

### **COMITTEE NEWS**

#### **SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Important upcoming dates:

The Small Animal Committee is hosting a clinic July 25th. Guest speaker Dr. Jan Pol will be there register today. Please check out our Facebook (Sanilac County 4-H Small Animal Committee) Rabbit:

Rabbit families, because of all the jumble and cramped space of last year's fur classes, they will no longer be in place. Instead there will now be a progeny class, and a costume class. Rabbits must be owned before May 1st. Rabbits must now be tattooed, the rabbit superintendent (Kim O' Connor), has set up a day for tattooing on August 1st. Please check fair book for any unclear, and needed information. Thank you.

#### Poultry:

Hi everyone. I want to take this opportunity to update everyone on some poultry issues that need to be addressed.

MEAT BIRDS- I am still encouraging meat bird projects to continue on with your hard work. USDA, MDARD & MSU have been working closely with everyone involved and this is what I am glad to announce. Meat birds will be allowed and welcomed. BUT, under a few guidelines. During the LIVE auction pictures and weights of your birds must be given to myself. During the auction bidders will be given weights and able to bid. Then, once a bidder wins the birds you will transfer ownership of birds to the winning bidder it will be the WINNING BIDDERS responsibility to take to processors. I will have a list of processors available.

I will personally come to ANY 4-Hers farm and gladly weight your birds for you. That way it is official and weights will be recorded for judging. As always any questions please contact myself. I will attach letters that any 4-Her can use and I encourage you to use to explain what is happening with meat birds this year at fair and encourage bidders!!

#### Cats:

Cat ID sheets are due July 10th with a copy of shot records. A informational meeting will be July 16th at 7 PM at the Fairgrounds for all cat showman.

#### Cavy:

Hello fellow cavy owners!! This year there are no changes in the cavy department. They're staying the same. Just remember to get

your ID sheets in by July 10th! Also, you have to have owned the animal by May 1st in order to show it.

## LARGE ANIMAL LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE NEWS:

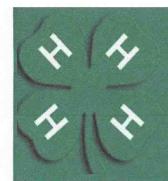
The next meeting is set for July 23, 2015 at 7pm at the Dairy Barn. Elections will take place then for the new board members, so anyone who would like to participate in the voting process, please attend this meeting. Ballots will NOT be mailed out due to budget constraints. If you have any questions, please contact Amy via email at mill1898@anr.msu.edu.

#### **HORSE COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Numbers are up from last year and the barns look to be packed this year. With that being said. ALL HORSE PAPERWORK WAS DUE JUNE 19th, INCLUDING YOUR STALL SHEET! If you DID NOT do this you may NOT be guaranteed a stall this year at fair. Every attempt was made to contact all club leaders, However, if you do not hear from us you need to make sure you get a hold of a Horse Committee Member. We have a master list from the extension office but that doesn't mean you haven't changed your contact information since then. Last month we had a very successful work day, lots of kids showed up to do their 5 hours of community service. We had another work day Saturday June 6, from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm. Lunch was included for our hard workers. We have had several jumping clinics this

year.... They have been very successful. we

have two more currently scheduled. June



# SANILAC COUNTY

# 4-H FAMILY NEWS

JUNE 2015

#### **HORSE COMMITTEE NEWS CONT:**

9, and June 23 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds. We welcomed two new Committee members at our June 2nd meeting due to vacancies. Scott Bular and Colleen Wallace. Welcome aboard!!! Colleen Wallace has taken over the direction of the youth with assistance from Brenda Bular. The youth are donating \$250.00 to a Horse scholarship. All youth are required to bring in 1 sponsorship form. You can find those on Facebook or the MSU or the MSU Extension Office. In the works are a beach day to rejuvienate the Horse Youth committee. If you know a child that would be interested in this fun committee please get a hold of Colleen Wallace.

