



Kalamazoo County

4-H Family News

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2018 MSU Extension 4-H Exploration Days

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 will be available the end of February and can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information. All of the forms that need to be completed are included in the registration booklet and can be brought to the early sign up on March 3rd starting at 6pm. Please remember to sign up early for the best opportunity to get the classes that interest you the most. Many classes fill up early so don't delay! It's going to be an exciting time for youth to attend classes, develop new friends and skills all 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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Did You Know?

Ōkunoshima, also known as Rabbit Island, is a Japanese island that is predominantly populated by rabbits.

Formerly the home of a WWII-era poison gas factory, the island is now overrun with adorable rabbits, and has become a major tourist destination.



StrykeForce

January 6th was an exciting day for the world of First Robotics. The 2018 game, FIRST Power Up, was finally revealed which gave us lots of strategies, rules, and ideas to sift through. Everyone is pumped for a great season and game and the intense 6-week build season is now in full swing. The game includes two alliances of video game characters and their human operators who are trapped in an arcade game. The alliances work together to defeat the boss in order to escape. It certainly is not as simple as this brief overview sounds. You can visit www.firstinspires.org to learn more about FIRST Robotics and the 2018 game.

Upcoming Competitions

- March 8-10: District St. Joe High School
- March 29-31: District E. Kentwood High School

Youth Quadcopter Racing Project

The Youth Drone Racing Project had its first ever meeting on January 6th at Kzoo Maker in Kalamazoo. We had 6 very enthusiastic kids join us. Over the next 8 months, members of this innovative project will learn how to build, program, pilot, and finally race FPV (First Person View) micro quadcopters. The term “quadcopter” is a more appropriate term for these models but “drone” is widely recognized.



Along the way members will learn STEM-based lessons such as electronics, computer programming, and engineering. They will learn how to safely work with these models & batteries. Finally, they will learn how quadcopters are used today in agriculture, journalism, and service industries. Members will participate in the Kalamazoo County Family Fair where they will present their built quadcopters and race them on a course.

The project is operated by a local drone racing club called Kalamazoo Carbon Flyers. Our next meeting is February 10th at 4pm at Kzoo Maker in Kalamazoo. We will be talking about battery safety, practice piloting on simulators, and begin building our quadcopters.

Did You Know?

Bees need to visit approximately 350,000 flowers to make 1 oz. of honey

Bees are Eusocial – meaning that a hive community can't survive without all three types of bees in it.

Their survival is dependent on each other.

**First Bee Project Meeting**

The bee project met for their second meeting on January 23. They learned about the anatomy of a bee, what their jobs are, the difference between honey bee and native bees, different types of pollinators and so much more! They also came up with their project name – The 4-H Hive Society. Each of the youth will be coming up with a logo and they are working on getting t-shirts printed. They will be holding upcoming meetings the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Great Lake Bee Supply store in Galesburg. The next few meetings will cover things like: Monarch butterfly raising and release, dissecting insects and learning about anatomy, parts and pieces to a beehive, making a native bee house, a nature walk to spot spring pollinators, different kinds of flowers and how pollinators interact with them. Youth will learn how to tag the wings of their Monarch butterflies and will be tracking where they fly.

**Tri-United Community Club Volunteers with Grand Valley State University**

The Tri-United Community club, along with members from all 4 Kalamazoo horse projects, spent a day at the Cheff Center in Augusta, volunteering their time to help the Grand Valley State University Equestrian Team. The GVSU team hosted the final regular season meet on Saturday January 20 and the Kalamazoo 4-H clubs were instrumental in helping the show run smoothly and effectively!



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 adult volunteers helped you to develop into a confident and successful 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, 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?



ADULT VOLUNTEER

TYPES (must have complete the VSP process):

Administrative Leader— provide overall leadership to a club or group. They are responsible for the organization of the project groups within the club or group. They may also be known as General or Club Leader.

Project Leader—Provide on-going leadership to a project within a club or group. It is possible for a club to have more than one project leader per project. These volunteer leaders provide support to members enrolled in specific projects. For example a project leader may have 4-8 youth from their community club that meet with to work on a project once a month depending on the volunteer's schedule.

