



Eaton County

4-H Family News

April 2017

4-H True Leaders in Service

Join 4-Hers from around the nation by showing how 4-Hers are True Leaders in Service! National 4-H is encouraging 4-H members and volunteers to make an impact on our communities. Plan a community service activity during the month of April! Activities can occur any time during the month, culminating with the National 4-H Day of Service on April 29. Activities can be planned by individual 4-H members, clubs, or programs.

You can register your event and showcase your efforts at <http://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/>. There is also a map where you can check out all the service opportunities that are planned by 4-Hers around the country! Let's show our communities what 4-Hers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others.

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Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

PMR = Public Meeting Room (basement of Extension office); Kardel = Kardel Hall on the Eaton County Fairgrounds

- Turning your 4-H Project into a Business Workshop, 4/3, PMR
- Spring Break Craft Workshop, 4/7, PMR
- Jr Livestock Association *Buyer's Workshop*, 4/10, 7 pm, Kardel
- Volunteer Orientation, 4/13, 6:30 pm, Extension office
- Fair board, 4/17, 7 pm, Kardel
- Open Office Hours, 4/19, by appointment only after 6:30 pm, Extension office
- 4-H Council, 5/1, 7 pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association *Buyer's Workshop* 5/4, 7 pm, PMR
- Volunteer Orientation, 5/9, 6:30 pm, Extension office
- Fair board, 5/15, 7 pm, Kardel
- Open Office Hours, 5/17, by appointment only after 6 pm, Extension office
- Horse Development Committee, 5/18, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Pre-Fair Dog Show, 5/20, Fairgrounds
- County Shooting Sports Tournament, 5/20, BCC

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

April 11: The “Write” Stuff Communications Training: Your 4-H Market Animal Project
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=02C2B6A3D674F22B>
 Wexford County MSU Extension Office, Cadillac

April 28-30: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor’s Certification Workshop
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=4AC5F2D9F5BE2CEA>
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

May 13-14: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h regional shooting sports air pistol training](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h%20regional%20shooting%20sports%20air%20pistol%20training)
 Demmer Center, Lansing

May 20-21: Teens as Teachers Workshop
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3828E28B31BCA578>
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

June 2-4: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4 h companion animal camp 1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan%204%20h%20companion%20animal%20camp%201)
 Camp Tuhsmeheeta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

April 8: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma agnew memorial 4-h hairy horse show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma%20agnew%20memorial%204-h%20hairy%20horse%20show)
 MSU Pavilion, Lansing

April 15: State 4-H Goat Expo
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F>
 Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 22: Michigan 4-H Equine Educational Expo
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse youth programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)
 Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

May 11: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=194D71E9BDAF67A7>
 MSU, East Lansing

May 20: State 4-H Poultry Show
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E025CAFF6B2A6962>
 Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte Michigan State University

June 3: Iron Belle Trail Challenge
http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_55920---,00.html

June 21-23: Michigan 4-H Exploration Days
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4 h exploration days](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4%20h%20exploration%20days)
 MSU, East Lansing

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

Teens as Teachers, A Unique Michigan 4-H Workshop

This workshop (<http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw>), for Michigan 4-H'ers (<http://bit.ly/12NxjLN>), who are 13 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017, provides opportunities to:

- Learn skills such as: communication, critical thinking, evaluation, facilitation, leadership, organization, responsibility, self-motivation and teamwork
- Use the *4-H Experiential Learning Model* (<http://bit.ly/2mxjdN6>) to engage youth in rich learning experiences
- Make learning fun and relatable to the young people they teach
- Serve as positive role models for other youth
- Bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs, county programs and local communities
- Find out about career opportunities



Participants will select one of the following workshop tracks.

4-H Ag Innovators Experience (<http://bit.ly/2m0IT2W>)



To meet the challenges of feeding a growing world population, we need more young people entering the science and agriculture workforce. This track features the *Healthy Soils CSI Challenge* (<http://bit.ly/2lhXfO8>).

While teaching life skills, the challenge promotes career exploration in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) and agriculture. In Michigan, it will reach a minimum of 1,000 youth in classrooms, afterschool, camps or 4-H groups.

Leadership Through Parliamentary Procedure

In this track, teens will learn multiple activities to assist other young people to use parliamentary procedure to improve meeting productivity and become better leaders! This is one of Michigan 4-H's most requested trainings.



Money Skills Education

If you are interested in (1) helping younger youth, (2) making a positive impact in your community or (3) teaching children, this track will give you the skills to do so! Track participants will teach basic financial concepts, using children's books and hands-on activities, to 200 elementary-school students in classrooms, afterschool programs, camps or 4-H groups.



Share Your Love of Science

The *True 4-H Science Leaders* (<http://bit.ly/2lDD2hd>) program is designed to help teens develop skills, implement plans and voice their love of science with others in their community. In addition, participants will engage in a variety of hand-on science investigations to learn ways to help others experience the excitement of science exploration!

