



Kalamazoo County

4-H Family News

APRIL 2018

2018 MSU Extension Exploration Days— Journey to Success

REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 16!

The 2018 MSU Exploration Days registration is coming up soon. Youth won't want to miss out on this exciting adventure for 11-19 year olds! The registration books online at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information and at the 4-H office. All of the forms that need to be completed are included in the registration booklet and need to be brought to the 4-H office. Don't delay! Sign up early for the best opportunity to get the classes that interest you the most. It's going to be an exciting time for youth to attend classes at MSU, develop new friends and skills while having a great time with our county delegation! Youth will be able to enjoy swimming in the Olympic-size pool, MSU dairy ice cream and a variety of other activities while on campus.



The session numbering system easily identifies the session type as follows:

100-157	1st-half session (Wed. PM, Thurs. AM)
200-266	2nd-half session (Thurs. PM, Fri. AM)
300-311	Full session (Wed. PM, Thurs. AM & PM, Fri. AM)
500-528	1st-half session repeated as 2nd-half
600-628	2nd-half session same as 1st-half
900-918	State Awards 4-H Program

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First Generation 4-H Experience Survey

Michigan 4-H strives to create an environment that is inviting and easy to navigate for families participating in 4-H for the first time. We are currently conducting a survey so we can identify and remove barriers for youth and families who are new to 4-H.

If your family was new to 4-H in the last few years, keep an eye out for an email with the survey link!

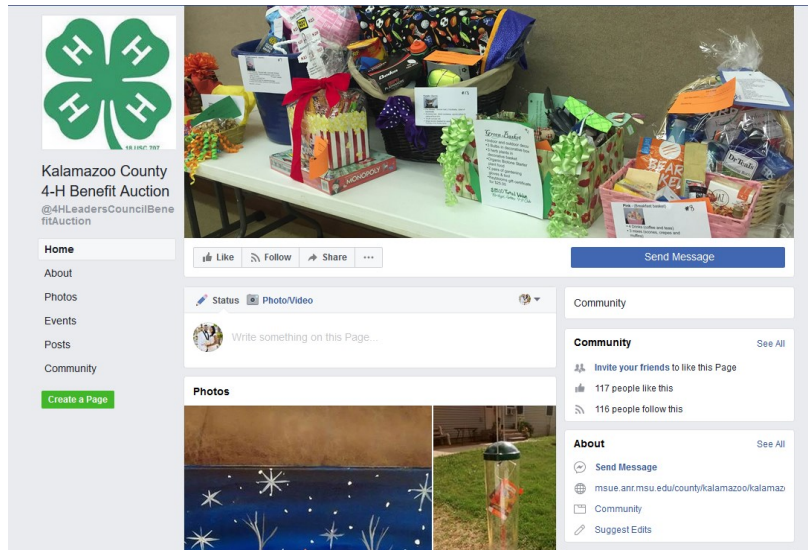


Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction will be held on Saturday, April 28 at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. The registration will begin at 9AM and the bidding will begin at 10AM and will run until all items are sold.

All proceeds help to support the Kalamazoo County 4-H program through offering scholarships to attend MSU Exploration Day, college scholarships, 4-H programming, awards, trips and more!

Many of the items have been listed (or will be listed) on the Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction Facebook page.: <https://www.facebook.com/4HLeadersCouncilBenefitAuction/> Please check it out and pass the link on to others.



Animal Health and Sciences Workshops

Goat Welfare

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

6:30 PM

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room B

At this session, we'll first start by defining what animal welfare is and is not. With that, we'll talk about two important references scientists use to think about and discuss animal welfare. Once we have a basic understanding of animal welfare in general, we'll turn our attention to goats and learn about species specific information for these animals.



Poultry Project News

THE CHICKS ARE COMING!!!