Activity leader—Provide leadership or assist with an activity or variety of activities in the 4-H program. They may work independently or with a club, council, group or committee to carry out an activity.

Resource Volunteer—

Serve as a resource for the 4-H program. They may provide leadership for a single learning experience, short-term learning experience or be utilized as needed for their expertise.

Animal Health and Sciences Workshops - Save the date and plan to attend

Animal Senses: Finding a New Perspective

March 20, 2018

6:30 PM

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room B

During this interactive session, we'll learn about important science principals that help us better understand how to work with livestock in a low stress manner for us and them. We'll explore the domestication history of common livestock species and how this impacts their sensory world. We'll also take time to talk about how animal senses, what is the same and different from ours as humans and how can understanding these senses help us better work with animals.

Goat Welfare

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.

Carcass Project News

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 26th, at 7 pm in Room C at the fairgrounds. Plan to join us then! Last year our education focus was on whole carcass evaluation; this year we will be focusing on retail cut identification. At this month's meeting we will be learning the retail cuts that come from the rib and loin areas of beef, swine and lamb carcasses, reviewing the cuts we learned at our last meeting from the round, ham, and leg, and practicing placing a class of 4 meat cuts.

Listed below is the meeting schedule for the rest of the year so you can plan ahead to attend your two required meetings at times convenient to you.

- March 26
- April 23
- May 21
- June 25
- July 23

The other important dates for you to know are the dates of our competition:

- Monday, July 30 at 6PM
- Wednesday, August 1 at 10AM

Plan ahead with your work schedules for both competition dates.

Attendance is mandatory for both.

The Carcass Project meetings give 4-H members the opportunity to practice evaluation and reasoning, two skills they can use in many life situations--in and out of 4-H. Additionally, at the competition, members get to see the results of their animal-raising practices first-hand, just as packers and FDA inspectors would evaluate them.

If you have any questions, e-mail superintendents Cindy and Kevin Rose at kevintherose@aol.com.

Did You Know?

Your dog's nose has a unique pattern to it, just like a human finger print.



Did You Know?

Stubbs, an orange cat, was the mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska, for 20 years. Stubbs served until his death in 2017.





Short list of items already donated:

- * Several bird houses
- * Kalamazoo Nature Center
- * Outdoor Adventure Center
- * Henderson Castle
- * Hop Cat
- * Pine River Paddle Sports and Campground
- * The Henry Ford Museum
- * Gilmore Car Museum
- * The Grand Rapids Public Museum
- * And so much more!



Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction

April 28th, 2018

9:00 AM registration

10:00 AM Auction begins

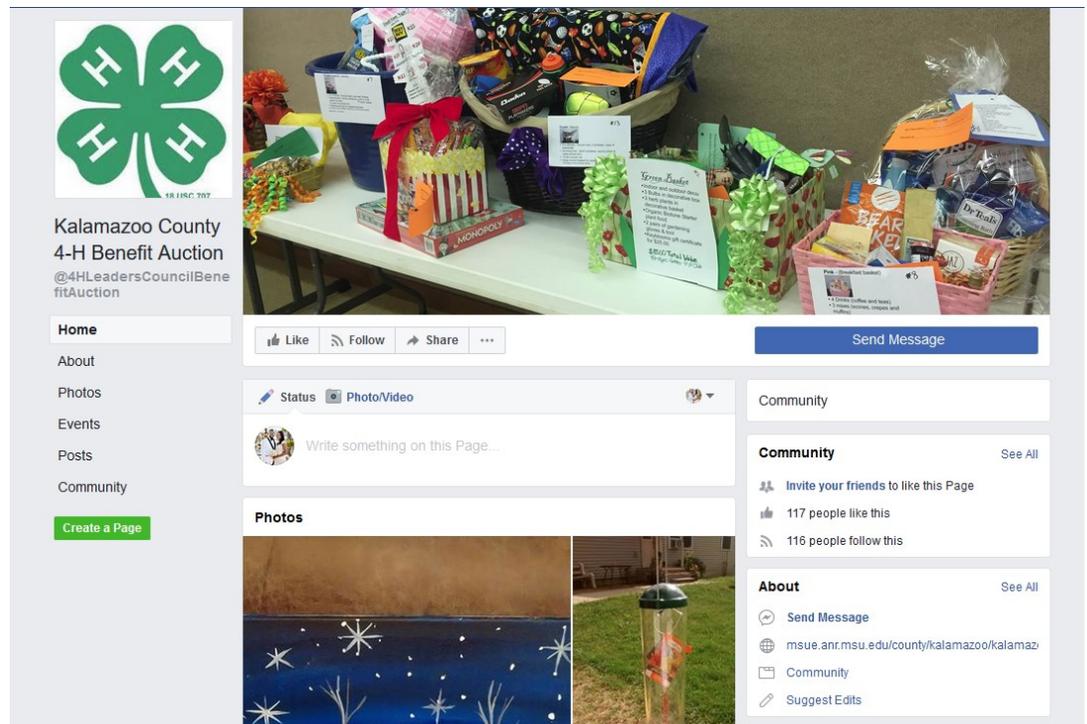
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048

