



*Kalamazoo County*

# 4-H Family News

JUNE 2018



## 2018 Exploration Days

June 20-22, 2018

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[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days)

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## June at a Glance:

**June 5:** Twilight workouts, Horse Arena, Fairgrounds, 7PM

**June 8:** Rabbit agility, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 6:30PM

**June 11-16: Dog Show; No rooms available at the fairgrounds**

**June 12:** small mammal/cavy/critter meeting, time and location TBD

**June 19:** Countywide poultry meeting, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 7PM; Twilight

**June 20-22: MSU EXPLORATION DAYS**

**June 22:** Countywide cat project meeting, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 7PM

**June 25:** Leaders council, Rm B; Carcass, Rm C; Cooper Cavalier, Rm A, Fairgrounds, 7PM

**June 26:** Twilight workouts, Horse Arena Fairgrounds, 7PM

**June 27:** Fair Council, Rm C, Fairgrounds, 6:30PM

**June 28:** Countywide goat meeting, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 7PM

**June 29:** Rabbit agility, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 6:30PM

**June 29: FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE @ Fair office, 5PM**

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## THE FAIR IS COMING SOON!

The 2018 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair is going to be a blast! Lots of fun activities and attractions are in the works for Fair week. For everything County Fair, visit [www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/index.htm](http://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/index.htm). We are even planning fun stuff just for 4-Hers after the fair closes each night. Stay tuned for more information!

### 2018 Premium Book

The 2018 Premium Book and Entry Forms are available online at [www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/fairinfor.htm](http://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/fairinfor.htm). The deadline for entries is **FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018**. Entry forms must be turned into the Kalamazoo County Parks Office to be accepted. Forms will **NOT** be accepted at the 4-H office.



## 2018 Kalamazoo County Fair Camping Fees & Information

### CAMPING RESERVATIONS

The camping reservation period for 2018 is now open.

To make a reservation, please call the Parks Office at (269)383-8778. Reservations can also be made in person at the Parks Office located at:

2900 Lake Street,  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm.

Full payment is required at the time of reservation. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are all accepted.

## Display Your Vegetables at the County Fair!

Do you have a green thumb? Are you or your family planting a garden this summer?

Did you know you can display your flowers and vegetables at the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair this summer? For more information on how to pick your best vegetables and how to display them, visit:

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/  
uploads/236/67126/4H1175\\_SelectVegforExhibit.pdf](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/236/67126/4H1175_SelectVegforExhibit.pdf)

### Meating the Need

For those of you selling your livestock at the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair, your buyers can help to make a difference in our county! Buyers can designate their purchase to be donated to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes or 12 Baskets. All help those who are in need. Please share this tax-deductible option to your livestock buyers.

### Gardening Donations

Don't forget that if you have extra produce in your garden, you can also donate it to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes for use by clients who are in need.



## Have You Sold Cattle on the Farm?

If so, be sure you paid the \$1 Checkoff.

### Did You Know?

Every time you sell a bovine animal, regardless of age, sex, breed, purpose, or number a dollar-a-head is due. The dollar is to be collected by the buyer from the seller, although both parties are responsible for remittance. The Checkoff is designed so that everyone pays their fair share.

### How are you Checkoff dollars being used?

- Beef and veal television, radio, and print advertising
- Food safety, health and nutrition research
- Product technology and development
- Educating consumers and children about beef's role in a healthy diet
- Refuting issues that could negatively impact the beef industry (such as BSE, E. Coli and Foot-and-Mouth disease.)

### How Do You Pay?

Complete a remittance form and mail it along with your check to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. Additional remittance forms are available through the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 2145 University Park Drive, Suite 300, Okemos, MI 48864.

Fax: (517) 347-0919

### Who Pays?

When cattle are sold or imported, the buyer of the cattle must withhold a \$1 per head, or equivalent, from the seller's purchase price. Failure to do so is a violation of the law and may be subject to a \$5,500 penalty. It's the law—no one is exempt.

Visit <http://www.mibeef.org/checkoffinfo.aspx>, go to Checkoff Info and then to Checkoff Remittance Form.



## Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development defines Health Requirements for Livestock exhibited in Michigan.