Check out the Market Project Order schedule and make sure you order and pick up your birds on time (Please see the schedule below). Call Ann Hollister at 685-2305 to order your birds and call the Feedbag in Richland on pick up day to make sure that the chicks have been delivered to the store. The bantam breed chick order from McMurray Hatchery is expected to arrive the week of April 16th. Jackie will call you when they arrive to arrange a pick up time for you. For both market and breed chicks, bring a small box with a heat source under a towel in the bottom when you go to pick up your chicks. They are very stressed and fragile and need to keep warm in transport. Make sure that they get a drink when you put them in their brooder by dipping their beak in the water. The McMurray website has great chick care tips on their FAQ page in the resources section---check it out!

2018 Poultry Deadlines

Market Geese:

Order—March 30

Pick-up—May 8

Heavy Duck:

Order—April 13

Pick-up—May 22

Roaster (chicks):

Order—May 4

Pick-up—May 29

Market (Peking) Duck:

Order—May 11

Pick-up—June 12

Broiler (chicks):

Order—May 25

Pick-up—June 19

Cornish (chicks):

Order—June 1

Pick-up—June 26



Rabbit News

Spring is almost here and the bunnies are busy making babies and getting excited for the warm weather. It is also a good time to think about doing that deep cleaning those bunny cages so desperately need. One way we have found works best is to scrub them down, rinse them off well and let them dry in the sun. Did you know that the sun is a good disinfectant? Have you started working on your still projects yet? If not, now would be a good time to start as fair is right around the corner.



Did You Know?

A rabbit's teeth never stop growing! Many people believe they need to chew to keep their teeth short. While they do enjoy chewing, it's the normal wear from where their top and bottom teeth meet that keeps a rabbit's teeth short.

Important Dates:

April 13- Rabbit agility at 6:30 pm in room B at the fairgrounds

April 14—the Spring Double Rabbit show at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds sponsored by the Central MI RBA

April 24—County Rabbit Meeting at 7:00 pm in Room B at the fairgrounds



2017 Nationwide Impact



Projects that were environmental in nature

168



Projects that supported families and individuals in their communities

88



Projects that were related to providing food and other donations to those in need

58



Projects focused on youth educating the community on chosen topics

45



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National 4-H Day of Service



In April, 4-H'ers across the nation will participate as True Leaders in Service in multiple community service projects, culminating in a National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

The 4-H True Leaders in Service Toolkit and Event Registration are now live on 4-H.org. Want to plan a community service project? Visit <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/#/overview> to start planning your event.

Research shows youth who participate in 4-H programs are significantly more likely to make a positive contribution to their communities.

Raise Your Hand Activation

Following the success of last year's activation, National 4-H Council just announced that they will once again be holding the **Raise Your Hand Activation** this spring. This is a great opportunity to engage with 4-H alumni and friends and will be held April 1 – May 15. Although details are still being worked out, I'm told it will again feature cash prizes for the winners.





Will You Accept the Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge?

Join other 4-H'ers across Michigan and help restore civility during the month of April!

WHAT IS CIVILITY?

The National Institute for Civil Discourse defines civility as "showing mutual respect toward one another."

Civil discourse is "the free and respectful exchange of different ideas. It entails questioning and disputing, but doing so in a way that respects and affirms all persons, even while critiquing their arguments."



SOCIAL MEDIA:

Connect with us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook at @Michigan4H. Share your 4-H service story using #CivilityChallenge, #MI4H and/or #TrueLeaders.



The Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge

Having civil dialogues can be tricky, especially when we disagree. But nonetheless, incivility in our public discourse has reached crisis levels and it is having a real negative impact on the strength of our democracy. Michigan 4-H members have the power to make a change! They have been issued a challenge to help restore civility and respect by completing the Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge this April as part of the 4-H True Leaders in Service initiative!

4 steps to complete the Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge:

1. Gather a group of 3-5 friends, family or community members and have one person text CIVILITY to 89800.
2. Your group will receive a series of text messages to guide you through a one-hour conversation on civility: what it is, what it looks like in conversations, what it means to the people in your group, and how you can help revive civility in our politics and everyday lives.
3. Take a picture of your group, post it on your social media, and tag a friend to challenge them to complete the #CivilityChallenge, #MI4H
4. Be counted! Go to www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service to register your conversation as a service project for the 4-H True Leaders in Service initiative. This will help us show the impact 4-H'ers have across the state!

