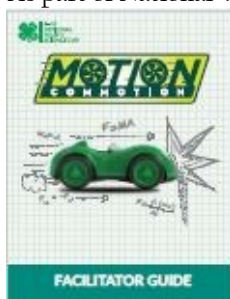
During 2015 National 4-H Week — **October 4 to 10** — join thousands of Michigan 4-H (<http://4h.msue.anr.msu.edu>) members, volunteers, families and staff as they *celebrate* the more than 100 years of accomplishment and service the 4-H program has provided.

Did you know:

- 4-H (<http://www.4-h.org>) – a place where young people explore, learn and discover in a safe environment – is the nation's largest youth-development and empowerment organization?
- Worldwide (<http://bit.ly/IVPMniZ>), over 7 million youth participate in more than 50 countries?
- Michigan 4-H, which is in 81 counties, is a part of Michigan State University (MSU) (<http://www.msu.edu>) Extension (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu>) and the State 4-H Office is located on the Michigan State University campus (<http://maps.msu.edu>) in East Lansing (<http://bit.ly/lifUx67>)?
- Research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people? Tufts University's (<http://www.tufts.edu>) *Findings From the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* (<http://bit.ly/1CJqZCM>) indicates that, when compared to their peers, 4-H'ers are almost:
 - Four times more likely to contribute to their communities
 - Two times as likely to pursue healthy behaviors and
 - Two times more likely to engage in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs in out-of-school time.



As part of National 4-H Week on October 7, millions of youth will participate in *Motion Commotion*, this year's 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) (<http://bit.ly/1JX1ZcM>) experiment. *Motion Commotion* combines a speeding car collision and a distracted driving demonstration to investigate the physical and human factors of motion. It uses the science of motion (physics, speed and safety) to evaluate stopping times and connects it with the dangers of distractions. Why not consider hosting a science blast with your favorite club or group of children? Or work with your local 4-H program coordinator (<http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3>) to find an event near you. If you are unable to reach a local 4-H staff member, email 4hscience@anr.msu.edu. Then, be sure to register your event on the national 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/1JX1ZcM>) so Michigan is represented.



Just look around you and you will be impressed by 4-H'ers taking the lead in addressing today's challenges in Michigan's urban, small-town and rural communities. 4-H operates on the principle of learning by doing, or experiential learning (<http://bit.ly/1Q3t2qG>), which takes research-based information from the country's land-grant universities (<http://bit.ly/1MdVE2B>) (of which MSU was the first) to 5- to 19-year-old youth. In 4-H, through a wide range of hands-on program areas (<http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs>), young people develop critical life skills such as self-discipline, goal-setting, teamwork and conflict resolution. Additionally, 4-H'ers can make new friends, visit new places, go on trips, attend workshops and conferences, and help their communities.



So, especially during National 4-H Week, let's celebrate 4-H, where kids find their true passions, gain confidence and give back to their community!

Or How About the 4-H Clover?

For more 100 years, 4-H has been symbolized by a green clover with a white "H" on each leaf. Originally O. H. Benson designed the emblem as a three-leaf clover with the "H's" signifying head, heart and hands. However, in 1911, Benson saw the need for four "H's" to stand for:

- **Head**, trained to think, plan and reason
- **Heart**, trained to be true, kind and sympathetic
- **Hands**, trained to be useful, helpful and skillful and
- **Hustle**, to render ready service, to develop health and vitality. O.B. Martin, who directed club work in the South, later suggested having the last "H" stand for **health**.



That emblem and the name "4-H" are protected by federal law (federal code 18 U.S.C. 707) from commercial or unauthorized use. The law gives the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture responsibility and stewardship for the 4-H name and emblem, and it places the 4-H clover in a unique category with other protected emblems such as the U.S. presidential seal, the Red Cross, Smokey the Bear and the Olympic rings.

A PSA from the LCE Advisory Resource Team:

With fall comes fall colors, apple crisp and elections! Since fall is the start of the new 4-H year, elections of new committee, board or council members usually takes place across the state. The LCE team would like to remind you that best practice for these type of elections is by private ballot. There are many different procedures that are appropriate as to how to hold an election. This is also a great time to have all your committees, boards and councils review their by-laws. Best practice is for a committee to look at their by-laws at least once every year to determine if anything needs to be spiffed up or updated. The beginning of the new 4-H year is the perfect time for that. If you need assistance or feedback on procedures, by-law review, and/or revamping and revitalizing your current processes, please contact the LCE Advisory Resource Team at 4HLeadership@anr.msu.edu.

With the beginning of September, comes the brisk breezes of fall, the ringing of school bells, Spartan football, election campaigns and even better the beginning phases of some great youth leadership programs throughout the state!



SYLC: Online applications for the MI 4-H State Youth Leadership Team are open (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYLC2016>) and will close on November 1, 2015. This year we had 12 amazing young leaders, some of whom will stay on the council for their second term. Our goal is to make this council as diverse and representative of Michigan 4-H as possible, so please share the opportunity far and wide. Any questions can be directed to Jackie Martin at marti623@anr.msu.edu.

Upcoming Programs and Adventures!

Visual Arts Workshop: This one is coming up quick! October 17-18, 2015 the Visual Arts Workshop will take place at the Kettunen Center. The steering committee is excited about the overwhelming amount of sessions proposed and are looking forward to a great event. The registration link will be shared as soon as it is available.

Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular! This awesome Kettunen Center event will be happening January 30-31, 2016. Registration will be opening this fall, so use this [link](#) to stay posted. Any questions can be directed to Brian Wibby at wibby@anr.msu.edu.

Youth Conservation Council (YCC): YCC will be opening up for applications later this fall as well. Note: the application process and dates currently listed on the YCC 4-H [webpage](#) are from the 2015 year. We are in the process of updating to an online application system, and selecting 2016 dates, so please take this time to think about youth in your life & county who might be interested in apply when the time comes!

