



Eaton County

4-H Family News

May 2017

Raise Your Hand for 4-H!

Raise your hand to pay it forward to the next generation of 4-Hers! The 4-H Raise Your Hand campaign continues and Michigan is in 8th place (and close in numbers). You don't have to be an alumni to participate!! Together we can help 4-H provide the hands-on learning that empowers kids across America with the skills to handle what life throws at them. Here's how you can help:

- Raise Your Hand: Go to www.4-h.org/RaiseYourHand to show your pride as a 4-H supporter.
- Compete for Michigan! Raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
- Pay it forward: Tweet, post, and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at www.4-h.org/RaiseYourHand.

Help kids learn responsibility, compassion, respect and the value of hard work by supporting 4-H. Together we can grow the next generation of true leaders.

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- 4-H Council, 5/1, 7 pm, PMR
- Fair board, 5/1, 7 pm, Kardel
- Small Animal Association *Buyer's Workshop* 5/4, 7 pm, PMR
- Cloverbud Camp Planning Committee, 5/8, 6:30 pm, Extension office
- Jr Dairy Association, 5/9, 7 pm, PMR
- Volunteer Orientation, 5/11, 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
- 4-H Exploration Days Orientation, 5/31, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fair board, 6/5, 7 pm, Kardel
- Jr Livestock Association, 6/12, 7 pm, PMR
- Fair board, 6/19, 7 pm, Kardel
- Style Revue, 6/20, Eaton Area Senior Center

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

May 5-7: Outdoor Adventure Challenge Orientation

<http://bit.ly/2nAwdxN>

Manistee River near Kingsley

May 13: Michigan 4-H Agriculture Career Fair

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=IFE62IBAB4FD36B0>

Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center, Frankenmuth

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>

Demmer Center, Lansing

May 20-21: Teens as Teachers Workshop

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3828E28B31BCA578>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

May 26-29: Rock Climbing, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 3

<http://bit.ly/2nAwdxN>

Manistee River near Kingsley

June 3-5: 4-H Companion Animal Spring Camp

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-companion-animal-camp-1>

Camp Tuhsmehta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

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

June 3: 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure

<https://www.miadventure.com/events/things-to-do/special-events/4H-Day>

Michigan's Adventure, Muskegon

June 10: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo

Contact Katie Ockert (ockertka@msu.edu)

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 18: Michigan 4-H at the Tigers

<http://m.mlb.com/tigers/tickets/special-events/4h>

Comerica Park, Detroit

June 21-23: Michigan 4-H Exploration Days

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4-h-exploration-days>

MSU, East Lansing

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

2017 Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp

This exciting, hands-on training opportunity – presented by MSU Extension (<http://bit.ly/1sdvYu8>) 4-H Youth Development (<http://bit.ly/12NxjLN>) – will provide participants with opportunities to:

- Gain new ideas and information about companion-animal projects, while being able to work with their own companion animal
- Attend various sessions such as:
 - Ask a vet
 - Games to play with your dog
 - Learn hands-on skills from a veterinarian
 - Try out new training techniques
- Have an overnight workshop experience
- Share, learn and explore new information about companion animals with others 4-H'ers from around the state
- Practice skills such as team building and leadership
- Bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs, county programs and local communities
- Participate in activities such as:
 - Hiking trails
 - An evening campfire
 - A climbing tower
 - Make-it and take-it crafts and more



Remember, there will also be awesome sessions for your dogs in obedience, games, agility and much more!

Who Should Attend? Michigan 4-H'ers who are 5 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017. Cloverbuds are welcome with parent chaperones.

When Is the Workshop? June 2-4, 2017

Where Will the Workshop Be Held?

Camp Tuhsmehta (<https://camptuhsmehta.org>) in Greenville. This facility offers various lodging options to participants. That is, lodge, tent or camper/RV sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

How Can Someone Register?

All camp registration forms (for 4-H youth members, 4-H volunteer leaders and 4-H parents) are available on the Michigan 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/2nhoqbk>). Submit your registration form and payment to:

- Katie Ockert, Room 240, 446 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Camp registrations must be postmarked by May 5, 2017.

What Is the Cost of the Workshop?

The \$50 registration fee covers lodging and meals.

More information about this camp is available from:

- The Michigan 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/2nsFThf>)
- Katie Ockert (ockertka@anr.msu.edu), Michigan 4-H Animal Science Educator
- 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.

Cloverbud Camp Planning Committee

Teens and adults who love to work with cloverbuds! Would you want to help serve on the planning committee for this year's Cloverbud Camp? Come to the first committee meeting on Monday, May 8 at 6:30pm at the Extension office! Tentative date for Cloverbud Camp is June 28 (subject to change).

Food, Fitness, and Fun!

Do you enjoy playing games and sampling some delicious snacks? If so, don't miss out on this 4-H fun food series! In each session, youth will be able to play active games, taste and prepare healthy food, while learning about nutrition through a hands-on approach. Throughout the series, youth will be encouraged to set their own goals for healthy eating and physical activity. Come join us at the Delta Township Library starting Wednesday, May 10 from 4:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. This series runs at the same time every Wednesday from May 10 to June 14. Youth ages 8-12 as of January 1, 2017 can attend this series for a fee of \$5; register online prior to Wednesday, May 10. Registration information available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_choose_health_series.

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.

State 4-H Horse Show Selection

Reminder for youth ages 13 and older who participate in the 4-H horse project! To be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show, you must complete the selection requirements found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/horse_development_committee. The first eligibility show is May 13. Points from last year's fair will be available on the website.

More information for the Eaton County Fair!

2017 Eaton County Fair

July 10—15

Fair Theme: Caution: Future Leaders Under Construction

Reminders

- Fair entry forms and exhibitor agreements are due by 5pm on Friday, May 5 to the fair office on the fairgrounds.
- New fair website is eatoncountyfair.com

Jr Livestock Association Sale

Thursday, July 13

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/junior_livestock_association

- NEW Frequently Asked Questions document is up on the website! You can also find forms such as the buyer's brochure, premium, and proxy forms.
- Buyer's passes are available at the Extension office after May 10.
- HELP NEEDED! The shifts for the sale will be available on the website via SignUp Genius.

Small Animal Association Sale

Saturday, July 15

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/small_animal_association

- NEW Frequently Asked Questions document! You can also find sale forms on the website.
- Buyer's passes are available at the Extension office after May 4.
- HELP NEEDED! The shifts for the sale will be available on the website via SignUp Genius.

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.

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 5/11 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes.

Upcoming volunteer orientation dates are 5/11 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.