4-H True Leaders in Service:

The month-long 4-H True Leaders in Service community service activation will officially kick-off the first day of April and culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to complete at least one act of community service during the month of April. Visit www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service to access a planning guide, register your project, and learn more about the True Leaders in Service initiative.

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4-H Project Leaders Needed

MSU Extension 4-H youth development programs, throughout the state, are in need of 4-H project leaders to help youth grow and develop in a variety of life skills. These life skills can be anything from science, baking, car repair, animal care, financial literacy and so much more.

Take a look at these questions:

Do you have a couple of hours a month you could give to a small group of youth?

Are there children in your club or neighborhood who show an interest in learning about a subject that you know something about or are willing to learn about with the youth?

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of the next generation?

Can you help a child to become successful, giving them the tools to become confident leaders in their homes, schools and communities?

Do you believe that volunteering helps to build a better community?

Did you participate in a youth organization where adults volunteers helped you to develop into a confident adult?

If the answer was yes to any of these questions we're looking for YOU!

If you are interested in helping the next generation to "Make the best better" please contact the 4-H office at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu.

Some specific project leaders we are looking for currently are: culinary arts (food), needlecrafts (including sewing), arts and crafts (including drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, pottery, wood crafts, etc), vet science, entomology (study of bugs/beekeeping), sports and recreation, and so many more. If you have an idea for a project that you would like to teach and don't see it listed above please contact the 4-H office, we would love to talk to you!

Remember part of our pledge is to use our "hands for larger service" - many times this is taught through the example of our volunteers to our youth through leading clubs and projects. What can you do to make a difference this year?



We are looking for Project Leaders in:

- Culinary Arts
(food)
- Needlecrafts
(including sewing)
- Arts & Crafts
- Drawing
- Painting
- Photography
- Ceramics
- Pottery
- Wood crafts
- Vet science
- Entomology (study of bugs/beekeeping)
- Sports & Rec



Kalamazoo County Leader's Council Scholarship

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Leaders Council Senior and Upperclassmen Scholarship deadline is April 16, 2018 at 5:00 PM to the 4-H office. Applications are available at www.msue.msu.edu/kalamazoo or at the 4-H office. Your Member Record Book must be handed in with your application. Applicants will be selected based upon their Member Record Book, statement of your reason for attending college or other advanced education and an interview. Senior interviews will be held on April 23rd. If you need help completing your Member Record Book, please contact the 4-H staff.



Application deadline for the 2018 Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship is May 15, 2018

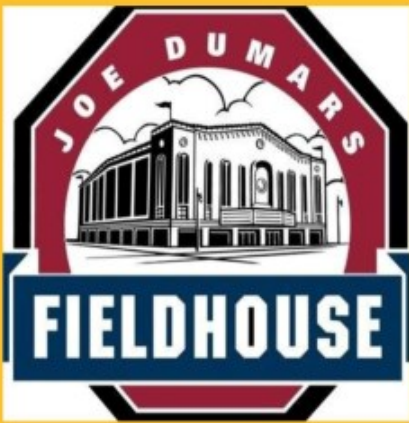
To be eligible for either the MYLSF general scholarship or the statewide scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Michigan and a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying.

For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application. For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Producer Security Section Manager, at 517-284-5642 or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau's Livestock & Dairy Specialist, at 517-679-5335.



Month of the Military Child LOCK-IN!!



This year to help celebrate the Month of the Military Child we are going to be hosting a Lock-In at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse in Utica. The facility will offer a number of activities for your youth to help keep them busy, and having fun all night. Ages for this event are 7-17.