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. There will be an opportunity for both silent and live auction bidding.

All proceeds help to support the Kalamazoo County 4-H program through offering scholarships to attend MSU Exploration Days and other educational programming, 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.



Youth Business Guide to Success

Are you involved in the 4-H market animal project area? Would you like to expand your knowledge of life skills around marketing, budgeting, communication, and entrepreneurship skills? If so, Michigan 4-H has a curriculum and training 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 2017. If you are interested please contact the 4-H office at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu.



Do you have a cat?

Are you thinking of getting one?

Do you simply love all things cat?

Come join the Kalamazoo County 4-H Cat Project, and learn more about our furry friends. Whether purebred, house cat, kitten, or senior, all cats are welcome at the cat project. We will be learning how to care for and handle our cat, what makes them sick and what makes them tick. We will also connect with other cat people in our community. Whether you wish to show your cat at the Kalamazoo County Fair, or simply learn new ways to make him purr, come to our next cat meeting on:

February 23 at 7:00 pm

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room B

Or you can contact the leader: Michelle Preston (269)345-7132 email:

mdpreston1@sbcglobal.net

See you there!

Did You Know?

If you've ever wondered how your cat seems to hear every little noise from rooms away, blame it on their highly-developed ears. A cat's ear contains 32 muscles, some of which account for their aural aptitude, providing their ears with a wide range of motion to detect sound.



**Junior Master
Gardening
Training**

March 14, 2018
9AM—3PM

Kalamazoo County
Fairgrounds
Registration information is coming soon!



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!

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!

Michigan 4-H will be welcoming 30 Japanese youth ages 12-16 and 12 Korean youth ages 13-17.

Dates: July 21 to August 22, 2018.

- You must have a child of the same gender and within 3 years of the hosted youth's age.
- Families without children can host chaperones.
- No special activities need to be planned, they just want to experience American culture, make friends, and improve their English by staying with your family.



Host family evaluations from last summer showed that youth overwhelmingly agreed that the experience built their global and cultural competencies. Specifically:

- ◆ 98 percent said they felt comfortable spending time with people from other ethnic or cultural backgrounds.
- ◆ 96 percent said they plan to spend more time with people from other ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
- ◆ 83 percent said they learned how to cooperate with people from other ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
- ◆ 84 percent said they learned what life is like in other countries.
- ◆ 82 percent said they can identify similarities between their culture and other cultures.

Applications are available online at www.states4hexchange.org

Do you have more questions? Email drohrer@msu.edu

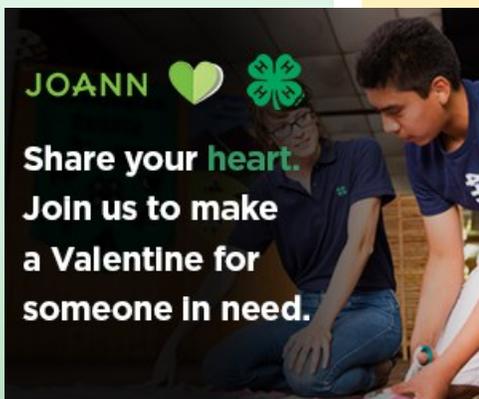
JOANN Fabrics and Crafts Partnership

During the month of February, millions of JOANN customers, 4-H members and supporters will have a chance to share their hearts and show their love by equipping local Clubs with resources to reach more kids in need.

