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January 2019

Dear 4-H Families,

We hope that you all had a peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

It certainly seems like the calendar keeps getting fuller and fuller. We have lots of great opportunities that are available county and statewide. Please be sure to read the whole Newsletter so that you don't miss out on anything that may interest you. As you probably already know, 4-H is made up of those who actively participate in the different programs that we offer. Many of these programs take time to organize, plan, and advertise. We couldn't do everything that we do if it wasn't for all of you who jump in to help. For those who maybe haven't find the right thing to jump in on yet, we are always open to help guide you. Everyone has something that they are passionate about, so if you have something you would like to share with others, this is a great time to get involved.

Also, don't forget about the Officer Excellence Training coming up this Friday! If you are planning on attending please RSVP to Kathleen and [nogglek1@msu.edu](mailto:nogglek1@msu.edu). More details can be found below.

Check out some more of the out-of-county opportunities and events at <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/>

Sincerely,

Sheri and Kathleen

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year!

Authored by *Christine Heverly, MSU Extension*. Adapted from an article originally published by *Sandy Risedorph*.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



## WASHTENAW 4-H NEWS

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### 4-H Officer Excellence Training January 4th

On January 4th from 10:00-2:00 we will be hosting an officer training for 4-H Youth and Adults to attend. This is open to all 4-H youth and adults. You do not have to hold an officer position to attend. We will be conducting some parliamentary procedure training encompassing the importance of adult and youth partnerships. We will be providing lunch. To learn more or to RSVP reach out to Kathleen at [nogglek1@msu.edu](mailto:nogglek1@msu.edu)



### Webb Harwood Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any college student (any year) attending a Michigan institution. This is meant for students who were involved in 4-H. This scholarship allows for one scholarship per person for each year of undergrad (up to 4 years), and possible graduate work. Amounts of scholarships vary. Applications are due **January 6th** to MSUE/Washtenaw County. Contact the office for the application.

### 4-H Advisory Council is Looking for New Members!

We are currently seeking teen and adult individuals to get involved with the Washtenaw County 4-H Advisory Council for the coming year. We need people with an interest in supporting the 4-H program, an interest in helping 4-H reach new audiences, an interest in helping recognize current 4-H'ers,

volunteers and community members for hard work, and a willingness to work during fundraisers and recognition events as needed. Creative ideas are welcome, experience with finances and budgeting or marketing is also welcome, but no specific experience is necessary. This group typically meets about 6 times per year, every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of odd months. Their next meeting is January 10 at 7 pm. Please contact Sheri if you are interested in getting involved.

### **Embryology Training - January 16th**

On January 16th Washtenaw County will be hosting an embryology training and workshop open to 4-h staff, volunteers, leaders, and even to teachers. We will learn how to properly incubate eggs, utilize best practices for embryology and youth development, and be able to use this program in our community. This will be held at the Washtenaw Extension Office on Zeeb Road in the downstairs classroom. This training will be held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, so if you would like to attend, you may need to request a personal day. Teachers: you can use this as a professional development opportunity! Here is the link to register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/WashtenawEmbryology2019/>

### **Project RED Volunteers needed**

Project Rural Education Days will again be held in mid-April, this year from Tuesday April 16 to Thursday, April 18 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Volunteers will be needed for tree wrapping, animal exhibits, tour guides, commodity displays, and other educational exhibits. Contact Kellie to be put on the volunteer list. Thousands of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders across the county enjoy this event each year, and it takes many hands to pull the event together. Don't miss out on this wonderful community event. Thanks for your help!

### **Please add 4-H Marketing Opportunities to our list**

A new county 4-H database of area events is being created for and by you! Families, leaders, really anyone can visit this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/PwnX9ueWGuhOgGbj2> to share any events coming up in the coming year that may happen in your community or area. This includes school open houses, festivals, resource fairs, etc. (Vague details are invited and welcome!! You can fill in more details later.) Once we have this list, we will publicize the upcoming opportunities to see what individuals or clubs are able to host a 4-H information table during the event. This is great practice for becoming a 4-H Ambassador! We will create 4-H publicity kits to be borrowed from our office with handouts and other needed items for these events. Thanks for your help with this exciting new marketing project!

## **HORSE NEWS AND UPDATES**

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### **Washtenaw 4-H Horse Association**

The Washtenaw 4-H Horse Association is open to ALL 4-H members, parents, and volunteers who are active or interested in the 4-H Horse and Pony Project. The Horse Association is responsible for handling many of the decisions regarding horses for the Youth Show. At their last meeting, members discussed the Tack Sale taking place February 24; Spring Round Up being held May 19, with a gymkana clinic being May 18; and people signed up for various committees. The group meets every month on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM. So, the Horse Association will be meeting on January 22 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office.