- Activities To DO!
- Basketball
 - Volleyball
 - Miniature Golf
 - Arcade
 - Laser Tag
 - High Rope Course
 - Climbing Wall
 - Bungee Trampoline
 - Giant Inflatable Slide

The Lock-In will take place on April 28th, and last from Midnight to 5:30 a.m. Parents may drop their children off starting at 11:45 p.m., and will need to have their children picked by 5:30 a.m. There will be a \$10 registration fee to hold your child's spot at the Lock-In, which will be used to provide food and drinks. Children may bring one non-military guest to the event, but will need to provide a \$25 registration fee for these individuals.

For questions about the event please contact Nathan Hanselman at 517-481-9890 or Angie Harkins at 517-481-9894. Use the link below for registration.

www.jointservicessupport.org/Reg/65P239

Please note that your registration is not confirmed until we receive your registration fee.

Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

This event Supports Military Families at Home and Overseas



Wyandotte, MI.—The Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Libra Marina 811 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte MI on the Detroit River. The fishing will be limited to the American waters of the Detroit River between the southern tip of Grosse Isle and the Ambassador Bridge. The event, which is hosted by the Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization, provides a fishing outing for families of service members. This event is available to military children 4 and older. One parent must attend.

Kids will receive a free rod and reel and 20+ boats with Fishing Guides will take each of the families out on the Detroit River. Prizes will be awarded in three categories and the event will wrap up with lunch and closing ceremonies at noon. Families can register by using the link provided below.

www.jointservicesupport.org/Req/33V296

About the Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Military youth/family and communities through outdoor programming.

The Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration Event
Saturday, May 19 2018
9 am to 2:30 pm
Libra Marina on the Detroit River

For more Information Contact:

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Explore how Michigan's abundant natural resources and growing agriculture industry are changing the face of energy and what it means to your family, Michigan and the world!

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July 23-27

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_renewable_energy_camp

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FUN at the Fair

Over the past several years we've had a lot of fun for the 4-H youth at the fair. A few years ago water games and pizza were added on Sunday night along with a dance on Friday night. We would like to add more fun games and activities for youth and adults throughout the week, but we are looking for your input. Josh (the fair manager) and I would like to have both youth and adults attend on Thursday, March 15th, 6:30 PM at the fairgrounds. If you can't make it, but have ideas please send them to us by March 14th to Veronica at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu or Josh at jdgowe@kalcounty.com.

Saturday Performances at the Fair

We are looking to showcase more 4-H events on Saturday. We would like to dedicate an hour or two (7-9pm) for any 4-Her to repeat their performances (or do a performance) on the Stage inside the expo center. This is an opportunity to bridge the gap between 4-H and the public, and for the exhibitors to show off their passions. Anyone that is interested may Please keep Josh Gower, fair manager, in the loop so that we can adjust the times if needed. His e-mail address is jdgowe@kalcounty.com.

Camping During the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

The Expo Center also wants to remind 4-H families that they will begin taking camping reservations for the Fair on May 1. For 2018 the weekly camping rate is \$145.00 plus a \$5.00 reservation fee. There is still a limit of 2 vehicles on each campsite, however both of these vehicle permits are included in the \$145.00 weekly fee. You can call the office at 383-8778 to make reservations. Parking passes, fair admission and ride wristbands can also be purchased at the same time as you make camping reservations. Maple Leaf Amusement will offer \$10.00 pre-sale ride wristbands.

2018 Barn Cleanup Day

The Barn Cleanup day for 2018 will be Saturday July 28th at 8:00am. The Fair will once again offer a free ride wristband to any exhibitor that comes out to help for the entire cleanup day. Come out and help make your barns and mall look amazing for Fair!

Did You Know??

Pigs are considered the 4th most intelligent animal (after chimpanzees, dolphins, and elephants).





Did You Know?

Horses can sleep standing up or lying down.

From Apr. 11 to 22 4-H supporters can purchase a paper clover at [Tractor Supply Co.](https://www.tractorsupply.com) stores for \$1 to support their local 4-H program.

Please let your 4-H volunteers, members and local supporters know of this opportunity to support your county 4-H program! Please share via email, website, social media, etc.