#### **TEEN CLUB NEWS:**

On May 31st Teen Club met for a fun bowling meeting followed by pizza and a short business meeting. Our next meeting was Monday June 22 at 7pm at the Teen Shack at the fairgrounds. On July 25 we will be serving food for the Small Animal Workshop that is taking place at the fairground. Help is needed that day. Teen Club is open to any 4-H member 13-19. If you are interested in joining, just come to a meeting, contact any current member or Terry Bell at 810-705-0222.

#### JUNIOR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE NEWS:

#### **Livestock Superintendents**

Prospect Beef: Lucinda Michalek & Ashley Wisneski Big Beef: Larry & Karen Murdock Swine: John Bowsky

> Sheep: Karen O' Mara & Kristina Bender Livestock Superintendents

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Jr. Livestock Committee Board

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Vice President: Lorin Gierman

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Dates to remember:

Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting MSU Extension Office 3rd sunday of every month @ 1:30 pm

> August 23 – 29, 2015 FAIR WEEK!

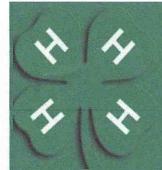


Check us out on FacebookSanilac Junior Livestock 4-H'ers



### SULLIVAN'S STOCK SHOW UNIVERSITY

Well over 100 registered youth participated in the Sullivan's Stock Show University graduate program on May 9 & 10. The clinic was put on by the Jr. Livestock Committee and the Kountry Kidz 4-H Club. This was a free clinic offered to livestock exhibitors to learn about: clipping and fitting cattle, cattle nutrition, as well as showmanship techniques and trends. The Jr. Livestock Committee and the Kountry Kidz 4-H Club would like to thank the local sponsors who helped make this opportunity a success, along with the Sanilac County 4-H Council for preparing all of our meals, and the Sanilac County Fair Board for allowing us to use the fairgrounds. Furthermore, we would like to thank the youth who participated in this event, and invite them to stay tuned for future clinics!



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# **SHOOTING SPORTS**











#### **Important Dates:**

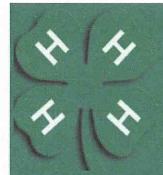
24 June 15 - 6:30 (Advanced Auto Trends, 3279 W. Snover Road Snover, MI 48472), certified club shoot score compilation for the State Shoot 30 June 15 - Registration for the State shoot is due to the County

**18 July 15** - County Shoot, Round 1 9:00-1:00, Round 2 1:00-4:00

15 Aug 15 - State shoot, at the Blue Water Sportsman Assn

**22 Aug 15** - Sanilac County Fair - Project Judging, fair 23-29 Aug

**30 Sep 15** - 6:30 meeting, tentatively liberty lanes in Sandusky (review fairbook)



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# 2015 SANILAC COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM PRACTICE & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

#### **IUNE**

6/27/2015- SC Humane Society Volunteer Opportunity, Saturday June 27th starting at 9 a.m.,

(possibly picnic and games too afterwards, more info will be provided) JULY

7/12/2015 - Training, Sunday July 12th 3 p.m. @ Barb Peake's House, Marlette

7/18/2015 - Marlette Dog Days Agility Show-n-Go, Saturday, July 18th 1-3 p.m. @ Marlette Park (See flyer)

7/26/2015 - Training Sunday July 26th 3 p.m. @ Barb Peake's House, Marlette AUGUST

8/9/2015 - Training Sunday August 9th 3 p.m. @ Barb Peake's House, Marlette

8/15/2015 - MSU State Dog Show, August 15th @ East Lansing

8/18/2015- Training Tuesday, August 18th 6:30-8 p.m. @ Barb Peake's House, Marlette

8/22/2015-SC 4H Fair Dog Show, Sunday, August 22nd @ Sandusky Fair Grounds

8/27/2015- SC 4H Fair Agility Show, Thursday, August 27th @ Sandusky Fair Grounds

Barb Peake's House, 6840 MONTGOMERY ROAD, MARLETTE MI Phone (810) 656-4974

(from Marlette - 3 miles south, turn right/west on Montgomery, 5th house on right)

Please bring training leashes/collars, water and tiny treat for your dog. Training is outside and weather permitting. For the protection of all, vaccinations and dog license must be current and up to date. Proof is needed when joining the group.