When and Where Is the Workshop? May 20-21, 2017 at Kettunen Center (<http://bit.ly/2lHuDdk>)

What Is the Workshop Cost? \$45 - This covers meals, lodging and program materials.

How Can Someone Register?

Registration for the conference is available on the Michigan 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw>). If a registrant's county is offering scholarships, it is important to check with the county (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>), before registering.

More information is available from:

- The Michigan 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw>)
- Betty Jo Krosnicki (nashbett@msu.edu)
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>)

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

The annual spring Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign is from April 26—May 7. Help support Eaton County 4-H by purchasing a paper clover for \$1 or more at checkout at TSC and inviting your friends and families to do the same! Funds raised support scholarships for statewide workshops and events.

Turning your 4-H Project into a Business Workshop

Do you show a market animal? Are you curious as to how you can turn that animal project into a business and make money? Attend the Turning your 4-H Project into a Business Workshop on April 3 from 10:00 am—3 pm in the PMR (basement conference room at the Extension office). The workshop will cover various topics related to turning your animal project into a business. Workshop facilitated by teen leaders Emily Newborn and Rebecca Lifford from Royston Rockets and Ranchers who each have their own business with their animals. Youth ages 9–19 as of January 1, 2017 can attend this workshop for a fee of \$5; register by Friday, March 31. Registration information available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/turning_your_4_h_project_into_a_business.

Spring Break Craft Workshop

If you love arts and crafts, you won't want to miss this year's Spring Break Craft Workshop on April 7 from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.. Youth ages 9—19 as of January 1, 2017 will have fun at this workshop planned by teen leaders Savannah Mauk from Millerburg and Zhanna Reid from Vermontville Jr Farmers. Registration information available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/eaton_county_4_h_spring_break_craft_workshop.

Pre-Fair Dog Show

The 2017 Pre-Fair 4-H Dog Fun Show is on Saturday, May 20 at the Eaton County Fairgrounds. Participants may be 4-H or non 4-H members, adults or youth; however, 4-H rules and regulations will be followed. When registering, you will need to provide a current vaccination record for your dog. No puppies under 5 months will be allowed to show; however there is a Beginner Puppy class for puppies 6 months to 1 year of age (handler must be 12 years or older). New this year is a rally fun class. Clubs are asked to bring items for a bake sale. \$200 of the profit raised will be donated to the Eaton County Agricultural Society for 2017 Eaton County Fair dog trophies. Registration forms are available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/dog_committee.

Style Revue

The 2017 Style Revue will be held on Tuesday, June 20, at the Eaton Area Senior Center. Check-in will begin at 5:30 p.m., judging starts at 6:00 p.m., cloverbuds check-in at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:00 p.m. Open to all youth participating in the clothing/textile project areas for garments. Find out more information at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/style_revue_committee.

Start planning now for the Eaton County Fair!

2017 Eaton County Fair

July 10—15

Fair Theme: Caution: Future Leaders Under Construction

JLA Buyer's Workshop

Monday, April 10 at 7 pm at Kardel Hall

All youth who will be selling in the JLA sale (beef, sheep, swine, dairy beef) are encouraged to attend this workshop. The workshop will cover many topics related to selling and buyers—including how to approach a buyer, thank you etiquette, explaining premium and proxy forms, and practicing your sales pitch! **Buyer's passes will be given out at this meeting; youth who do not attend this meeting will not be able to pick up buyer's passes until May 10.**

SAA Buyer's Workshop

Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 pm at the PMR.

All youth who plan to sell in the SAA sale (poultry, rabbits/cavies, goats) are encouraged to attend this workshop. This workshop is no longer mandatory to sell in the sale; however it is highly recommended that youth (especially first year sellers) attend. The workshop will cover many topics related to selling and obtaining buyers.

Swine Tagging

For leaders who are picking up and dropping off swine tags or taggers please remember that there are set dates and times. These are the only times that this will be allowed and nothing will be accepted after 5:00 pm on April 28th. For more information on swine tagging, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_fair.

Swine—PQA

All youth who exhibit swine need to be PQA (Pork Quality Assurance) certified. The online certification can be found at <http://www.pork.org/youth-pqa-plus/> or you may certify through Olivet, Charlotte, or Maple Valley FFA chapters (contact those chapters for information on dates). A list of those who need recertification will be available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_fair.

Please watch your emails for when the fair website is live, which will include the 2017 fair book, entry forms, pen space request forms, and more!

Volunteer Interviews and Orientations

One of the steps to become a new 4-H leader is to complete an interview with 4-H staff. If you know someone who wants to volunteer, the next scheduled interview dates and timeslots are 4/13 or 5/9 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes.

Upcoming volunteer orientation dates are 4/13 or 5/9 at 6:30 p.m. The orientation will take about 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours and you must RSVP to the Extension office. All volunteers must attend an orientation within their first year of becoming a registered leader.