Funds must be used as scholarships to send 4-H members to 4-H camps or leadership experiences.

70% is donated to the county program

10% to support 4-H volunteer and teen leadership training/workshops

5% to the State 4-H Office

5% to the Michigan 4-H Foundation

10% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.



Did You Know??

**Some wild goats
can climb trees
and can walk
along a ledge not
much wider than
a tightrope.**



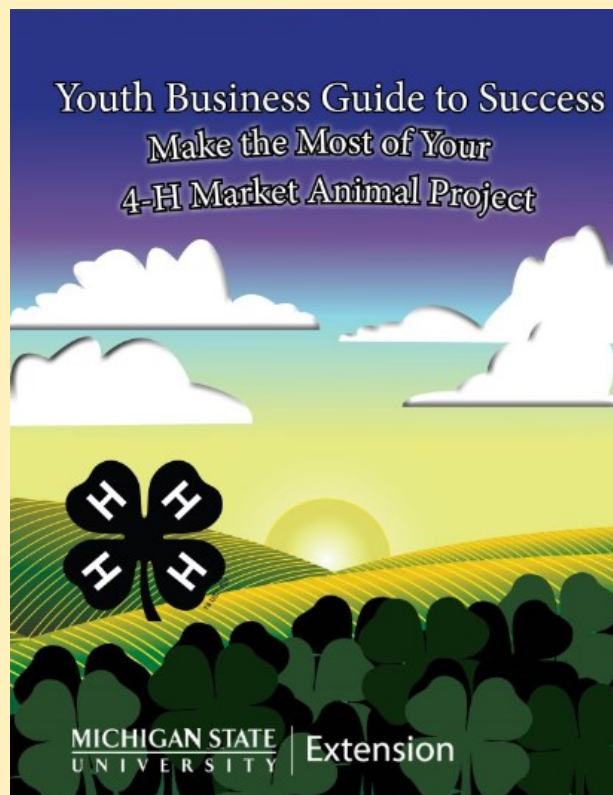
Youth Business Guide to Success

Are you involved in the 4-H market animal project area? Want to expand the market animal project area in your 4-H group to teach life skills around marketing, budgeting, communication, and entrepreneurship skills?

If so, Michigan 4-H has a curriculum and training to support the work you do with youth! Through the [Youth Business Guide to Success](#) curriculum, youth will gain knowledge about marketing and advertising their products. Participants will also explore and practice production, management and distribution skills. In addition, it provides a venue to explore what it takes to be successful in business and view the world of animal science and agribusiness as a viable career option.

Intended for 12-19 year olds, the Youth Business Guide to Success (YBGS) curriculum is very adaptable to 4-H and non-4-H audiences working with animals. We would like to offer a class in the spring of 2018.

If you are interested please contact the 4-H office at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu.



Emerald Clover Society open



for nominations!

Do you know an outstanding Michigan 4-H alumnus? Nominate them for the Michigan 4-H alumni hall of fame - the 4-H Emerald Clover Society!

The Society honors individuals who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities as adults.

Nominations are being accepted now for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society Class of 2018. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2018. For details and a nomination packet, visit

4-H International Exchange Opportunity

We are now accepting application for families to host international exchange students for one month this summer, 2018. We have 8 Korean delegates and 30 Japanese delegates looking forward to meeting your family.

HOSTING PERIOD 4 weeks: July 22 – Aug. 17, 2018

- Japanese & Korean delegates are ages 12-16 (most are 12-14) or adult chaperones
- Youth have limited English language skills, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively.

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- Japanese & Korean youth will be the same gender and within 3 years of age of your child.
- A chaperone can be hosted for two weeks by an individual or any family. Chaperones can be college interns or age 60+.
- No special activities needed. The youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family.
- Volunteer to participate. Previous 4-H involvement not required.
- Delegates can attend summer camp (we cover cost up to \$250) with your child.