Additional activities and training days will be posted on our Facebook page.

Facebook ID: Sanilac County 4-H Dog Program

#### Poultry Show FAQs

1. Are there cases of avian influenza in Michigan?

On June 8, 2015, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the state's first confirmed cases

(http://michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0.4579,7-186-38757---.00.html) of highly pathogenic avian influenza (http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0.4610.7-125-48096\_48097\_71772---.00.html) (HPAI) H5N2 in the state. The disease was found in free-ranging Canada geese in Macomb County. The USDA keeps track of outbreaks throughout the United States. Regular updates are posted on the avian influenza reporting

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2. Why did Michigan Department of Agricultural and Rural Development (MDARD) decide to cancel all poultry shows in 2015?

MDARD's decision is a precautionary measure made in the interest of animal and public health, as well as to protect Michigan's poultry population.

3. What is MDARD's role?

MDARD's role is to protect animal health and promote animal industry. This is why the difficult decision was made to cancel all poultry exhibitions.

4. Will MDARD be reconsidering or offering an opportunity for public comment?

No. The decision was made by state veterinarians after much deliberation and consideration.

5. What does this cancellation cover?

All 2015 poultry and waterfowl exhibitions in Michigan, which prevents the comingling of birds from different locations. This includes, but is not limited to, shows, exhibitions, swap meets, petting zoos at fairs, wild bird and waterfowl fair displays and Miracle of Life exhibits. This does not include permanent poultry exhibits at zoos.

As an extra precautionary measure, MSU Extension will also not allow the display of any live birds that are part of the 4-H small animals program known as 'pocket pets,' including canaries, parrots, parakeets and macaws.

6. Is there an exception for market birds?

No. Live animals will not be allowed at the fair. There are alternative options to allow members' product to be sold at fairs. (/program/avian\_influenza/poultryshows/alternative\_activities#broiler)

7. Does the cancellation impact market egg classes?

No. However, it is strongly recommeded that eggs be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water prior to exhibition. In addition, eggs should be destroyed at the conclusion of the exhibition event. Eggs typically sold through 4-H and youth auctions can still be sold, however the eggs must be destroyed after the fair and not consumed by the buyer.

8. What is Michigan State University Extension's role?

Michigan State University (MSU) and MSU Extension (including Michigan 4-H) are educational institutions. They are available to provide information and resources (/program/info/avian\_influenza) to help producers, 4-H families, fair boards and other individuals and organizations understand and implement the statement issued by MDARD. Read the MSU Extension news release (/news/msu extension creates alternatives to live poultry shows for michigan 4 her).

9. Who can I talk to about my 4-H project?

Contact your local MSU Extension 4-H program coordinator (/county) for details on your county project.

10. Where can I find alternative ideas for incorporating my poultry project knowledge into fair?

Alternative methods (/program/avian influenza/poultryshows/alternative activities) have been determined by MSU Extension and approved the MDARD state veterinarian.

11. What are fairs doing?

Each county fair will institute their own alternatives, please contact your local county fair office for next steps and policies.

12. What can I do with birds that were only intended to be fair projects?

An alternative option for market bird projects, such as broiler chickens and turkeys, is available. No live birds will be allowed at the fair, however these alternative options will allow members' product to be sold at fairs. (/program/avian\_influenza/poultryshows/alternative\_activities#broiler)County 4-H programs have the option of implementing these programs if they choose.

#### 13. Can market birds be sold through fair auctions?

No live birds will be allowed at the fair, however there are alternative options available that will allow members' product to be sold at fairs. (/program/avian\_influenza/poultryshows/alternative\_activities/#broiler)

#### 14. What do we do with empty poultry barns at fair?

MSU Extension encourages fairs to continue to utilize fair poultry barns as a place to educate the public about poultry projects. In lieu of live birds, this can be done in a number of alternative ways, including poster contests and educational displays.