Here's how:

Join hundreds of 4-H youth February 3, 2018, from 11am-2pm to make and deliver custom Valentine's Day cards to local children's hospitals, senior citizen centers, and others in the community. Visit your local JOANN store to participate.

Support the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign by visiting your local store between February 1 and 28, 2018. Donate \$1 or \$4 at purchase, and you'll receive a clover featuring a special Valentine's Day craft from Family Fun. With each \$4 donation, you'll get \$4 off your next purchase.



Fashion Contest

One component of the JOANN partnership is an online fashion contest. Through this contest, 4-H'ers can enter to win a tour of the JOANN Fabric and Crafts Stores headquarters and a chance to attend the **Kent State Fashion Show April 27-29, 2018!** To enter, youth upload up to five (5) photos online with an explanation of the outfit they made, the construction methods used, the purpose of the outfit and what items worn or displayed in the photo are purchased, if any. The contest is open to 14-19 year olds as of Sept 1, 2017 who are currently enrolled in the 4-H program in their state and **entries must be submitted Feb. 3- Feb 23' 2018.** Complete rules are available at www.4-H.org/JOANNFashion.

JOANN



Great News!

Zoetis will return as the Grand Champion Sponsor for the 2018 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair! A huge thank you to the Zoetis company and staff that continue to put much time and effort into the Fair!



SAVE THE DATE! MICHIGAN 4-H ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

FEATURED CHALLENGES:

LEGO EV3 MINDSTORMS
JUNK DRAWER
VEX

MARCH 10 - 11, 2018
KETTUNEN CENTER
TUSTIN, MI

Register by February 20, 2018
Registration details soon!

Challenge U 4-H FunFest

March 17-18, 2018

Kettunen Center



Registration now available!



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Challenge U 4-H Funfest is designed for 9-13 year olds interested in learning about being healthy and having fun. The workshop takes place at Kettunen Center and provides youth the opportunity to meet other youth from around the state. Participants get to pick from a variety of sessions related to staying healthy and being active. Cost of this workshop is \$70 for 4-H members and VSP Certified Volunteers. <https://events.anr.msu.edu/challengeu2018/> For more information or questions contact Michelle Neff at hydemich@msu.edu or 989-539-7805.

February at a Glance

Feb 1— Oshtemo, Portage club meetings

Feb 7— 4-H Friends club meeting

Feb 8— Richland club meeting

Feb 11— Scotts, Tri-United club mtgs.

Feb 12—Climax, Fulton, Galesburg, Schoolcraft club meetings

Feb 13— Alamo club mtg

Feb 14—Small mammal/cavy critter mtg., Rm B, Fairgrounds

Feb 15—Horse council, Rm C, Dog project mtg., Rm B, Fairgrounds

Feb 16—Rabbit agility, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 6:30PM

Feb 18—Hickory Corners club meeting

Feb 20—Countywide sheet mtg., Rm B, Fairgrounds 7PM

Feb 21—LSA, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 7PM

Feb 23—Countywide cat project mtg., Rm B, Fairgrounds, 7PM

Feb 26—Leaders council, Rm B, Carcass, Rm C, Cooper Cavs, Rm A, Fairgrounds, 7PM

Feb 27—Countywide swine mtg., Rm A, Rabbit mtg., Rm B, Fairgrounds, 7PM; Bee-keeping project mtg., 6:30PM

Feb 28—Fair council, Rm C, Fairgrounds, 6:30PM



MICHIGAN 4-H HEALTHY LIVING CHALLENGE: 5-2-1-0 FOR YOUR HEALTH

FAQS:

Q: How long do I have to track my progress in order to earn a prize?

A: Michigan 4-H encourages you to work on achieving the 5-2-1-0 goals for the full months of January and February (and the rest of 2018!) but tracking your progress for any amount of time is a step in the right direction.

Q: Do I have to fulfill each aspect of the 5-2-1-0 Challenge each day to participate?

