Enrollment deadline coming up—May 31st

If you haven’t already enrolled, or know someone who hasn’t, please do so by May 31st. This is the enrollment deadline IF your project didn’t have it’s own ownership/enrollment deadline, such as May 1st, for example.

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Sheep and Goat Weigh In- May 16th
Meats Judging...starting soon!
Marie Curell will be holding meetings to start practicing in late May. If you are interested in being on the team, please call Marie at 810-614-9390. Meetings will be held at her house at: 4151 Clifford Road, Clifford.

Free tickets to Sioux Falls (South Dakota) Canaries Game (Baseball team)
Voucher for four (4) tickets during 2015 regular session for the Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball Team. Voucher expires Sept. 1, 2015. The Harrands will give voucher for free, call 810-688-2771. (Purchased at 4H Auction, purchaser unable to use.) We hate to see them go to waste.

Milk Marketing Tour
The registration deadline for the 2015 4-H/MMPA Milk Marketing Tour is May 27, 2015. The tour is June 17-18 at Michigan Milk Producers Association Headquarters (MMPA) in Novi. There is no cost for youth to attend, but they must provide their own transportation to and from Novi. Registration is limited to the first 30 youth; only 18 spots remain. The registration form can be emailed upon request.

If you have questions, please feel free to email me or reference the following news article for more details: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/register_for_the_2015_4_h_mmpa_milk_marketing_tour_by_may_27

Goat Showmanship Clinic
Lapeer County 4-H Goat Committee is holding a goat showmanship clinic at the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds on Sat., June 20 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please pre-register at: http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=GoatClinicJune (Click on Register on-line). Or you can fill out the registration form sent through a recent email— or call the MSU Extension office at 810/667-0343.

State Awards Interview Practice, June 17th 6:30pm
For those youth who have been accepted into the State Awards interviewing process at Exploration Days, we are holding a prep night to answer questions and get you ready to shine! I’ve invited Lapeer Toastmasters International to provide some great speech tips and offer critique to presenters (group awards) and interviewees (individual awards). Lapeer County 4-H is wishing all of you the best of luck and congratulations for your recognition as State Delegates!

Senior Scholarship Applications
For those seniors and 4-H’ers in their first or second year of higher education, applications were sent out in the mail to you to apply for 4-H Council’s Senior Scholarships as well as the Dawn Childers Memorial Scholarship and Tina Novotney Scholarship. Here is the basic eligibility:

- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required.
- You must have completed a minimum of four years as a 4-H member in Lapeer County
- You must be currently enrolled as an active 4-H member in Lapeer County
- You must be a graduating senior or have graduated in the last two years.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 19TH
IN THE OFFICE BY 5PM-NO EXCEPTIONS.
Lapeer County 4-H Youth experience state government in action at the 2015 4-H Capitol Experience

Rachel Phillips, Ashley and Jennifer Gibbs, all from Almont, earned Lapeer County 4-H scholarships to attend the annual Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, which is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy.

116 teens from around the state met in Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learned how they can influence policy issues. Participants interacted with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

4-H youth developed a better understanding of the responsibilities of being a citizen, explored different aspects of policy issues that may affect individuals and communities, explored various careers in public policy, and attended a bill writing session. The three Lapeer County delegates also had the opportunity to meet Senator Mike Green, and State Representative Todd Courser. Here’s what Ashley Gibbs had to say about her experience…

4-H Capitol Experience was not only fun, but I learned things that you can’t learn in a book. We made tons of new friends, and experienced things you wouldn’t normally be able to learn in a regular classroom. We actually got to make our own bill and get to know the process of the state government there. We also met plenty of people with different opinions. Some opinions I agreed with, and others not so much. You got to see the different points of views that people have. Everyone we met was really nice and excited to see youth involved. Rachel Phillips, Jennifer Gibbs and I truly enjoyed the experience and hope other youth attend in the future!
Fair News

New BBQ Coordinator needed
We are looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ at the 4-H Livestock Auction at Fair. Please give the office a call.

New Fair Website...
The Eastern Michigan State Fair has updated their website at http://www.easternmichiganstatefair.com/. Online registration will be announced shortly, so keep an eye out for that email.

