



August 6, 2018

Dear 4-H Families,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the 4-H Youth Show happen! It takes many, many hands to pull a large event like this together, and we appreciate your work. A special thank you to Superintendents of all project areas, the 4-H Service Club Food Booth volunteers and coordinators, everyone who clerked and served as helpers for still projects and livestock shows all week, show ring setup and tear down, gate cleaning, washrack duty, livestock haulers, and everyone who volunteered in the 4-H office, and as building A Guards! I know lots of clubs sent lots of people to work lots of shifts in lots of different areas of the Youth Show, so thank you for doing your jobs and keeping the wheels of the event turning. We gathered information from the suggestion box and are still accepting suggestions on our online survey. Here is the link if you haven't had a chance to fill it out: <https://goo.gl/forms/85BWqqi7ivLvUxLJ2>. Now that information will go to the committees for the teen and adult leadership to consider for future year changes. If you have ideas, these meetings are where most changes are made.

4-H Members, please remember to take a few minutes to write any remaining Thank-You notes to trophy sponsors, ribbon sponsors, animal buyers, and other individuals and businesses you may know of who supported our event in some way. Your words mean a lot to them. This is also a great time to thank your club leaders for their contributions to your success! For information on how to write a great Thank-You note, check this out: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/the_seven_steps_to_a_great_thank_you_note

Members, if you club leader or other 4-H volunteer adults in your club are outstanding, consider nominating them for county recognition as a Leader of the Year, or Alumni of the year. Also, if there are any businesses or community members who helped in significant ways, perhaps they could be a Friend of 4-H award nominee!

4-H Club leaders, please keep in mind that August 31 is the end of the 4-H Fiscal year, so save bank statements, and meet with your club officers for your end-of-year wrap-up processes and conversations. Also, any adults interested in becoming an official 4-H volunteer must contact our office to complete the Volunteer Selection Process.

Beginning September 1, everyone can newly enroll, or re-enroll at www.4honline.com using the same login email and password from last year. Once enrolled, give \$20 to your club leader as soon as possible (Checks written to MSU). Have your health information handy when you begin! We encourage re-enrollments to be done ASAP, and not wait until later in the 4-H year. Any trouble with re-enrollment, contact Kellie at 222-3815 or leblanck@ewashtenaw.org.

If you need more ways to learn and get involved, check out some of the out-of-county opportunities and events at <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/>

Read on for more 4-H opportunities.

Sincerely,
Sheri and Kathleen

GENERAL WASHTENAW 4-H OPPORTUNITIES/UPDATES

Website Update

Our website is still having some issues. MSU is currently updating their website formats which makes it tough to post all of our information. We have created a google drive with some of our documents for the Youth Show. The drive can be found at <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Uf2dsOwjUP85RFxhSjw4bTJqe8CE6whF>. There are still some things that you can find on the website (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/washtenaw/washtenaw_county_4_h). If there is something you are looking for and cannot find as we enter our final month before the 4-H Youth Show, just please let us know with a few days' notice so we can send it to you in time. Thanks for your continued patience.

Technology 4-H Clubs

Do you have youth in your club or neighborhood who love all things technology and wish they could do more with it? Did you know 4-H has several curricula about technology, and that this is a 4-H project area? If you or someone you know is interested in adding 4-H technology to your 4-H club projects OR starting a whole new technology only 4-H club, please reach out to Sheri to find out about how to do that. We will also be recruiting adult volunteers to lead these projects and clubs and will offer orientation meetings and trainings in the fall on how to do this!

Leader Recognition and County Medals Applications

Each year we take nominations from youth members for several awards given to outstanding leaders each year. Additionally we take nominations for many Club Spirit awards, county medals for all the project areas in which youth participate, and State Awards. This year, all nominations forms are due to the 4-H staff by Wednesday **August 1st**. Teens nominated for County Medals will be sent an application to be returned by the end of September! New this year, Committee volunteers can also nominate active teens AND teens can self-nominate but will have to get a brief support statement from their club leader on the final application. Talk with your club leader if you feel you may qualify for a county medal in any project area, and if you have already won a couple county medals over the years, also discuss with your leader the possibility of completing a State Award application for 2018. 4-H staff can help with the State 4-H Award form which will be due in late January 2019, and which does come with a cash award for state winners! If you have any questions please contact Sheri.