#### 15. What do we tell the public at fair?

To ensure a consistent message is shared with the public, <u>MSU</u> Extension has created <u>PDF version of a poster</u>

<u>(//program/avian\_influenza/poultryshows/resources\_for\_staff\_and\_volunteers)</u> that explains the absence of poultry at the fair. Please print and display this poster in your poultry barns. We ask that only this approved public poster be utilized at the fair.

#### 16. Does this cancellation include birds intended for market?

Yes. No live birds will be allowed at the fair, however there are <u>alternative options available that will allow members' product to be sold at fairs.</u>

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#### 17. Will processors take birds?

Yes. This cancellation does not affect markets or processors.

#### 18. How can we protect our home flocks from the spread of avian influenza?

If you have backyard/hobby/show flocks, you should increase your biosecurity practices (pdf), including limiting the exposure to wild birds and restricting outdoor access to your flock.

#### 19. What is avian influenza, how is it spread and where can I find more information?

Avian influenza, sometimes referred to as "bird flu," is a virus infecting domestic poultry, such as chickens, turkeys, quail, and geese and may be carried by migrating waterfowl. This particular outbreak is a "high pathogenicity" type of avian influenza that is more deadly to poultry.

This avian influenza is spread through droppings or nasal discharge of an infected bird, which contaminates dust and soil. In addition people can carry the virus on their shoes, clothes, equipment and vehicles. This virus has also been spread by migrating birds.

For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/avianinfluenza (http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?

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#### 20. Can people/kids get sick from avian influenza?

The current strain that has been found in many states is not zoonotic, meaning people cannot get sick from avian influenza. Learn more at <a href="mailto:linews/avian">linews/avian</a> influenza are humans at risk)<a href="mailto:linews/avian">linews/avian</a> influenza are humans at risk).

#### 21. Is it safe to eat poultry and eggs?

Yes. Learn more here: (/news/avian influenza poultry eggs safe food)http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/avian influenza poultry eggs safe food (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/avian influenza poultry eggs safe food)

#### 22. How many birds/farms have been affected by avian influenza?

The USDA keeps track of outbreaks throughout the United States. Regular updates are posted on the

#### avian influenza reporting

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# SMALL ANIMAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SUMMER 2015 CLINIC

#### Early Bird Registration

This is a clinic you don't want to miss. Opportunity to learn from the BEST. Register early by June 24, 2015 to guarantee \$15.00 per person registration fee and an event T-Shirt. If not registered by early bird date, rate will increase to \$25.00 per person at the gate and NO T-shirt included. Early registrants will receive confirmation via email.

Event will be hosted in the Dairy Barn located at the Sanilac County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Confirmation email will need to be presented at the gate to enter the event!

- Lunch will be available to buy from 4-H Teen Club.
- Small animal supplies will be sold at this event by Farm Jahn's
- Please pick only TWO classes. Cake decorating is only available to the first 20 people enrolled.
- Checks payable to Sanilac Small Animal Youth Development
- **© PLEASE INCLUDE EMAIL ON THE CHECK FOR CONFIRMATION**

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Mail Payment to:

April Malick C/O Sanilac Small Animal Youth Development 8675 Croswell Rd, Jeddo, MI 48032

Buyer Name Street Address City, State Zip

Dear

If you attend our county fair and poultry auction this year, you may notice it is a little different than previous years. To keep our birds healthy and safe, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) cancelled all poultry shows and exhibitions in Michigan until further notice. As a result, there will be no birds at this year's fair; the threat of avian influenza is just too great to risk an outbreak on our fairgrounds.



#### **MSU EXTENSION**

#### Children and Youth Institute

160 Agriculture Hall Michigan State University ast Lansing, MI 48824-1039

> 517.432.7575 Fax: 517.355.6748 www.msue.msu.edu

Our poultry show and auction, however, will live on. Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has developed alternative ways for 4-H youth to demonstrate their knowledge and talent without birds on site. In addition, MDARD and MSU Extension have created guidelines for selling market bird projects, such as broiler chickens, turkeys and ducks, at this year's 4-H auction. We hope you will continue to attend these events to support local 4-H youth who have invested their time, talent and treasures into their poultry projects.

