



Eaton County

# 4-H Family News

November 2017

## Reminder to reenroll by November 15!

Have you submitted your reenrollment for this year yet? The deadline for reenrollment is November 15!

All youth and volunteers need to reenroll in 4-H each year. Youth members need to submit their reenrollment via 4-H Online and submit the \$20 participation fee to the Extension office. Volunteers need to submit their reenrollment via 4-H Online and for volunteers with birthdates between January 1 and April 30, complete the online background check (see email from 4-H Online that was sent on 9/27). All reenrollments are not complete until they have been approved by the Extension office (marked as "Active" in 4-H Online).

If you have problems with the online system, please contact us! Emails from 4-H Online will be switched to only sending to current active and pending members on November 15. Reenrollment information, including the link to 4-H Online, can be found at: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_enrollment#enrollment](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_enrollment#enrollment).

## Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Extension office CLOSED 11/7 and 11/10
- Dog Committee, 11/8, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Youth-Adult Partnerships Training, 11/9, 6 pm—8 pm, PMR \*please RSVP\*
- 4-H Council, 11/13, 7 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 11/16, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 11/20, 7 pm, Kardel
- Volunteer Interviews and Orientation, 11/30, Extension office
- Officer Training, 12/4, 6pm—8pm, PMR \*please RSVP\*
- Style Revue Committee, 12/6, 6:30pm, Extension office
- Expansion & Review Committee, 12/7, 6:30pm, PMR
- Jr Livestock Association, 12/11, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 12/18, 7 pm, Kardel

Follow our Google calendar for a calendar layout of events!

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_events\\_calendar](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar)

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## Stay Connected

Facebook:



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EatonCounty4H](https://www.facebook.com/EatonCounty4H)

Eaton County 4-H  
Community Group

[facebook.com/  
groups/806933519357705/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/806933519357705/)

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**New 4-H  
Science Blast  
activity released**



A new 4-H Science Blast activity is now available! This resource is designed to help leaders show youth how to make and place "track traps" to capture animal tracks for identification. Youth return in one to two days to the trapping area to check for the presence of animals by looking for tracks and other signs such as markings left by wings or tails. Participants take note of their findings and a discussion of animal adaptations and habitats follows.

The lesson plan is designed for 4-H'ers 8 to 12 years of age. From the activity, they will develop many life skills including problem solving, critical thinking and learning to learn.

Visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_science\\_blast\\_activities](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_science_blast_activities) to download this and other 4-H Science Blast lesson plans.

## 4-H Trainings and Workshops

November 8: Teen Leader and Officer Training  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen\\_leader\\_officer\\_training](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_leader_officer_training)  
Missaukee County MSU Extension Office, Lake City

November 11: 4-H Club Officer Training  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_club\\_officer\\_training](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training)  
Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

November 14– December 19: 4-H Robotic Series  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_robotics\\_series\\_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1)  
Delta Township District Library, Lansing

November 18-19: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_visual\\_arts\\_crafts\\_sewing\\_and\\_textiles\\_workshop\\_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

## Other 4-H Events

November 8 : Be Healthy at the Fair Meeting Series—Connecting Critical Partners in the Fair Industry  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be\\_healthy\\_at\\_the\\_fair\\_meeting\\_series\\_connecting\\_critical\\_partners\\_in\\_the\\_fair\\_industry](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be_healthy_at_the_fair_meeting_series_connecting_critical_partners_in_the_fair_industry)  
Alpena County Fair Merchants Building, Alpena

November 9 : Be Healthy at the Fair Meeting Series—Connecting Critical Partners in the Fair Industry  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be\\_healthy\\_at\\_the\\_fair\\_meeting\\_series\\_connecting\\_critical\\_partners\\_kalkaska](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be_healthy_at_the_fair_meeting_series_connecting_critical_partners_kalkaska)  
Kalkaska United Methodist Church, Kalkaska

November 9: 2017 Fall Horse Workshop—Ann Arbor  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017\\_fall\\_horse\\_workshop\\_2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_fall_horse_workshop_2)  
Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

November 18: Around the World Day  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/around\\_the\\_world\\_day](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/around_the_world_day)  
MSU Extension Office, Cassopolis

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

## Michigan 4-H is Participating in International Education Week

International Education Week begins on November 13, 2017, and Michigan 4-H is celebrating the benefits that come from international education and exchange programs. As a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State, the week emphasizes gaining a global mindset through encouraging leaders to participate in education and exchange programs worldwide.