2018 requirements can be found [https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/2018\\_Fairs\\_and\\_Exhibitions\\_Requirements\\_12.26.17\\_FINAL\\_613564\\_7.PDF](https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/2018_Fairs_and_Exhibitions_Requirements_12.26.17_FINAL_613564_7.PDF)





**Did you know?**

- A dog was the first in space and a sheep, a duck and a rooster the first to fly in a hot air balloon
- In Denmark there are twice as many pigs as people.
- A group of geese on the ground is a gaggle – a group of geese in the air is a skein.
- The tongue of a blue whale can weigh as much as an elephant and their heart can weigh as much as a car.
- Calama is a city and commune in the Atacama Desert in northern Chile. It is the capital of El Loa Province, part of the Antofagasta Region. Calama is one of the driest cities in the world with average annual precipitation of just 5 mm. The River Loa, Chile's longest, flows through the city. Calama has a population of 147,886
- Chickens are the most populous livestock in the world, at an estimated three chickens for every one person on Earth.

**Helping Hands****2018 BARN CLEANUP DAY**

This year's barn cleanup day will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. The Kalamazoo County Youth Fair is offering an all-day ride voucher to any youth who helps cleanup their barns on that day. Let's help to make the 4-H mall shine again for the 2018 Fair!

**FUNDRAISING SUCCESS**

Thank you to all those who helped work the auction. It was a success for our county with over \$6000 raised. If you have ideas on how to create a more successful event please join the auction committee.

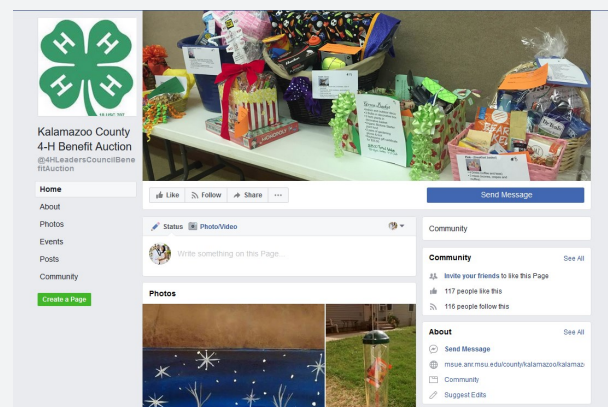
We have one final gift certificate to sell. It is to Pine River Paddle sports in Wellston Michigan. The certificate entitles the bearer to:

- A canoe, kayak, or raft trip on the scenic pine River for a party of four
- Or a one hour climbing session for up to six on a 32-foot climbing wall.

The Certificate is not redeemable on Saturdays in July or August.

Bidding will be by silent auction. Send your bids to:

Bidding will close June 15th

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

Michigan has had a long relationship with Belize. In 1968, Michigan 4-H was asked to travel to Belize to start a Belize 4-H program. It was a success and we have been partners with Belize 4-H ever since. They have decided to bring a small delegation of 4 youth to Michigan June 19-July 10 to experience our culture and Michigan 4-H. The boys will attend 4-H Exploration Days June 20-22 and then meet their host families. **We are in need of host families for these 4 boys. The boys are ages 14-17 and they speak English.**

\*\*\*Belize is our first priority right now since they arrive in two weeks, but as for the 29 Japanese, 9 Korean, and 1 Taiwan delegates, **we are still looking for host families for 4 Japanese boys, 4 Korean boys and 3 male chaperones (two week stays for chaperones).**

**Poultry Project News**

Only TWO more Poultry Project meetings scheduled until it is time for Fair!!!

If you still need to clock into some meetings to fulfill your 3-meeting requirement, make sure that you put **Tuesday, June 19 and July 17** on your calendar. Both meetings will be held at 7pm at the Expo Center in the poultry barn or Livestock Arena.

The June meeting will focus on showmanship practice --- so bring a chicken. The July meeting will be about the fair schedule of events and rules along with bathing and "fitting" your birds for showing. In the meantime, start making your CHICKEN COSTUMES for our fun costume class and train your chicken to follow you for treats so that we can demo chicken agility at the fair. We can teach them to jump over fences and do other "tricks" at the July meeting.

If you have any questions, call Jackie at 629-9664 or Ann at 685-2301.