Summer Camp News:
I've started a fundraising campaign called "Lapeer County 4-H Summer Camp" to raise funds between May 01 2015 and Jun 15 2015 to help send kids to camp and I need your help. Order Schwans products online and your order will be brought directly to your home. We get an initial 20% of your first order. If you purchase a $25 gift card we receive $10. Continue to order for a year and we receive 5% off every order placed online.

Easy to follow directions; just go to the link below and shop online.

https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/20449

Helping Hooves PEP
Hi Everybody! Again I would like to bring your attention to our therapeutic horseback riding program in hopes of getting some volunteers. We have approximately 12 people who are anxiously awaiting the chance to ride a horse for 30 minutes a week for a few short weeks. To help bring a smile to their faces and hearts, please consider volunteering yourself and if possible your horse for this worthy program or, if you know someone outside of 4-H who might be interested, please pass along their name and number and I will contact them. Thank you.
Oakland County...  
The 2015 Oakland County Jackpot Show is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Oakland County Fairgrounds in Davisburg, MI. This is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new friends and sharpen your skills for your county fair. This year we will be hosting a Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest. Livestock judging is the evaluation of an animal’s characteristics and making a comparison to other animals and the ideal standard of that particular class. Youth will have the opportunity to learn by evaluating as a group two individuals. Then, the contest portion begins where youth will judge a class of four animals. Swine, Sheep and Goats will be part of the clinic and contest.

Youth or parents who have questions can contact Jenny McKay at oclivestockclub@aol.com

2015 State 4-H Trail Ride and Family Camp Weekend  June 19-21, 2015
Whiskey Creek Campground in Custer, MI
Full registration materials can be found on our website: http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs

The State 4-H Trail Ride & Family Camp Weekend is a fun-filled event that YOU should add to your calendar this summer! The event takes place at the beautiful Whiskey Creek Campground in Custer, MI. Don’t have a horse? No worries! There are plenty of activities for non-riders. Whiskey Creek Campground offers an indoor heated swimming pool, full electric hook ups, stocked fishing pond, wi-fi, laundry, playground and so much more! The Trail Ride committee has an agenda sure to please: crafts, t-shirt making, science activities, delicious meals, line dancing, and more! Plan on attending to meet other horse-enthusiasts, camp and make great memories. This is a great event for the whole family to share! Camping fees and 6 meals are included with your low registration fee. Registration deadline is June 1st.

Several of the upcoming livestock shows and events that will be hosted at the MSU Pavilion in June and July have recently been updated on the Animal Science Youth Extension web page.

http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/livestock_youth_programs

2015 Block and Bridle Club Lamb Show
June 14, 2015
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
Entries are due May 30, 2015.
Rules and entry form

2015 Michigan Beef Showcase
June 12-14, 2015
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
Entry information is available here. Entry deadline is May 26, 2015. Entry fees are $35.00 per head. This event in MI Shows sanctioned!

2015 Spartan Classic Jr Hog Show
June 19-21, 2015
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
Entry information is available here. Entry deadline is May 26, 2015.
Spartan Classic Entry Information.

Here is a good resource to help protect your hogs from disease: Swine Health Recommendations

EID Tag information:
SwineIDOp\tions_exhibition_FINAL_2-12-14.pdf

2015 State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
July 16, 2015
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
Held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE). Entries are due July 1.
Rules and entry form
Animal Science Education...

The Animal Science Anywhere lesson series is designed to help leaders engage 4-H youth at club meetings or events in learning more about the science and life skills involved in animal and veterinary science projects. Youth may work in teams or individually to accomplish the lesson objectives. Lessons are flexible, providing adaptations for various locations, ages and audiences. 4-H Animal Science Anywhere Activities include the following lesson plans:

4H1655 The Importance of Animal Identification Activity: That’s MY Apple!
4H1656 Anatomy & Physiology Activity: Locating Common Bones
4H1657 Sculpting Meat Science Activity: Creating & Evaluating Steaks
4H1658 Growth & Hormones Activity: Examining Growth Hormones in Beef

Plus there is an attachment to this newsletter titled, “Zoonotic Activity for Project Red Type of Event”. If you are looking for a twenty minute activity for 4-H members, attached is the script for a Zoonotic Disease activity that combines parts of different Animal Science Anywhere lessons as well as other content. The lesson is geared as an introductory activity for third or fourth grade science or younger club members. This was created for counties to utilize and I thought I would share it with others as well. Please let me know if you have any questions.