4-H is prevalent across the world through programs like International Youth Exchange.

During the celebration, Michigan's nine 4-H international year-long exchange students will be giving presentations about their home countries in their host counties. To learn more about International Education Week, visit <https://eca.state.gov/programs-and-initiatives/initiatives/international-education-week>.



The show is a great opportunity to showcase your rabbit or cavy.

## 2018 Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show

Every year, Michigan 4-H'ers bring their rabbits and cavies to compete at the Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show. This year's event is taking place on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Michigan State University Agricultural Pavilion in East Lansing.

Along with showmanship and judging classes, this year's event will feature educational contests such as breed identification and educational posters. There will also be a 15 to 20 minute judging seminar throughout the day that is free for youth and volunteers to learn how to judge like a professional.

Pre-registration and the show catalog are available at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show). Registration will also run from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. the morning of the event.

**2018 4-H Winterfest registration is opening soon!**



4-H Winterfest, one of Michigan 4-H's most popular workshops, is quickly approaching. This overnight event will be held February 3-4, 2018, in Tustin, Michigan, at the Kettunen Center.

Open to some of the state's youngest 4-H'ers, youth ages 8—12, the workshop allows young people to learn about exciting project areas and meet youth from across the state while experiencing the fun of the Kettunen Center. Sessions include hands-on activities that range from crafting to shooting sports.

Look for registration information to become available in early December.





Michigan 4-Hers gather at center court to recognize 4-H programs during the 2017 4-H Day at the Breslin event.

### Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Join us as Spartan Women's Basketball Team takes on  
Indiana Hoosiers Women's Basketball Team

Saturday, January 20th, 2018

You're ALL invited to attend the twelfth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, January 20, 2018. Last year more than 4,700 **MSU Extension staff, 4-H volunteers, members** and their **families** attended this exciting opportunity at the MSU Breslin Student Events Center.

- **Ticket Price: FREE** for MSU Extension 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families!
- **Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018**
- **Time:** Game begins at 4:00 p.m. **the Southwest Harrison Gate** will open at 2:30 p.m. and is the gate you need to enter whether you are picking up tickets or if you already have your tickets. Tickets being held for pick-up will be at the 4-H Registration Table inside **the Southwest Harrison Gate (DO NOT go to the Breslin Center "will call" entrance)**.
- **Ticket Ordering Information:** Contact the Extension office to place your tickets! We will need to know your name, contact phone number or email, and number of tickets.

Tickets ordered by Wednesday, December 27, 2017, will be available the week of January 8 for pick up at the Extension office. Tickets will not be sent to individual addresses.

Tickets ordered after Wednesday, January 10, 2018, will need to be picked up at the **4-H Registration table inside the Southwest Harrison Gate** at the Breslin Center on game day.

- **Parking Information:** School buses are FREE; all other buses are \$20 each. Cars are \$5.
- **Attire:** Participants are asked to wear green and white 4-H and/or Extension apparel if possible. We really want to make our presence in the Breslin Center known!
- **Breslin Center Rules, Regulations and Concession Costs:** No noise makers or items that obstruct the view of others (i.e. foam hands, foam fingers, foam noodles, pennants, flags, banners or beach balls). Signs are restricted to no larger than a ½ sheet of poster board.

The Breslin Center does not allow food or beverages to be brought into the facility. The list below shows the cost of some of the food items available, to give you an idea on how to plan.

Popcorn \$4; \$6 Tub

Soda \$4.50 (22 oz.); \$5.50 (32 oz./souvenir cup); \$8.00 (souvenir mug)

Pizza \$5 (slice)

Pretzel \$4.50

Hot dog \$4.50

Carmel Corn \$4

Ice Cream \$5

Bottled beverages \$5 (20 oz.)