## 2018 Poultry Deadlines

### 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 Project Update

Can you believe fair is only two months away? Now is the time to really focus on your showmanship skills, working with your rabbits, and finishing your posters and rabbit notebooks.



Our next meeting will be the Breed check in on June 9<sup>th</sup> in the arena at the fairgrounds. This does count as one of the three meetings required to be eligible to show at fair. If you have a conflict, you can designate a family member to bring your rabbit to the check in. We ask that you please tell us who will be bringing your rabbit.

Additional information about fair will be provided at the Breed check in on June 9<sup>th</sup> and there will be an opportunity to practice showmanship and get your last-minute questions answered.

At the Rabbit breed check in we will have a picnic. Hot dogs will be provided. All we ask is that each family bring a passing dish. Table service will be provided.

I know that Janelle, Dani and I are all looking forward to a great fair!

## Fun Facts:

- Beeswax come from the abdomen glands of a worker bee, they use the wax to form the walls and caps of the comb.
- Mosquitoes prefer O-type blood, people with high body heat, pregnant women and heavy breathers. Many of these reasons are because mosquitoes can sense carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from up to 100 feet away. Which is a reason they circulate around our heads where we exhale CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Apart from insects, hummingbirds have the highest metabolism of all animals due to the need to keep their wings rapidly beating. Because of this the hummingbird visits hundreds of flowers each day and consuming more than their own weight in nectar each day.



Male and Female hummingbirds



## Dairy Club Updates

Summer is finally here! Here are some important dates to remember. Please join the “Kalamazoo County 4-H Feeder Calf Club” on Facebook for more up-to-date info!

### **July 20: Fitting and Showmanship clinic**

We will be combining with the Beef project for a fitting and showmanship clinic on July 20 at 6pm at the Myer Farm (7565 40<sup>th</sup> St South, Scotts MI 49088). We will be going over the basics of fitting steers for show as well as having some showing tips.

This will be a potluck, so we ask every family to bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. Hot dogs, lemonade, and paperware will be provided.

### **July 28: Barn cleanup**

8 am – when we get done we will be cleaning up the dairy/feeder calf barn at the fairgrounds. Youth that attend the entire day will receive a free ride wrist band from the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair.

Please bring rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brush/rollers, and a smile! Pizza and pop will be provided for those that help.

### **August 2: Pre- Fair Mandatory Meeting**

Meet at the dairy/feeder calf barn for a meeting at 7pm- don't forget to sign in! If you cannot come, you must make arrangements with Veronica at the fair office (269) 383-8830.

We will be decorating the barn in a Red/ White/ Blue theme this year- check out Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's for some good deals!

### **August 4: Still Exhibit check in/Calf check in**

Bring your feeder calf educational exhibit to the fairgrounds to be judged. Here is the link for the required notebook for feeder calves: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_market\\_animal\\_record\\_book](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_market_animal_record_book). It is considered the minimum- be creative! A profit and loss statement must be filled out and included in your educational exhibit for your calf to be sold in the auction (as well as minimum calf weight of 366.5 lbs at weigh-in on Sunday, August 5).

You can check in your calves into the dairy/feeder calf barn between 4:30p and 6:00p - Greg or Sara must look at your calf before the calf comes off of the trailer.

### **August 5: Calf check-in/ Weigh-in/ Showmanship clinic**

You can check-in your calves into the dairy/feeder calf barn between 9:00a and 12:00p - Greg or Sara must look at your calf before the calf comes off of the trailer.

Feeder calf weigh-in will take place after the beef are weighed in.

We will have a showmanship clinic in the exercise arena – time TBD.

### **August 8: Feeder calf show**

The feeder calf show will be held at 1:00p.

### **August 9: Auction**

For your calf to be eligible to go through the auction, you must have submitted a picture via Facebook/email/ mail to Sara or Greg by earlier in the year (May), a picture of a clean calf/clean 4H member must be given to either Sara or Greg on Tuesday of fair (to be given to your buyer), your calf must have weigh at least 366.5 lbs on Sunday, August 5, and you must have a profit and loss statement filled out.