### **Tack Sale Date is Set!**

The Horse and Pony Association Tack Sale is booked for February 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. This year 10x10 spaces will be sold for \$35 to non 4-Hers and \$25 to 4-Hers. Additional tables/spaces will be \$25 for non 4-Hers and \$10 for 4-Hers. Reservations must be made by February 15<sup>th</sup> or there will be a \$5 late fee per table/space. All of the proceeds from the tack sale will go to the Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Program.



### **Spring Round-Up Dates Set**

This year Spring Round-Up will be a weekend affair! On Saturday May 18th there will be a gymkhana clinic and on Sunday, May 19th there will be the actual SRU open show. More information will be coming, but mark your calendars for these great opportunities!

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## **LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY NEWS**

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### **Livestock and Dairy Committee**

The Livestock and Dairy Committee is open to ALL 4-H members, parents, and volunteers who are active or interested in sheep, swine, beef cattle, and dairy cattle 4-H projects. The Livestock and Dairy Committee is responsible for making many decisions related to the Youth Show. This includes Youth Show book changes, weigh-in, and planning for the Youth Show itself. This Committee meets every other month, on the second Thursday of even months at 7:00 PM. So their next meeting will be February 14 at the Extension Office. As a reminder, the February meeting is mandatory for ALL clubs who exhibit livestock at the Youth Show to attend. Clubs must send at least one representative.

### **Currently Seeking Sheep Superintendents**

We are still in the need of 2 sheep superintendents for 2019. For this role, you would be responsible for weighing and tagging in lambs at the spring weigh in (May 4th), organizing the sheep show, and understanding the sheep rules in the Youth Show book. If you are interested in applying please reach out to Kathleen, [nogglek1@msu.edu](mailto:nogglek1@msu.edu), for an application.

### **Interested in Livestock Judging?**

We are hoping to start up Livestock Judging practices after the first of the year and are looking for more members for our team! Livestock Judging consists of evaluating sheep, hogs, beef cattle, and goats in classes of 4 animals. Animals are ranked 1-4 and some of the classes you are able to talk to a judge to give them “reasons” why you placed the class that way. This is a great way to improve your selection decisions for your own livestock purchases. This is also a great way to further develop your public speaking skills. If you are interested please contact Matthew Noggle at [matnog11@gmail.com](mailto:matnog11@gmail.com).

### **Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices Set**

The next Dairy Quiz Bowl will be meeting on Monday, January 21. We will meet at 7:00 pm at Horning Farms in Manchester. We will be learning various facts about dairy science and dairy production to prepare for the statewide dairy quiz bowl competition in July. Ages 9 to 19 are welcome! If you are interested come check out this kick off meeting! Contact Katelyn Packard if you are interested or have any questions, [klhorning14@gmail.com](mailto:klhorning14@gmail.com) or 734-367-3147.

### **Weigh In Dates Set**

Weigh in dates for 2019 are set! Beef steer and heifer weigh in and tagging will be March 2nd from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and all others (sheep, goats, pigs, and feeder calves) will weigh/tag in on May 4th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Weigh in will continue to be held at the Farm Council Grounds.

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## **SMALL ANIMAL NEWS**

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### **Small Animal Committee**

The Small Animal Committee is seeking more involvement! This group is open to any youth, parents, or volunteers who are active or interested in goat, llama, poultry, rabbit, dog, cat, cavy, or pocket pet 4-H projects. This group works very hard on planning for the Youth Show, arranging small animal related workshops, and recruiting new 4-H members. At their last meeting, the group voted to approve Youth Show book changes, and new educational opportunities coming up. The Small Animal Committee meets every other month on the 4th Tuesday of odd months at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office. Their next meeting will be held January 22 at 6:30 PM.

### **Seeking Small Animal Mentors**

Are you excited about pocket pets, guinea pigs, rabbits, or poultry? Then we need you! We are looking for teens 13 years and older to help start a new mentoring program for small animals. If you are interested in helping to mentor a younger 4-H member in one of these breed classes, please contact Rhea W. at ([rhealmw57@gmail.com](mailto:rhealmw57@gmail.com)) or Kathleen Noggle at ([nogglek1@anr.msu.edu](mailto:nogglek1@anr.msu.edu)).