Applications are found at www.states4hexchange.org or if you have questions contact State Coordinator: D'Ann Rohrer, 231-845-3361, drohrer@msu.edu



Michigan 4-H College Access Report

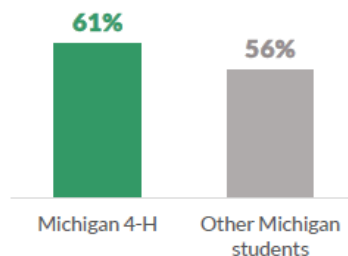
Did you know that Michigan 4-H alumni are more likely to enroll in college on time than their peers? That MSU is the #1 college choice for Michigan 4-H alumni? That 43% of bachelor's degrees earned by Michigan 4-H alumni are in a STEM discipline?

For the last several years, the Michigan 4-H College Access Project has tracked 4-H alumni's college enrollment and degree completion through National Student Clearinghouse's StudentTracker, a national degree verification system that obtains college enrollment data from 98% of degree-granting institutions nationwide. Michigan 4-H submits records of 4-H program alumni to National Student Clearinghouse at two time points: 6 months post-high school in order to track on-time enrollment in college, and 6 years post-high school in order to track degrees earned.

Did you know?



Michigan 4-H alumni are more likely to enroll in college on time than their peers



MSU is the
#1
college choice
for MI 4-H alumni



Compared to other students,

2x



as many MI 4-H alumni enroll at MSU

40%
of MI 4-H alumni have earned a degree 6 years after high school



43%
of bachelor's degrees earned by MI 4-H alumni were in a STEM discipline



Michigan State University Extension provides food safety programs

Michigan State University Extension offers food safety training in 7 Southwest Michigan counties: Calhoun, Branch, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren and Kalamazoo. Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and your local health departments work hard to make sure safe food is prepared and served in restaurants and other food establishments. [Michigan State University Extension](#) also helps by offering a national food safety certification program called ServSafe Manager training statewide. This training is for those serving food to the public or who want to make themselves more employable by getting this managers certification.

Topics covered in the ServSafe Managers training:

- The importance of food safety
 - Good personal hygiene
 - Time and temperature control
 - Preventing cross-contamination
 - Cleaning and sanitizing
 - Safe food preparation
 - Receiving and storing food
 - Methods of thawing, cooking, cooling and reheating food
- Educator also does testing of pressure canners.

For more information regarding MSU Extension food safety programs contact:

Leatta Byrd MA, RDN – Food Safety Educator, Health & Nutrition Institute

MSU Extension – Kalamazoo County

Office: 269-384-8063, Fax: 269-384-8035

byrdle@msu.edu

Other Food Safety classes include:

Cooking for Crowds
the Cooking for Crowds curriculum was designed for non-profit groups that cook for their organization or for the public.

Food Preservation (canning) classes.

Cottage Food Law
a program to train Michigan residents in food safety and to learn more about promoting their product at farm markets or other venues.

Food Safety in Food Pantries
informational training covers many food safety concepts of handling food in the pantry.

Basic Food Safety
a basic food safety course is available for the general public. This is currently a free program.

4-H Renewable Energy Camp

Explore Michigan State University's campus while learning about ideas, research and opportunities in the field of natural resources and agriculture energy during the 2018 Michigan 4-H Renewable Energy Camp.



Taking place July 23 to 27, participants will be lodged in Shaw Hall as they learn from company executives, interactive farm tours, discussions with MSU professors and more.