**Please contact Sara or Greg if you have questions!**





## 4-H Fun Facts

- ◆ In 1911, the four-leaf clover emblem was created as the official 4-H emblem to replace the previously used three-leaf clover. The four-leaf clover emblem was patented in 1924.
- ◆ President Dwight D. Eisenhower assisted with the dedication ceremonies for the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland in 1959.
- ◆ PHILOSOPHY: “Learn by Doing”
- ◆ Seven 4-H Club Pigs were aboard Commander Byrd’s South Pole Expedition, kept aboard for breeding purposes to supply the pork needed for the expedition party during their stay in the South Pole Region.
- ◆ Bob Evans was once quoted as saying “The only thing that is better than sausage is 4-H.”

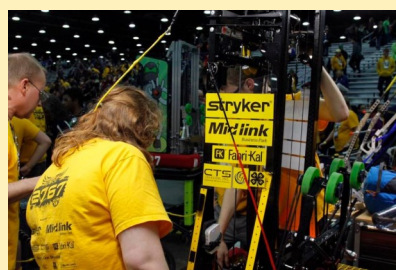
## Stryke Force 4-H Robotics Club

Stryke Force wrapped up another successful season by winning the World Championship in Detroit on April 28th. After last year's win at World's, there was some pressure to do well again so it was quite an accomplishment to become reigning back-to-back World Champions. Here are some fun facts regarding the win. Stryke Force is the youngest Alliance Captain to win Worlds and also the youngest Alliance Captain to win Worlds back-to-back. Stryke Force is also the only team to win Worlds back-to-back as the Alliance Captain both times. Stryke Force is also the inaugural Detroit Championship winner. These are rare and amazing accomplishments that would not be possible without dedicated youth, leaders, mentors and sponsors who all deserve a heartfelt thank you.



Below are links from this season that feature Stryke Force:

- **Stryke force youth (Kjerstin Lindbloom) interview at Worlds**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ebgp-DRmxdY>
- **Stryker/Stryke Force advertisement**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73Z\\_lpJR\\_go](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73Z_lpJR_go)
- **Stryke force (Jerry Culp) interviews at Worlds**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouAEYk1AoCk>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-65nmMzWy0>



The Portage Partners 4-H Club participates in the Memorial Day Parade in Portage.



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Dear Michigan 4-H families and volunteers:

With the busy summer months approaching, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of a change to the Michigan 4-H participant age policy that will be implemented this fall. Michigan 4-H Youth Development serves youth 5-19 years of age. Youth 5-8 years of age are currently considered Cloverbuds and participate in fun, non-competitive learning experiences whereas youth 9-19 participate in both competitive and non-competitive experiences. All learning activities, regardless of age, are designed to be age appropriate. However, beginning September 1, 2018, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy will change so that youth 8-19 years of age will participate in both competitive and non-competitive learning experiences, while youth 5-7 years of age will remain Cloverbud participants.

This policy change is being implemented by MSU Extension after lengthy consultation with early childhood and Michigan 4-H youth development staff, as well as careful consideration of research regarding youth and competition. Furthermore, it will move Michigan 4-H into alignment with counterparts across the country, including National 4-H.

As always, age appropriateness and safety will remain a top consideration for 4-H programming areas and Michigan 4-H will continue to have minimum age limits for certain learning environments that may not be appropriate for children 8 years of age. Additionally, individual county 4-H programs with MSU Extension will also retain their right to determine the beginning age for 4-H involvement within that county.

For more information on this change please view the [4-H Participant Age Policy](#) and the [Cloverbud Age Policy FAQ](#). For additional questions regarding the policy or matters related to your county 4-H program, please contact your county 4-H program coordinator.

Yours in 4-H,

Jake DeDecker

Acting State Leader, Michigan 4-H Youth Development



## 4-H Events and Workshops

June 9: 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure

*Michigan's Adventure, Muskegon*

Ticket purchases for this fun event can be made until the day of. There will be a catered lunch for an additional charge.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_day\\_at\\_michigans\\_adventure\\_2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_michigans_adventure_2)

June 10: Animal Science Anywhere Workshop

*Kalkaska County Annex Building, Kalkaska*

Learn more about the science and life skills involved in animal and veterinary science projects. This workshop is designed for youth ages 12 to 19 years old.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/animal\\_science\\_anywhere](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/animal_science_anywhere)