A: No! Even achieving part of the challenge is beneficial to your health. Track your progress on each of the goals each day, even if you fall short sometimes.

Q: Do I have to be in 4-H to participate?

A: The 5-2-1-0 Challenge is open to all Michigan youth, regardless of their 4-H affiliation. However, you must submit your completed form to the MSU Extension 4-H program coordinator in your county in order to receive the prize. To connect with your local program coordinator, visit the MSU Extension website: msue.msu.edu/county.



Each year, more than 200,000 Michigan 4-H youth pledge their health to better living for their clubs, communities, country and world. As one of the four main pillars of 4-H, Michigan 4-H encourages 4-H'ers across the state to join them in focusing on healthy living at the start of 2018. Throughout the months of January and February, youth are invited to participate in the 5-2-1-0 Challenge to help jumpstart a year of healthy living in 2018.

5-2-1-0 FOR YOUR HEALTH

Throughout the months of January and February, youth should strive for the following each day:

- 5 servings of fruits and vegetables
- 2 hours or less of screen time (TVs, computers and tablets)
- 1 hour of physical activity
- 0 sweetened beverages (soda and juices)

To help you keep track of your progress, we've created a helpful tracking sheet. Record your efforts each day and at the end of February, submit your form to your county 4-H program coordinator. All individuals who submit a tracking sheet will receive a healthy living prize!

FOR MORE INFO:

Contact Kea Norrell-Aitch, 4-H healthy living educator, at knboyd@anr.msu.edu or 586-469-6264.

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 **Michigan 4-H Night** 

Saturday, February 24th 7pm - Van Andel Arena

Gather up your friends for an exciting night of fun and entertainment with the Grand Rapids Griffins.

A portion of each ticket purchased will be donated in support of the Michigan 4-H Organization

Upper level faceoff —\$15

Upper level center ice—\$18

Lower level faceoff—\$21

Lower level center ice—\$25

(A savings of \$4 per ticket – plus no taxes or service fees.)

PURCHASING TICKETS ONLINE IS EASY!

1. Log on to griffinshockey.com/promocode
2. Enter promo code: MI4H
3. Select your seats and make your purchase

If you have any questions regarding the offer, please contact Bre'onna Raymo—616.774.4585 ext. 3017 or braymo@griffinshockey.com or Tarin Minkel, 4-H Program Coordinator, at 231-592-0795

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STATEWIDE 4-H Workshops and Events

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February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for 4-H teens and adults who are fascinated by animal health and want to explore animal systems. Registration due Feb. 4.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop

Michigan State University, East Lansing

Learn how agility, obedience, rally and showmanship classes are evaluated. Registration due Feb. 9.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dog_project_leader_and_judges_workshop_1

February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Take your beef, sheep or swine project to the next level by attending this workshop and learning about animal health, management, care and nutrition. Registration due Feb. 4.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 19: Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your Market Livestock Project Workshop

Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, Frankenmuth

Spend some time learning about the business and entrepreneurial aspects of your livestock project. Register by Feb. 15.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/youth_business_guide_to_success_make_the_most_of_your_market_livestock_proj

February 24: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Grand Traverse County MSU Extension, Traverse City

March 9-11: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Learn about Michigan agriculture, increase knowledge of the dairy industry, and develop life skills!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference_2

March 17-18: Challenge U 4-H FunFest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Youth ages 9-13 will learn about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest

Save the date for the 4-H Robotics Challenge



On March 10-11, Michigan 4-H members from across the state will gather at the Kettunen Center to participate in the 4-H Robotics Challenge.

Open to youth ages 12-16 as either individuals or a team, the event will include LEGO EV3, Junk Drawer Robotics, and VEX real-time challenges.

Registration for the 4-H Robotics Challenge will be available soon and will be due by Feb. 20.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Capitol Experience registration now available!

All high school students have the opportunity to register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, an annual four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Attend to experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues.

Each participant will select and research an issue area, with topics ranging from animal agriculture, civil rights, education, technology, and more.

Together, groups draft a bill related to the issue and move the bill through a legislative simulation. While spending time in Lansing, youth will interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, discover how policy is made, explore potential politically-related careers and more!