**We hope to see you at the Breslin Center on Saturday, January 20, 2018!**

### 4-H Council Corner

- 4-H Council is the governing body advising 4-H matters in the county. Share your voice! Each club is strongly encouraged to send representatives to meetings!
- Next meeting: 11/13 at 7 pm in the PMR. Vote on your favorite fair theme! Each club is allowed one volunteer and one youth vote on fair themes.
- Show your 4-H pride: Purchase a “4-H Grows Here” window decal at the Extension office for \$6!
- Awards banquet: Submit your suggestion for a new name for our county awards banquet by November 10! Previously titled “Volunteer Celebration”, 4-H Council is looking for a new name that will reflect the event which honors volunteers and youth!
- 4-H Fun Day: Save the date for January 5, 2018! Join 4-H Council at Kardel Hall from 4pm to 10pm. Learn about different project areas from 4pm to 7pm and have fun with a 4-H dance and board games from 7pm to 10pm. Bring a friend, you don't have to be in 4-H to participate! Stay tuned for RSVP information. **Help needed for the event:** Leaders or teens who would be willing to teach a lesson on their favorite project (sorry no animals allowed). Project table instructors may be reimbursed for supplies (please contact the Extension office prior to purchasing supplies). If you are interested, please contact the Extension office or the event committee, Chyanne Rea, Betsy and Savannah Mauk, and Logan Nierenberger, by December 1.

### 4-H Robotics Series

Learn how to build and program your own robot using the LEGO EV3 robots and participate in a variety of challenges in a 6 week series! The series is on Tuesdays from November 14—December 19 from 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library in Lansing. The series covers an introduction to the LEGO EV3 robots and will focus mostly on programming. The cost is \$20 (4-H Participation Fee; no cost to existing members), just sign up in the “4-H Robotics Series” in 4-H Online. For more information, visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_robotics\\_series\\_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1).

### Feedback wanted: Complete a survey!

Horse Development Committee: Help refocus the direction of the group and give feedback! All those involved in the 4-H horse project are welcome to participate. Please complete the survey by 11/13; results will be discussed at the meeting on 11/16. Survey: [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3dCgEaF9y4H2Qrr](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3dCgEaF9y4H2Qrr)

Style Revue: Help shape this event for clothing/textile project participants! Anyone in those project areas welcome to participate even if you have not attended the event in the past. Please complete the survey by 11/27; results will be discussed at the meeting on 12/6. Survey: [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_54L2oWhcIeE69IV](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_54L2oWhcIeE69IV)

### Officer Training

Have you been elected as an officer of your club or 4-H group? Want to know how to perform your role? How do you make a motion and run a meeting? Learn about officer roles and parliamentary procedure at the Officer Training on December 4, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. in the PMR (basement of Extension office). RSVP for this FREE training by December 1 to the Extension office! Pizza will be available at 5:30 p.m.

### HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

November 11, 2017, 8:00am-4:30pm

Class will be at Gary & Bridget Lilly's

There is an online part that has to be completed prior to attending the class at Gary Lily's. PLEASE CONTACT GARY TO RECEIVE ONLINE INFORMATION AND REGISTER FOR THE CLASS.

Phone # 517 627-1747

### Youth-Adult Partnerships Training

Volunteers, do you want to strengthen youth voice, leadership, and involvement in your club? Learn how to work with youth as partners to build a better club! Three trainings on youth-adult partnerships will be held throughout the 2017-2018 program year. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE TRAINING!** Trainings are free and dinner or refreshments will be served 30 minutes prior to the start of the training. All trainings are located in the Public Meeting Room (basement of the Extension office). Please RSVP to the Extension office by the day prior to the training you want to attend. Youth are welcome to attend as well!

- Thursday, November 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 24, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, February 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Prospective Volunteers

Have you considered becoming a volunteer? There is a revised process for our Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) to reflect our new centralized process. These changes can be found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_enrollment#volunteers](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_enrollment#volunteers). All prospective volunteers must go through this process prior to being accepted as a volunteer. Any adult who is involved in a club activity on an ongoing basis (more than 4 meetings) must go through this process.

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 are 11/30 for time slots available between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. or 12/20 for time slots available between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes. Call the Extension office to RSVP for a time slot.

Upcoming volunteer orientation dates are 11/30 at 6:30 p.m. or 12/20 at 3:30 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.