June 16: Thumb Dairy Odyssey Days

*Deluur Dairy, Deckerville*

Explore what a field rep does on the farm, discover how a cow perceives the world around it, and learn how to get your cow ready to show. Register by June 14.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/thumb\\_dairy\\_odyssey\\_days\\_3](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/thumb_dairy_odyssey_days_3)

June 23: 2018 Michigan State 4-H Goat Show

*MSU Pavilion South Barn, East Lansing*

Kick off the show seasons and exhibit your goats at the 2018 Michigan State 4-H Goat Show. Registration is due by June 15.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017\\_michigan\\_state\\_4\\_h\\_goat\\_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_michigan_state_4_h_goat_show)

June 23: Shiawassee 4-H Dog Show

*Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna*

Participate in obedience, rally, showmanship and agility classes at the Shiawassee 4-H Dog Show. Register by June 20 to qualify for the early registration discount.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee\\_4\\_h\\_dog\\_show\\_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee_4_h_dog_show_1)

June 25-28: 4-H Forestry Day Camp

*Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon*

Participate in this four-day camp to learn about Michigan forestry. Learn how to identify trees, take forest measurements, use a compass and more. Register by June 8.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_forestry\\_day\\_camp](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_forestry_day_camp)

## Michigan 4-H State Goat Show



Begin your show season with the 2018 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show on Saturday, June 23, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

Bring your goats to compete in showmanship, breed, pack and driving classes.

Check in begins Friday, June 22 at 6 p.m., and closes at 9 a.m. the following morning.

Registration is available until June 15 for youth, sponsors and camping. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/goatshow2018/> to learn more or register.

### 4-H Events and Workshops continued...

#### July 7: 4-H Gymkhana Fundraiser Horse Show

*Horseman's Association, Centreville*

Ride in this open gymkhana show while raising money for the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council. Register by June 24 to waive an office fee.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_gymkhana\\_fundraiser\\_horse\\_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_gymkhana_fundraiser_horse_show)

#### July 20-22: 2018 Upper Peninsula 4-H Camp

*Clear Lakes Education Center, Manistique*

Enjoy an unforgettable camp experience that you meet friends from all over the region, try new activities, and learn new skills.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018\\_upper\\_peninsula\\_4\\_h\\_camp](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018_upper_peninsula_4_h_camp)

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

## Upcoming changes to Michigan 4-H Age Policy



Beginning September 1, 2018, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy will change to reflect a younger beginning age for 4-H members. The new age for 4-H members will be 8 to 19 years old, continuing to use January 1 of the program year as the date of calculation. The 4-H Cloverbud experience will remain available to youth ages 5-7.

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For more information on the 4-H Participant Age Policy, visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_participant\\_age\\_policy](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_participant_age_policy). For questions regarding the Cloverbud age, visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_cloverbud\\_frequently\\_asked\\_questions](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_cloverbud_frequently_asked_questions).

## 2018 4-H Health and Food Science Camp

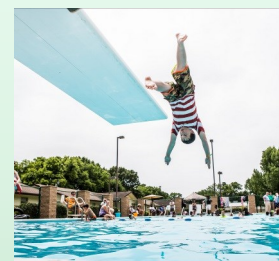
Are you interested in nutrition, food science, physical fitness, personal safety and sports science? Attend the 2018 Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp for your chance to explore these exciting fields, related careers, and tour research facilities at Michigan State University (MSU).

This three-day pre-college program takes place at MSU and is open to volunteers and youth ages 13-19. Youth will work together in teams to develop a plan that addresses health issues within their community and explore various health-related career fields.



Registration is available until June 8 at [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_health\\_food\\_science\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_health_food_science_camp/).

## 4-H Day at Michigan's



### Adventure

On June 9, kick off summer by joining 4-H members across the state in a day of fun at Michigan's Adventure.

From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 9, Michigan 4-H youth are invited to grab their swimwear and 4-H t-shirts to participate in the 2018 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure.

A catered meal will be provided from 2 to 3 p.m. for an additional cost. There is a fee for standard car parking and oversized vehicles, however full size buses park for free.

To attend, you must RSVP (available up to the date of the event) and wear 4-H attire when purchasing your tickets the day of. To RSVP, visit <https://www.miadventure.com/play/events/4-h->