Registration is available at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/> and is due by March 16.

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute now accepting applications!

On May 10, Michigan youth passionate about addressing global food security will gather for the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFPMIYI).

This life-changing experience offers the next generation of globally-minded leaders an opportunity to address international challenges through the investigation of new technology, potential academic pursuits, and future careers that will impact food insecurity across the world.

This year, the WFPMIYI will be held in two locations: Michigan State University and the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Applications for the institute are due April 1. For more information, visit <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/wfpmiyi>.

Youth Pork Quality Assurance roll-over information

For many years, the Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) Plus Program has been the core quality assurance certification program for youth who sell and exhibit their swine, including many Michigan 4-H'ers. In 2015, it was decided that the YPQA Plus program would be completely redesigned into an overarching, all-species quality assurance program known as the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program.

The intended final roll-out date for the YQCA program was January 2018, however, delays in the platform development led to an extension of the existing YPQA Plus program until June 1, 2018. Youth with a current YPQA Plus certification will remain certified until the expiration date has passed; there will not be an extension for youth certifications. YPQA Plus certifications, as well as YQCA certifications, will be accepted by and could be required by processors and certain fairs and livestock exhibitions.

For more information about YPQA rollover, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/youth_pork_quality_assurance_program_rollover_information.

New social media resource!

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4-H RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY Online Consequences

KEY CONCEPT: Understanding the possible consequences of sharing information online.

LEARNING & LIFE SKILLS:

- Decision making
- Self-Responsibility

AUDIENCE: Age range: 12 and older Skill level: Beginning

TIME: 20-30 minutes

SETTING: A room with tables and chairs

MATERIALS:

- A copy of relevant news articles about recent consequences such as: [Facebook's data harvesting scandal](#), [The New York Times article](#) and the end of the activity for students.
- News or article card per participant
- Blank or scrap paper
- Flipchart or other large paper

BACKGROUND: According to "Teens, Social Media and Technology Overview 2016" by the Pew Research Center, nearly three-quarters of teenagers ages 13-17 have access to a smartphone. Of those teens, 62 percent report going online daily, and 71 percent say they use more than one social networking site (Twitter, 2015). Young people should be aware that their online activities and behavior could have negative consequences. This activity pairs well with other lessons on responsible social media usage.

OVERVIEW: In this social media activity, participants will explore the various consequences youth have faced because of information they shared online. They will explore the concept of how a quick "hit" of something on a device, tablet, laptop, smartphone or other device could have negative consequences. This activity pairs well with other lessons on responsible social media usage.

OBJECTIVES: After completing this activity, the participants will be able to:

- Consider the possible risks of sharing information online.
- Think critically about what they choose to post and share online.

PROCEDURE:

Before the meeting:

1. Review the background information and activity directions.
2. Print off news articles of your choice for every group of two to four participants. Provide a copy for each person in the group.

4-H GROWS HERE

In this new Michigan 4-H resource, club leaders can educate youth about the impact media can have on others and themselves. Anything digital can be stores, copied and shared, even if it is only intended to be shared privately.

Teach youth the consequences of their activity online with this new lesson plan that pairs well with other previously created responsible social media usage lessons.

Download your copy at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_responsible_social_media_activity_

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Oshtemo, Portage club meetings	2	3
4	5	6	7 4-H Friends club meeting	8 Richland club meeting	9 Derby car project, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	10
11 Scotts, Tri-United club meetings	12 Climax, Fulton, Galesburg, Schoolcraft club meetings	13 Alamo club meeting	14 Small mammal/cavy critter meeting, room B, fairgrounds 7pm	15 Horse council, room C, Dog project meeting, room B, fairgrounds	16 Rabbit agility, room B, fairgrounds, 6:30 pm	17
18 Hickory Corners club meeting	19	20 Countywide sheep meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm	21 LSA, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	22	23 Countywide cat project meeting, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	24
25	26 Leaders council, room B, Carcass room C, cooper Cav- aliers, room A, fairgrounds, 7pm	27 Countywide swine meeting, room A, rabbit meeting, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm Beekeeping project meeting, 6:30 PM	28 Fair council, room C, fairgrounds, 6:30 pm			