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## **STILL PROJECT UPDATES**

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### **Still Projects Committee Meeting Schedule**

The 4-H Still Projects committee will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each ODD month at 6:30 at the MSUE offices (probably in the lunchroom,) with the next meeting set for January 22. This committee is made up of any aged 4-H member or leader who participates in still projects at the 4-H Youth Show. That means you! Please join in the discussion to make our 4-H event even better! Join us! Feel free to contact Sheri if you want to attend a meeting but have any questions. [montoyes@msu.edu](mailto:montoyes@msu.edu) or 734-222-3905. Highlights of the last meeting are a new contest called "See it Sprout" where instead of growing seeds like on past years, youth are encouraged to find a fun seed or cutting from around your house or kitchen and try to grow it! Avocado pit? Pineapple top? Potato? Sweet potato? Etc!!! Can you sprout a banana seed? Try whatever you want and bring a plant to the 2019 4-H Youth Show! Feel free to try to start now, and have fun!

## Winter 4-H Still Projects Workshop

The Still Projects Workshop on February 23 is shaping up to be very full and interactive. Topics that will be covered are: dogs, pocket pets and cavies, glasscraft, papercraft, poultry mentoring, and a new class called "How to get 'SOLD' with your market project." Watch out for more information in mid-January. If you have questions reach out to Sheri at [montoyes@msu.edu](mailto:montoyes@msu.edu).

## REGIONAL AND STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

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### Save the date for the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception!

On Feb. 24, Michigan 4-H alumni will gather to celebrate 4-H with other alums from across the state at the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception! Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and drinks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before enjoying a women's basketball game at the Breslin Center. Organized by Michigan 4-H and the Michigan 4-H Foundation, the Tip-Off event takes place before 4-H Day at the Breslin, for which free tickets are available. More information about the Alumni Tip-Off event is available at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>. For free tickets to the 4-H Day at the Breslin, contact your local MSU Extension office.

### Citizenship Washington Focus registration available

Registration for the 2019 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program, taking place June 22-29, is now available. Program participants learn about the nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring historical sites in Washington, D.C. The cost of the 2019 4-H CWF program is \$1,500 and includes all meals (except seven meals in transit), lodging and transportation. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWF2019/> to register.

### Now recruiting for 4-H Capitol Experience 2019

4-H Capitol Experience is now recruiting for 2019 participants! This annual statewide program, occurring March 17-20, helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy.

More than 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

Attendees will leave the program having a great understanding of the responsibilities of a citizen, be able to identify different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities, and know potential careers in public policy.

Cost for this event is \$360 and includes most meals, lodging and materials. For more information, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/).

### Important Shooting Sports Announcements!

*Instructor Certification Events:*

1. Regional - Archery Instructor Certification, Jeddo, MI:  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/archery-regional-shooting-sports-certification-workshop-for-teens-and-adult-volunteer>

2. State - Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>
3. 5 additional dates for regionals have been requested; details announced as logistics are finalized.
4. Deadline: certifications expiring in 2018 are DUE by Dec. 31, 2018.

*Tournaments:*

1. State Shoot, Aug 2-3, 2019: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-state-shooting-sports-tournament> (Board meeting and set-up on Aug. 2)
2. National Championships <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-championships>
  - a. National website link <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/national>  
Application Deadline: January 20

*Train-the-Trainer:*

Interested in teaching other volunteers how to lead a shooting sports club? Details and applications to be posted soon! New trainers are welcome in all disciplines.

*State Awards:*

1. New for 2019, outstanding 4-H candidates can receive recognition in the Shooting Sports area!
2. Webinars and local training events are offered to help youth prepare applications, write cover letters, and resumes. Individualized feedback is also available through our D2L system (ask your county 4-H coordinator for details).
3. Deadline February 1, 2019 to your county 4-H coordinator.

## State Calendar of Events

### **January 10: 4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training**

*Online Webinar*

This training is geared toward 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4>

### **January 10-13: National Youth Agri-Science Summit**

*4-H National Conference Center, Washington, D.C.*

Registration is now open until December 14 for the conference. This opportunity provides high school students to explore how their science interests tie in with a career in agriculture.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=8F53F1F013185F9F>

### **January 12: 4-H Beef & Market Dairy Workshop**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

This workshop will cover beef and market dairy nutrition and showmanship. Lunch will be provided. To learn more contact Glenda Weiss at [weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu).

### **January 14 & 16: Cover Letters and Resumes Made Easy**

*Webinar*

Start your year off right and be better prepared for the opportunities that come your way. Take stock of your experiences, achievements, skills and interests. Putting them in writing can help you secure a job, open a door to an opportunity, or win you an award.

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

### **January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training**

*Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor*

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4-h\\_embryology\\_staff\\_teacher\\_and\\_volunteer\\_training--washtenaw\\_county](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--washtenaw_county)

### **January 18-19: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference**

*Crowne Plaza, Lansing*

This networking event builds show management skills and fulfills the yearly seminar requirement for Michigan 4-H horse judges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-managers-conference>

### **January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4-h\\_embryology\\_staff\\_teacher\\_and\\_volunteer\\_training--ingham\\_county](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--ingham_county)

### **January 26: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show**

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19 by Jan. 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and spectators are welcome!