4-H International Exchange Opportunities...

June 26 to July 14: Host a 4-H member from Belize. Families needed for two 17-18 year old girls.

Raiel, age 18: She likes sports, dancing, chess, and pets, and works as a school secretary. She has been a 4-H club leader, past president, secretary, and treasurer.

Imani, age 17: She likes sightseeing, travel, horseback riding, and singing. She is a sixth form student at a junior college, and member of 4-H.

Contact Jackie Martin (marti623@anr.msu.edu)

July 26 to Aug. 22: Host a Japanese Exchange student, ages 12-16. For more information and a link to profiles of available delegates, go to www.4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/resource/japan_summer_inbound_exchange, or contact Brian Wibby (wibby@anr.msu.edu). Eighteen more host families are needed!

Aug. 2015 to June 2016: Host an exchange student in grades 10, 11, or 12 for the school year. To see a list of all available students, go to http://www.states4hexchange.org/year-long/ or for more information, contact Jan Brinn (brinn@anr.msu.edu)

These goats are for sale by a member in the community...

I have 2 Pygmy Does for sale! I would like to sell them together because they are attached to each other. They are 2 months and 3 months old, both weaned. I'm selling them for $250 total (willing to negotiate). I just want them to go to a good home with a large area to play and run. If you have any questions or are interested please contact me, Jerica 810-441-7152.
4-H Workshops

June 12-14: 4-H S.M.O.R.E.S. Conference
https://sites.google.com/site/4hsmores
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

June 13-14: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_expo2015
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 13-20: Citizenship Washington Focus
http://bit.ly/1Mm2yOi
National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

June 15: Keep Your Head When You Win and Your Heart When You Lose: Teaching Sportsmanship in Animal Science
http://bit.ly/1MnLRnB
Your Computer

June 15-19: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp
MSU, East Lansing

June 17-18: MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@msu.edu)
Novi

June 19-21: State 4-H Trail Ride
Whiskey Creek Campground, Custer

June 21-26: National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational
http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational
Heartland Public Shooting Park, Grand Island, NE

June 24-26: 4-H Exploration Days
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_exploration_days
MSU, East Lansing

June 27: State 4-H Goat Show
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_show1
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

July 6-10: 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_renewable_energy_camp
MSU Campus, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
2015 National 4-H Congress: *Excite, Spark Ignite!*

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. It is a five-day educational gathering that brings together outstanding 4-H members from across the nation to share ideas and experiences. For more than 90 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership-development conference. Congress provides youth with high-quality educational, leadership, community-service and cultural opportunities such as:

- Workshops with topics that include leadership development, character education, agriculture, cultural awareness and diversity education, workforce preparation, environmental stewardship, science and technology, literacy- and communication-skills development.
- Assemblies, seminars, and discussion groups about issues facing our country today and a town hall meeting they moderate where they share the results of those discussions.
- Hands-on projects during a community-service day, at which they learn to work with others to assist individuals and community organizations to improve themselves.
- Networking skills to help them in their after-conference work to address youth needs in their community and state.

In short, Congress is designed to address youth needs and issues, while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens.

**Who:** Congress is designed for youth aged 15 to 19.

**When:** November 27 – December 1, 2015

**Where:** Hyatt Regency ([http://atlantaregency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html](http://atlantaregency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html)), Atlanta, Georgia

**How**

In Michigan, counties identify their delegates and the State 4-H Office provides coordination for the trip. Therefore, interested Michigan 4-H members should contact 4-H staff in their local MSU Extension office ([http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3](http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3)). While there is no limit to the number of participants counties can send, young people are strongly encouraged to attend only once since each year’s program is similar.

**Cost**

The 2015 cost (that includes airfare, registration fee, lodging, snacks, most meals, two shirts and a photograph) is approximately $1,300 per young person.

**More Information**

Ways to find out more about National 4-H Congress include:

- The Congress web site ([http://national4-hcongress.com](http://national4-hcongress.com))
- The Congress Facebook page ([http://on.fb.me/1FGhdQH](http://on.fb.me/1FGhdQH))