Although highly contagious to birds, avian influenza is not transmittable to humans and should not be a concern for fair-goers or buyers. In fact, the Center for Disease Control considers the risk to people from avian influenza viruses to be very low and cannot be contracted from the consumption of poultry or egg products. These valuable commodities remain safe for your enjoyment, whether purchased from the store or the county 4-H auction.

Local information such as date, time, location of the sale Sincerely,

# Beach Day

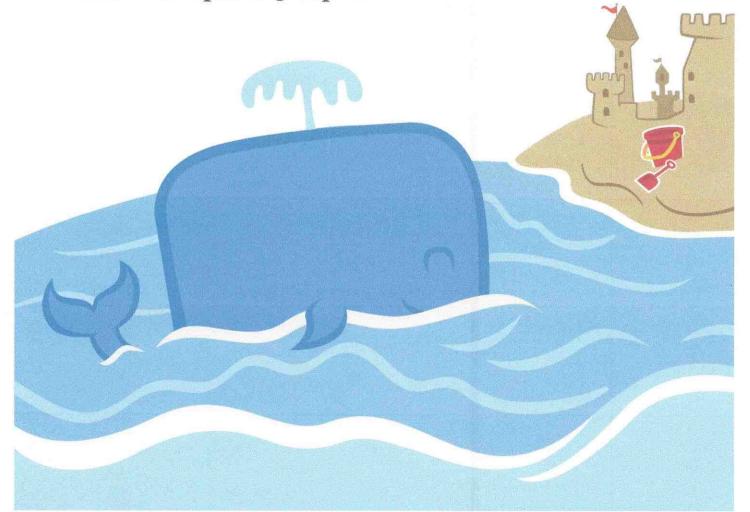
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All youth in the Sanilac County 4-H Horse Program are invited to attend. We are going to play some game, eat some ice cream and talk about the upcoming events for our program. Hope to see you all there.

**Where:** Sanilac Forrester Park

When: June 29, 2015

Time: 1:00p.m to 3:00p.m





# Sanilac County 4-H Shared Strategic Visioning Meeting

Pick one date to attend: Thursday, July 16th, at 7p.m. or Friday, July 17th, at 10a.m

Sandusky Preshyterian Church Basement Fellowship Hall 104 Lexington St. \* Sandusky, MI 48471

This meeting is being held to help direct the future vision for 4-H in Sanilac County. The goal of the meeting will be:

To establish joint goals

• Choosing best communication channels
• Expectations, and division of tasks between the 4-rl office and volunteers in order to build a
blogger, shonger 4-rl program in Sanilac County.

#### Who should attend?

⇒ ALL volunteers including project leaders, club leaders, superintendents, committee members, board members, and teen leaders <u>are strongly encouraged to attend</u>

⇒ Open to NEW and RETURNING volunteers, including a representative from each club, committee and project area.

Your input and participation are needed.

Please RSVP by 7/13/15 to gentur@anr.msu.edu or 310-648-2515

Thank you for supporting 4-H



#### SAVE THE DATE:

Sanilac County Large Animal Livestock General Meeting



WHO: This meeting is open to all Sanilac 4-H members and volunteers; you are all encouraged to attend!

WHFN: Thursday, July 23rd, 2015 from 7:30-9p.m.

MHERE: Sandusky Presbyterian Church in the Basement Fellowship Hall. 104 Lexington St., Sandusky, MI 48471

AGENDA ITEMS TO INCLUDE: Fair Prep, Elections, and much more!

See you there!

