

*Shiawassee County*

4-H Family News

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Hello 4-H Families,

A few updates for everyone! Shiawassee County 4-H now has their own webpage on the MSU Extension website. You can reach this page by going to msue.anr.msu.edu/county/shiawassee/shiawassee_county_4_h. Go check out the new page and let me know if you believe there should be any changes or additions. We are still working on adding events and important notices as they are announced. This page is an extra resource for you and your family.

4-H Camp dates have been set for this summer for June 24-26th please save the date! Camp Counselors have started to prepare for camp and are looking forward to a great year. The next Camp Counselor Meeting is Feb. 21st from 6-8 at the Fairgrounds, if you missed the first meeting please make sure your applications get turned in!

Sincerely,

Nikki Hersch
4-H Coordinator



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4>
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4>
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94>
 MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
 Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

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

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
 Contact Melissa Elischer (elischa@msu.edu)
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

February 3-4: 4-H/MQHA Clinic Weekend
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
 MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living
<http://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summit-series/#!/healthy-living>
 National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

February 18: Michigan 4-H Night With the Griffins
 Contact Tarin Minkel (minkeltj@anr.msu.edu)
 Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3
 Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest
 MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

Will You Put the “U” in the Challenge U 4-H FunFest?

The 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest is another special workshop for younger (aged 9 to 13) Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h)'ers. At this event, participants will:

- Spend two action-packed days – in sessions they choose, led by experts – learning the secrets of healthy living and food science. The hands-on sessions from which to choose will include:
 - What to eat and when to increase energy
 - Becoming a junior chef
 - Relaxation tips and tricks
 - Indoor and outdoor cooking
 - Healthy money habits
 - Food preservation
 - Dancing and more.



Through such 4-H projects, young people both enjoy hands-on activities and develop life skills. (<http://bit.ly/1PVDmlX>). For example, by allowing 4-H'ers to choose the sessions in which they want to participate, they learn decision-making skills and independence. At the 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest, youth will also learn communication, cooperation and teamwork. All in all, participants learn to make “the best (themselves) better.”

- Enjoy some fun in the great outdoors
- Have an overnight workshop experience
- Meet other 4-H'ers from around the state



Who

Youth 9 to 13 years old as of January 1, 2017 and chaperones

When

March 11 to 12, 2017 (begins 9:30 to 10:30 Saturday morning and ends at 11:30 Sunday morning, before lunch)

Where

Kettunen Center (<http://www.kettunecenter.org>) in Tustin



How

The Challenge U 4-H FunFest **schedule and registration** is available on the web (<http://bit.ly/2joxVks>). The registration fee (\$70 for 4-H members and volunteers or \$119 for non-4-H members and volunteers) includes overnight housing, meals and all session supplies.

If you need more details than are available on the registration site given above, you can obtain **additional information** from:

- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>)
- Michelle Neff (by email at hydemic@msu.edu or by telephone at 989-539-7805)