Scholarships available

Several College Scholarships are available now. Contact Sheri or Kellie for details. Deadlines are as listed below and will continue to be updated as we are able. Please remember that if you need recommendations from adults in your life, they often need at least a few days to provide that support. Leave yourself plenty of time for a quality application as well. Check the application for where they are to be mailed.

September 7 4-H Advisory Council Scholarship

October 1 Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) – www.mifairs.com

Nov 6* Michigan Junior Livestock Society Scholarship (MJLS) – <http://www.mjrlivestocksociety.com>

Also check facebook for updated opportunities. Scholarships often have minor changes so be sure to check the current year qualifications, requirements and application form. *=estimated or still confirming

4-H Marketplace

Maybe you haven't heard, but we have a Washtenaw County "4-H Marketplace" where anyone is welcome to swap, sell or look for items for sale that may be of interest to 4-H families. Contact Sheri or Kathleen to post an item. Please visit <http://washtenaw4hmarket.blogspot.com/> to see what's currently listed.

4-H YOUTH SHOW UPDATES

Wrap Up

Again, we would like to thank everyone who helped to make our 4-H Youth Show such a success! If you have ideas or comments on how we can make next year's Youth Show even better feel free to fill out our online

survey here: <https://goo.gl/forms/85BWqqi7ivLvUxLJ2>. If you are interested in serving on a youth board for the Livestock and Dairy Committee, Small Animal Committee or Horse Association get in touch with Kathleen to learn more. There will be official dates of meetings in the next newsletter.

Bill Ames Memorial Award

We would like to Congratulate Ellie Walkowe as the recipient of the Bill Aimes Memorial Award for the 2018 Youth Show. This is Ellie's 3rd year earning the award! Ellie had another fabulous year at the fair, earning both a 1st place individual and 1st place homegrown with her market sheep. She was also the proud owner of our 2018 Grand Champion Individual Market Lamb. Please help us in congratulating Ellie!

REGIONAL AND STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

State 4-H Dog Show

The State 4-H Dog Show will be held on August 11th. Registration is now open at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HDogShow18/>. There will be many classes available. Cost will be \$6 per dog and \$10 per class.

Michigan State Fair Updates

The **Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi starts Thursday, 8/30** and runs through Labor Day, Monday, 9/3! The fair includes rides, Shrine Circus, exhibits (livestock, horses, agriculture and home arts), live music & entertainment, shopping, competitions and contests and lots of fair food!

FREE ADMISSION FOR 4-HERS on Thursday, 8/30 - All 4-H youth with proof of membership (member card or lanyard) receive free admission with the purchase of one adult admission. This does not include rides or the circus.

If interested in exhibiting and scholarships, the online deadlines are fast approaching! Departments include livestock, equine, agriculture and home arts. Complete fair info, including the fair book, rules and applications can be found at: www.michiganstatefairllc.com Please stop by the Michigan State University/MSU Extension and 4-H youth activities area at the Michigan State Fair!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you are interested (youth or adult) in volunteering at the booth, helping out with hands on activities (crafts, hoverball archery, Commodity Carnival) anytime during the fair dates with **free admission for all volunteers**, please sign up at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4CA5AB2DA7F49-michigan1

State 4-H Poultry Show

Registrations is now open for the 2018 Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/poultryshow2018/>. The show will be held on Saturday, September 1st in conjunction with the Michigan State Fair, LLC. The show will offer showmanship and breed classes and educational contests such as Breed Judging, Breed Identification, and an Educational Poster division.

State 4-H Goat Workshop

On September 22nd there will be a Youth State 4-H Goat Workshop at the Ionia Fairgrounds. There will be multiple goat related breakout sessions and a goat judging competition. Cost for youth is \$35 and cost for adults to audit is \$20. To register for the workshop visit this link:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/goatprojectworkshop/>.

National 4-H Congress

Participate in the 2018 National 4-H Congress November 23 to 27 in Atlanta, Georgia! Michigan 4-H youth ages 14-19 are invited to apply for this leadership, citizenship and community service event. In this capstone 4-H youth leadership event, 4-H youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities as well as local cultural tours and experiences. The event includes outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators. The exact cost will be determined

based on the number of delegates and airfare, but will be around \$1500. Fees include registration, hotel, airfare, and most meals. Be sure to check out the website at <http://national4-hcongress.com>

WASHTENAW 4-H CALENDAR

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=msu.edu_g1m041it45rpupo2apth9a2htk@group.calendar.google.com

STATEWIDE 4-H CALENDER OF EVENTS

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h