Capitol Experience (CE): The 2016 4-H [Capitol Experience](#) program will be held March 20-23, 2016 at the University Quality Inn, in Lansing, MI. Online registrations for CE will be available around Thanksgiving and will be collected at an earlier date (TBD) than last year. Please note: this program has a limited number of youth seats due to the capacity of our facility, so registration will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. We were full in 2015, so please don't wait! For more information or questions on this event please e-mail Makena Schultz at schul430@anr.msu.edu.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF): More information will be distributed on this national 4-H youth leadership opportunity in the near future. In the meantime, check out this post from 4-H Today: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/news/today/what_is_cwf_and_why_should_you_care/! If you have further questions, please contact Connie Lange at langec@anr.msu.edu.

Need more information? Check out the MSUE Leadership & Citizenship [page](#) for recent news articles. See an opportunity for LCE to collaborate on programming, or want to brainstorm some new ideas for your community? Contact the LCE team at 4hleadership@anr.msu.edu!

Congratulations in advance to all the CYI team members who will receive awards at Fall Extension Conference. We hope to see you there, but wanted to send our best to you all for doing such a great job now!

Please Take the MSU Focus Survey!

Click here: msue.edu/focus

Michigan State University seeks public input to sharpen research and outreach focus

Michigan residents can help determine where Extension faculty and staff members should place their emphasis.

Posted on **September 16, 2015** by **Beth Stuever**

EAST LANSING, Mich. – [Michigan State University Extension](http://msue.edu) has long been a source of information and education for Michigan residents. Along with MSU [AgBioResearch](http://agbio.msu.edu) scientists, Extension professionals throughout the state are asking Michigan residents to help them determine where they should place their emphasis in the future.

“This organization belongs to the people we serve,” said Ray Hammerschmidt, MSU Extension interim director. “We want to make sure that we are meeting their needs throughout the state by sharing research and education that will make a difference to them, their communities, their families, their business and their farms.”

To that end, MSU Extension has launched an online survey asking all Michigan residents about their needs and priorities. The [MSU Extension and AgBioResearch Survey to Sharpen Our Focus](http://msue.edu/focus) online survey that will supplement 14 upcoming face-to-face meetings throughout the state that will engage nearly 500 residents.

“We have designed a series of meetings that will bring together people from all over,” said Maggie Bethel, the former MSU Extension director who is charged with overseeing the process. “But it is important that we don’t limit ourselves to the people we see in person. The online survey gives everyone a chance to participate in the process.”

As an added bonus, respondents who complete the survey will have the option of entering a drawing that includes two MSU men’s basketball game tickets (date and time to be determined), a basket of Michigan-made agricultural products and a \$75 gift certificate to shop.msu.edu.

To participate, access the survey from the front page of msue.msu.edu by visiting msue.msu.edu/focus. All information collected is anonymous. Once completed, a separate link will be provided to those who wish to enter the drawing.

“We don’t want people to feel any hesitation about providing information,” Bethel said. “Therefore, we will not retain names or contact information except for the purposes of the drawing. That database will be not be kept once the winners have claimed their prizes.”

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October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Oshtemo & Portage club	2 Dairy Club—World Dairy Expo	3 Dairy Club—World Dairy Expo
4 Tri-united club meeting Dairy Club—World Dairy Expo	5 Fulton, Galesburg, Schoolcraft club meetings	6 Alamo club meeting	7	8 Member Record book Keeping workshop, Room B, 6:30 The Heart of Belonging, Volunteer training,	9	10 Hickory Corners club meeting <u>Teen Interstate Exchange Club</u> , <u>informational meeting</u> , <u>Nazareth</u>
11 Augusta & Scotts club meetings	12 Climax, Cooper & Richland club	13 Fall Extension Conference—East Lansing (13th & 14th,	14 Small Mammal//Cavies and Critter meeting, Room B,	15 Horse council, Room C, Dog Project meeting, Room B, Fair-	16 Rabbit Agility, Room B, Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm	17 Harvest Festival, Expo South, Fairgrounds, 4:30—
18	19	20 Countywide poultry meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds,	21 LSA meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	22 Countywide Goat meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	23 Member record books due for Fall Achievement	24 WMU Education Day
25	26 Leader's Council, Room B, Cass—Room A, <u>Cooper Cavaliers</u> , <u>Room D</u> , Fairgrounds, 7pm	27 Countywide rabbit meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	28 Fair council, Room C Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm	29 Fall Achievement Awards committee meeting, Georgian room , Nazareth, 6pm	30	31

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1 Tri-united club meeting Re-enrollments due in 4-H online registration system	2 Galesburg club meeting	3 4-H community club officer/leader training, Room B, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM	4	5 Oshtemo & Portage club meeting The Heart of Community Volunteer training, 7pm Room C, Fairgrounds	6 Dog Show - No rooms available	7
8 Augusta & Scotts club meetings	9 Climax, Fulton & Richland club meetings	10 Alamo club meeting	11	12 Fall Achievement Awards Program, Georgian Room, Nazareth, 6pm	13 North American International Live-stock Expo—Louisville, KY	14 North American International Live-stock Expo—Louisville, KY
15 North American International Live-stock Expo—	16 Dog Council, Panera Bread, West Main St.,	17 Countywide Poultry meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	18 LSA, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	19 Dog Project meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	20 Rabbit Agility, Room B, Fairgrounds, 6:30	21
22	23 Leaders council Room B, Carcass, Room A, Cooper Cavaliers, Room D , Fairgrounds, 7pm	24 Countywide rabbit meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	25	26 Thanksgiving—MSUE offices closed	27 Thanksgiving—MSUE offices closed	28
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