# 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training



# A Communications Workshop for 4-H members and teen leaders

**Who:** Michigan 4-H members (12-19 years old on January 1, 2015) Teen leaders, ambassadors, community issue advocates

What: Communications workshop for 4-H members. Learn about a variety of communication tools and media including social media, video, photography, written and spoken communication. Demonstrations, activities, mock interviews, and strategies for crafting an effective message to tell the "so what" of the 4-H message.

Where: Kellogg Center Hotel and Conference Center; East Lansing, MI

When: July 13, 2015; 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Why: Because Michigan 4-H members are doing amazing things and

the world should know about it!!

How: Register online at:

\$15 registration fee; includes continental breakfast & lunch

Share <u>YOUR</u> 4-H Story



## WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- Dining etiquette
- Creating impactful messages
- Preparing for an interview
- Social media
- Practice public speaking
- \* Participants encouraged to bring your technology (phones, tablets, cameras, etc)

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#### SANILAC COUNTY 4-H FAIR

#### **CAMPGROUND REGISTRATION**

RETURN BY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> OR NO SPACE CAN BE GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED BY MAIL TO THE CAMPING COMMITTEE



Date				
Sites are assigned by the committee- If more than one individual requests the same lot; last year's camper will be give first preference until July 1st. Previous Site(s) are NOT guaranteed!  Camping Fee is \$100.00 ~ Late Fee if not returned by July 1st is \$50.00 Individual Weekly Permits (does not include rides) are \$40.00 Mega passes include rides, grandstand & parking are \$55.00				
Names of people staying in camper				
Emergency Telephone Number during Fair (				
Type of camping unit (circle one): camp	per or trailer tent			
Length of unit including hitch Size (circle one) Same size or New Unit				
Project Areas				
I agree that my family and myself will obey camp	er and fair rules.			
Signature of person in charge of camper:				
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<b>SATURDAY</b> August 16, 2014 9:30-12:00 noon	<b>SUNDAY</b> August 17, 2014 1:00-6:00 P.M.			
Sanilac 4-H Fa	ir - Camping			
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# PROJECT SHEET -- DUE JULY 24<sup>th</sup> SANILAC COUNTY 4-H FAIR PRE-ENTRY FORM

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Return to: Sanilac County 4-H Fair Board, 171 Dawson Street Suite 323, Sandusky, MI 48471

## Sanilac County 4-H Fair "Homemaker of the Year" Competition Application Form (If more space is needed, please attach a separate piece of paper)

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Explain Your Involvement	in the Sanilac County Fair (Incl	ude departments entered & awards
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Briefly Summarize why Pa	rticipation in this Competition is	Important to You.

#### Sanilac County "Homemaker Of the Year"

Exhibitors <u>must</u> have entries in 3 of the 5 sections (categories) (not more than 15 entries per section)

Quality not quantity should be considered

- a. Homemaker Gardening
- b. Homemaker Food Preservation
- c. Homemaker Knitting/Misc.
- d. Homemaker Gold Ribbon Program
- e. Homemaker Flowers

Exhibitors must receive highest point total for the present year to win award

a. Community Service Activities	20%
(including 4-H, Church, etc.)	

b. Application information	20%
c. Judges viewing their exhibit	60%

d. In the case of a tie, the person with the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons will be the winner.

Award cannot be won by the same exhibitor two consecutive years.

Due: Friday, August 7, 2015 in the Extension Office by 4:30 P.M.

To:

Sanilac County 4-H Ambassadors Candidates

From:

Amy Miller

4-H Program Coordinator

Subject:

Sanilac County Ambassador Contest: (formally known as King & Queen Court)

We invite you to take part in the 2015 Sanilac County 4-H Ambassadors Contest.

#### Requirements:

In the 2015-2016 school year, you will be entering the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Meet 4-H age requirements (as of January 1 of current year)

Must fill out the entire application packet completely

Application Form, Essay, two Letters of Recommendation, Code of Conduct, and Activities and Responsibilities Sheet must be received in the MSU Extension Office by June 26, 2015 at 4:30p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Your packet contains: Ambassador Form, Letters of Recommendation Forms, a Code of Conduct Form, an Ambassador and Court Activities and Responsibilities List, Sample Interview Questions, and a Blank Judge's Sheet.