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019\\_state\\_4-h\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019_state_4-h_rabbit_and_cavy_show)

### **January 25-27: Green and White Swine Show**

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Free Opportunity – and no registration required: Swine Showmanship Clinic on Friday January 25 at 6:00 p.m. Swine Live Evaluation Contest (Judging) – Friday January 25 at 3:30 p.m. – Only \$5.00 registration fee.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/extension/youth\\_events](https://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/extension/youth_events)

## **Save the Date!**

### **February 1: 4-H State Award Deadline**

*Online*

Submit your State Award application on time for careful review by the selection committee. The application may take several weeks to finalize, so be sure to get an early start.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_state\\_awards](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_state_awards)

### **February 1-2: Michigan 4-H Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest**

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Participants will have the opportunity to judge high quality Quarter Horses and deliver a set of reasons after learning more about evaluating horses from Extension experts.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_horse\\_judging\\_workshop\\_practice\\_contest](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_horse_judging_workshop_practice_contest)



**February 2: 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic**

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Come to the MSU Pavilion to participate or audit “Improving Patterns: From the Judges Perspective,” “Form to Function: Barrel Application,” and “Lead Changes & Western Riding.” This is an approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judge’s seminar!

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information)

**February 2-3: 4-H Winterfest**

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

Registration is now open! Spaces are limited, so if you are interested contact Renee Carroll at [carro188@msu.edu](mailto:carro188@msu.edu) ASAP! Attendees will spend 2 days learning about all sorts of different project areas while meeting youth from across the state. Visit the winterfest page to learn more

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_winterfest16](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest16)

**February 23: 4-H Teen and Adult Horse Leaders Conference**

*MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center, East Lansing*

Come to MSU’s campus and learn from University and industry experts about nutrition, biosecurity, horse show prep, hippology, judging scored classes, equine careers, and much more! Cost is \$35 per person. Lunch, snacks, and shirts are included.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

**February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin**

*Breslin Center, East Lansing*

Join us for the 14th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women’s Basketball game against the University of Michigan Wolverines.

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

**March 16-17: Michigan 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop**

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 13 and up interested in developing and growing a 4-H robotics club. Participants will be introduced to and learn basic robotic skills, as well as explore different types of robotic projects within LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, LEGO Wedo and Junk Drawer Robotics.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_robotics\\_leaders\\_workshop\\_2019](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_robotics_leaders_workshop_2019)

## WASHTENAW 4-H CALENDAR

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### January

- 4 - 4-H Youth Officer Training - 10:00-2:00 PM
- 7 – 4-H Staff Work Day – 4-H Staff out of the office
- 8 - Horse Board - 6:30 PM
- 10 - Buyers Buffet - 7:00 PM
- 10 – Advisory Council – 7:00 PM
- 11-13 - Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Conference - Grand Rapids
- 14 - Washtenaw Farm Council - 7:30 PM
- 16 - 4-H Embryology Training - 10:00-3:00
- 17 - Livestock and Dairy Board - 6:00 PM
- 17 - Youth Show Leadership Team - 7:00 PM
- 22 - Small Animal Committee - 6:30 PM
- 22 - Horse Association - 7:00 PM

### February

- 11 - Washtenaw Farm Council - 7:30 PM
- 12 - Horse Board - 6:30 PM
- 14 - JR Livestock - 6:00 PM
- 14 - Livestock and Dairy Committee - 7:00 PM
- 22 - 4-H Staff Calendar Work Day - 4-H Staff out of the office
- 23 - Still Project Winter Workshop - FCG
- 24 - 4-H Horse & Pony Tack Sale - FCG

### March

- 2- Beef Weigh In – 8:00-11:00 – FCG
- 7 – 4-H Staff District Meeting – 4-H Staff out of the office
- 11 – Washtenaw Farm Council – 7:30 PM
- 12 – Horse Board – 6:30 PM
- 21 – Livestock and Dairy Board – 6:00 PM
- 21 – Youth Show Leadership Team – 7:00 PM
- 26 – Small Animal Committee – 6:30 PM
- 26 – Horse Association – 7:00 PM
- 29 – 4-H Staff Calendar Planning Day – 4-H Staff out of the office

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=msu.edu\\_q1m041it45rpupo2apth9a2htk@group.calendar.google.com](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=msu.edu_q1m041it45rpupo2apth9a2htk@group.calendar.google.com)

### STATEWIDE 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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