The camp is open to youth ages 13 to 19 and registration closes June 1. Register at msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_renewable_energy_camp_2.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 14: 4-H Night at the MSU Observatory
Michigan State University Observatory, East Lansing
Engage in hands-on, space-related activities at this free event (weather permitting).
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_night_at_the_msu_observatory

April 14: State 4-H Goat Expo
Anthony Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing
The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for young people who are interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the goat (caprine) industry.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_goat_expo1

Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show
Michigan State University Pavilion, East Lansing
This warm-up, no-placings horse show/clinic is the perfect opportunity to receive valuable feedback at the start of a new show season.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4-h_hairy_horse_show

April 17: Pork Quality Assurance Workshop
Alma Public Library, Alma
This educational session will teach 4-H members about caring for their swine projects. Registration due April 15.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/pork_quality_assurance_workshop_1

April 20: Starting and Sustaining a School Garden
Michigan State University Extension Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi
Learn the steps to design, build and maintain a school garden.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/starting_and_sustaining_a_school_garden_tollgate_2016

April 20: Mad City Money—Budget Simulation for Teens
True Covenant Church, River Rouge
Participate in this two-hour, hands-on simulation to learn about money in the real world. Registration due April 15.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/mad_city_money_budget_simulation_for_teens

April 27-29: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor's Certification
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Learn about Michigan 4-H shooting sports' mission, policy, risk management, and more to become certified to offer live-fire, on-range shooting and archery experiences. Register by April 8.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_shooting_sports_adult_teen_instructors_certification_workshop

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



April kicks off 4-H True Leaders in Service activation

Throughout the month of April, Michigan 4-H members, parents and volunteers are encouraged to pledge their hands to larger service by taking part in the annual 4-H True Leaders in Service initiative. This nationwide endeavor will connect 4-H'ers with their community as they lend a helping hand to those in need. The month-long service activation will officially kick-off April 1 and will finish with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28.

Last year, nearly 7,000 youth and adults across the nation volunteered during the month of service, through nearly 400 registered projects. These individuals impacted approximately 65,000 people within their communities.

Make plans now to take part and host a service project of your own! There are a lot of great ways to get involved, from donation drives to neighborhood cleanups! Visit www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service to learn more, access a planning guide, and register your project.

Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. 4-H members are not afraid of a challenge, and in fact, they are known to seek out challenges they can help solve with their knowledge, leadership skills and fierce resolve.

This April, Michigan 4-H members are challenged to take on one of the most significant and widespread problems currently facing our nation: incivility. 4-H members can help revive civility across the state by taking the Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge.

The challenge helps youth engage their families, peers and communities in conversation around civil dialogue while doing something they are already experts at: talking and texting! Taking part is just three simple steps: first, organize a group of three to five individuals and text CIVILITY to 89800. Next, with help from a series of text messages, have a one-hour conversation about civility to learn what it is, the importance of it, and how to incorporate it into everyday life. After learning about civility, take a picture of your group and post it on social media to keep the challenge going!

The Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge is part MSU Extension's celebration of the True Leaders in Service initiative. To learn more about True Leaders in Service or to register your civility conversation as a service project, visit www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service.

To learn more about the challenge, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/news/will-you-accept-the-2018-michigan-4-h-text-talk-revive-civility-challenge.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New member enrollment in 4-H online deadline for participation in the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair	2	3	4 Spring break	5	6 Derby car project, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	7
8 Scotts, Tri-united club meetings	9 Climax, Fulton, Galesburg, Schoolcraft club meetings	10 Alamo club meeting, Small mammal/cavy/critter meeting, room D, fairgrounds 7pm	11 4-H Friends club meeting	12 Oshtemo, Portage, Richland club meetings	13 Rabbit agility, room B, fairgrounds, 6:30 pm Senior/upperclassman scholarship applications due by 5pm	14
15 Hickory Corners club meeting	16 Exploration Days registration deadline	17 Countywide sheep meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	18 LSA, Room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	19 Horse council, room C, Dog project room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	20 Countywide cat project meeting, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	21
22	23 Scholarship interviews, 5pm, Leaders council, room B, Carcass, room C, Cooper Cavaliers, room A, fairgrounds, 7pm	24 Countywide rabbit meeting room B, swine meeting room A, fairgrounds, 7pm	25 Fair council, room C, fairgrounds, 6:30 pm	26 Countywide goat meeting, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	27 Leader's Auction set up 4pm—8pm, Fairgrounds	28 Leader's council Auction, Fairgrounds Registration begins at 9am, auction begins at 10am
29	30					