The 4-H Application Form is used to tell the judges about you. We chose to use an application form because you will be providing the judges with more than a resume or biography. The Application Form is meant to make you think of 4-H as it relates to your life.

#### Judging

 Interviews and speeches will be held on SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the 4-H Eatstand at the Fairgrounds.
 More details to come.

#### What will you be judged on:

- a. 4-H Application Form
- b. A two minute self introduction, about yourself speech, based on your Application Form information. Please work on your speech ahead of time so that it is within the time limit and that you remember all the information you want the judges to know. You will be giving your speech on the day of interviews.
- c. A five minute interview with the judges.

The maximum score for each section of the Application Form is in the left hand column. Contestants will also receive points for their speech and interview which will be tallied with the Application Form score to determine a total score.

#### **Dress Code**

The Ambassador Committee has requested that you dress appropriately for the interview. Boys should wear a shirt and tie, dress slacks and sports coat, or a suit, etc. and girls should wear a dress or dress slacks such as one you would wear for church, wedding, etc. It <u>does not</u> have to be a formal. We would like contestants to be aware that they will need to have access to evening attire for the coronation if they are chosen to be on the Ambassador Court.

#### Ambassador court responsibilities

Also, please be aware that the 4-H Ambassador's Court is responsible to represent Sanilac County 4-H at events held throughout the year. You are an Ambassador of Sanilac County 4-H and are expected to conduct yourself accordingly.

#### Notification

Finalist for the 2015 Ambassador Court will be announced after judging on July 11, 2015. The 2015 Ambassador Court will be introduced the first Sunday of the Sanilac County 4-H Fair—Sunday, August 23, 2015 at the Sanilac County Fairgrounds. If you have any questions regarding any portion of this letter please call the 4-H Office at 810-648-2515, Ext. 310.

Good Luck!!

#### 4-H Ambassador Contest Contestant's 4-H Application Form

Possible	A.	Name
Points		Grade
		Age(4-H age as of January 1, 2015)
	В.	4-H Activities
20		1. Completed projects, include # of years, past and present:
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20		2. Special 4-H Awards (Spring Fair, Fall Achievement, Fair, etc.):
20		3. Leadership Experience (offices held, Teen Leadership, etc.):
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20	<ol> <li>Club, County, and State Activities (meetings, trips, trainings, etc.)</li> </ol>
20	C. Non 4-H Activities (church, school, etc.):
50	D. Essay
	1. Topic: "MY VISION OF 4-H" (Include accomplishments, interests,
	future plans, and life goals)  2. Minimum of 150 words, not to exceed 250 words.
	3. Please type or print neatly in black ink.
Total Possible	
Points 150	
100	

#### Letter of Recommendation for 4-H Ambassador Court Applicant

To be completed by a 4-H Leader (non-related and not the 4-H Program Coordinator). Please include the date, child's first and last name, relationship to applicant, and your name in the letter.

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To be completed by a non 4-H Personnel (teacher, advisor, pastor, etc.) (Non-related) Please include the date, child's first and last name, relationship to applicant, and your name in the letter.

# 4-H AMBASSADOR COURT CONTEST SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you think could be done to better the 4-H program?
- 2. If you were a leader, what would you encourage young 4-Hers to do?
- 3. What do you think could be done to better the Sanilac County 4-H Fair?
- 4. If you had a chance to change the 4-H programs, what would you do?
- 5. If you had a chance to make a special 4-H project, what would it be?
- 6. Would you encourage someone to join 4-H and why?
- 7. When you first joined 4-H, what were you hoping to learn?
- 8. Why would you like to be a 4-H Ambassador?
- 9. Are you happy with what 4-H has done for you and why?
- 10. How many years have you been in 4-H?
- 11. Have you held any offices in your club?
- 12. What have you gotten out of 4-H?
- 13. Have you ever been a junior (teen) leader?

# 4-H AMBASSADOR COURT JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

A. Name		1.	APPLICATION FORM
B. 4-H Activities  1. Projects carried, past and present (20 points possible)			A Name
1. Projects carried, past and present (20 points possible)			
2. Special awards (20 points possible)			1. Projects carried, past and present (20 points possible)
3. Leadership experience (20 points possible			Special awards (20 points possible)
4. Club, county, and state activities (20 points possible)			3 Leadership experience /20 points possible
C. Community, activities (20 points)			4. Club county and state activities (30 points possible)
D. Essay: "My Vision of 4-H" (50 points)			Community activities (20 points possible)
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B. Confidence (25 points possible)	feet		
Delivery (25 points possible)			R. Knowledge of 4-H (25 points possible)
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Total INTERVIEW Score (100 points possible)			C. Delivery (25 points possible)
Notes:  3. SPEECH A. Presentation (25 points possible)			D. Personality (25 points possible)
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#### SANILAC COUNTY 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The Michigan 4-H Youth program prides itself on providing quality educational programs for youth. The primary purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.

#### Ambassador Members will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent Sanilac County and Michigan 4-H Youth Programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models for youth.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and be role models for youth.
- Recognize that abuse by physical or verbal means, failure to comply with equal-opportunity and anti-discrimination laws or a criminal act will be grounds for dismissal from the 4-H Ambassador Court.
- Under no circumstances will a 4-H Ambassador Court member consume alcohol or illegal drugs. Doing so will be grounds for dismissal from the 4-H Ambassador Court.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support 4-H in order to develop an effective county, state, and national program.

It is important that all 4-H Ambassador Court members comply with the Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with any component of the Code may lead to dismissal from the 4-H Ambassador Court.

Michigan State University's Extension Office is an Affirmative-Action/Equal Opportunity Institution. Michigan 4-H Youth educational programs and all other MSU Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex disability, or religion.

Please sign on the line indicated below and return to the 4-H Office.

4 11 A 4 1 C 4	Date	
4-H Member Signature		
Parent Signature	Date	

To be completed and returned on or before June 26, 2015 The MSU Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

#### Activities and Responsibilities for 4-H Ambassador Court

- The Ambassador Court will meet immediately upon selection of the court and be introduced to the "COURT SPONSOR" (person who will be responsible for the activities of the court for one year.)
- > 4-H Council: Ambassadors will serve a one year term on the 4-H Council.
- Leaders Banquet: Court will be expected to assist the Council in setup, clean up, and decorating and will be included in the program. They will also cooperate with Extension Staff and Council in passing out awards.
- > National 4-H Week: Court will select allocation and set up a display for 4-H Week.
- Spring Fair: Participate in the program as assigned.
- Parades: The representation of the court in Sanilac County if VERY important!!!! The Ambassador Court along with their sponsor will be responsible for preparing the float and securing transportation for the various parades. Preparation of the float includes: cleaning, decorating, seating, and signage.

Parades during the year will be approximately (these are not exact dates):

#### NO CANDY THROWING AT ANY PARADE

Brown City—Early June

Port Sanilac-July 4

Lexington—July 4

Sandusky---Late June

Marlette-Mid July

Croswell-Mid July

Yale—Late July

Croswell Swing Bridge -

Lighted Implement Parade (Sandusky)—Early December

- Fair Week: You will be introduced to the public through various activities and functions which include but are not limited to:
  - Presentation of Ambassador Court will be on Sunday during the 4-H Auction at 3:00 p.m.
  - Passing out ribbons at the different shows.
  - Livestock and Small Animal Sale—handing out ribbons and photographing with buyers.
  - Work a scheduled 2-hour shift in the 4-H Eatstand (you can also sign in with your club and that can count towards your two hours)
  - And any misc. things that come up.

If any Ambassador member cannot participate at a county function they will be expected to contact their sponsor.

4-H Member Signature:	Date:
Parents Signature:	Date:

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