



Eaton County

4-H Family News

October 2017

Find resources for the new year!

Do you know where to find the answers to your questions for this new year? We have many resources available to help you find the answer! Here are just a few:

- New to a project or looking to expand your knowledge? The Extension office has a LOT of activities and curricula available (some to check out for FREE!). Come into the office or let us know what you are looking for!
- New family? Check out our welcome packet at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_enrollment/
- Lost with keeping track of dates & meetings? Our 4-H Events Calendar to the rescue! http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar
- Confused about what to do for the JLA and SAA sales? View their FAQ at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/junior_livestock_association & http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/small_animal_association

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

PMR = Public Meeting Room (basement of Extension office); Kardel = Kardel Hall on the Eaton County Fairgrounds

- 4-H Council, 10/2, 7 pm, PMR
- 4-H National Youth Science Day, 10/4, MSU Children's Garden, 4pm—7pm
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair, in-store 10/7-10/12, online 10/7-10/17
- Jr Livestock Association, 10/9, 7 pm, PMR
- Style Revue Committee, 10/11, 7 pm, Extension office
- Fairboard, 10/16, 7 pm, Kardel
- Small Animal Association, 10/19, 7 pm, PMR
- 4-H Shooting Sports Informational Meeting, 10/21, 10 am, Kardel
- Jr Dairy Association, 10/26, 7 pm, PMR
- Dog Committee, 11/8, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Youth-Adult Partnerships Training, 11/9, 6 pm—8 pm, PMR *please RSVP*
- 4-H Council, 11/13, 7 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 11/16, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 11/20, 7 pm, Kardel

Follow our Google calendar for a calendar layout of events!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar

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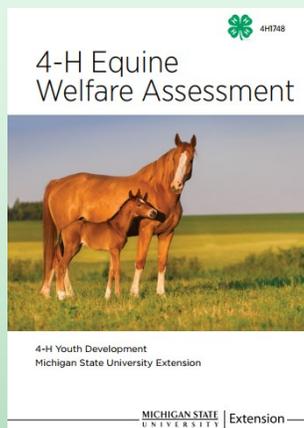
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4-H Equine Welfare Assessment Guide



Equine welfare science is an emerging discipline. The guide will help youth learn equine welfare principles as well as how to better care for their horses. It is designed to assist horse leaders in providing a way to teach and improve important skills for life such as clear oral communication, information gathering, analytical thinking and observation. There are also sample scenarios as a supplement to the welfare assessment.

Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_equine_welfare_assessment_4h1748 to find the guide and more information including the link to the sample scenarios.

4-H Workshops

October 12 : 4-H Club 201—Building Bridges
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges_1
 Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

November 8: Teen Leader and Officer Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_leader_officer_training
 Missaukee County MSU Extension Office, Lake City

November 4: 4-H Club Leadership Workshop—Officer Roles and Bylaw Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_leadership_workshop_officer_roles_bylaw_training
 Executive Office Building, Waterford Township

November 11: 4-H Club Officer Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training
 Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

Other 4-H Events

October 4 : MSU National Youth Science Day at the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/msu_national_youth_science_day_at_the_childrens_gardens
 Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens, East Lansing

October 6 : Wexford County 4-H Kids Cook Challenge
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/wexford_county_4_h_kids_cook_challenge
 Wexford County Extension Office, Cadillac

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest
 MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

October 12: 4-H National Youth Science Day Afterschool Program
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_national_youth_science_day_afterschool_program
 Alcona Middle School, Lincoln

November 14: 4-H Robotic Series
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1
 Delta Township District Library, Lansing

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

Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to Michigan 4-H and the youth who participate in our programs, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. These awards are patterned after the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards and are designed to provide an opportunity to recognize Michigan 4-H volunteers on the state, regional and national level.

The two categories of awards include Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, for a current or former 4-H volunteer who has served 4-H'ers for ten or more years, and the Volunteer of the Year, for currently serving volunteers that have served for less than ten years at the county or state level.

Nominees are selected on the following criteria:

- Evidence of positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth.
- Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision making, problem solving, meeting challenges and mastery.
- Dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.
- Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program.
- Innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.
- Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.
- Innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth-serving agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.
- Demonstrating a professional attitude, character and morals.
- Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer.

Winners and honorable mentions from the pool of nominations will be announced in November of 2017 and will receive a personalized plaque. The most qualified candidates will be forwarded to the National 4-H Council for consideration for regional and national recognition. Those awards are announced in February 2018 and April 2018, respectively.

The nomination process requires nominees (or their nominators) to work with their local 4-H program coordinator to complete a nomination form, a resume and assemble three letters of recommendation. If you are interested in nominating an outstanding volunteer in your community for the Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards, contact your local 4-H program coordinator. All nomination materials must be submitted by your county staff person by October 15.



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Help show your 4-H pride and share your love of 4-H during National 4-H Week from October 1 –7! Here are a few ways that you can participate:

- **4-H National Youth Science Day**
October 4, 4 p.m.—7 p.m., MSU Children’s Garden
Learn about awesome science and attend for a chance to win a FREE science kit (and enter your teacher for chance to win a BIG science kit!). Activities will feature aeronautics, engineering, animal science, horticulture, and more! Several MSU groups will also be present, including Create 4 STEM and the Animal Science Undergraduate Student Research Association!
- **Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign**
October 4—October 15
Support Eaton County 4-H by promoting the campaign and purchasing a clover for \$1 at checkout at the West Lansing or Charlotte TSC! Clubs can promote 4-H and help by setting up a booth at either store (contact the store manager to arrange a booth). Funds raised support our county scholarships for youth to attend state events, like 4-H Exploration Days, and leadership opportunities!
- **Barnes & Noble Bookfair**
In-store at Lansing Mall: October 7—12, Online: October 7—17
Help support Eaton and Ingham County 4-H at our Barnes & Noble bookfair! A portion of each purchase (must mention the book fair at checkout in store or use the bookfair code online) will be donated to Eaton and Ingham County 4-H. Visit us at the Lansing Mall Barnes & Noble from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. on October 7 for our store takeover, featuring make and take crafts, catapults, germination necklaces, robotics, and more! There will be a LEGO Duplo event at 1 p.m. as well! Also, Educator Appreciation Week starts October 7 (educators receive 25% off) and Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan Chillers series, will be at the store for a book signing on October 8!
- **Register as a 4-H Alumni between October 1—31 to help our county win \$500!**
Anyone can sign up (parents, volunteers, supporters, alumni)! Raise your hand in support of 4-H by signing up on National 4-H’s Alumni website at <https://4-h.org/4-h-alumni-community/>. The Michigan county that has the most sign-ups from October 1—31 will win \$500 for 4-H programs! You will also be connected to the statewide and nationwide network of 4-H!
- **Use a Snapchat filter and Facebook profile picture frame to promote 4-H on your social media accounts!**
National 4-H will have special Snapchat filters and a Facebook profile picture frame available! Share your 4-H story, what motivates you and what you’ve learned in 4-H! Use hashtags #4hgrowshere #MI4H #eatoncounty4h. Hint: share your story on a public setting to share the good with the world!

4-H Council Corner

- 4-H Council is the governing body advising 4-H matters in the county. Share your voice! Each club is strongly encouraged to send representatives to meetings!
- Next meeting: 10/2 at 7 pm in the PMR. Give back to the county 4-H program and help shape the program by becoming an officer! Volunteer and youth officer roles will be elected at this meeting.
- Fair theme: suggestions to the Extension office by 10/2 or bring to the 10/2 meeting. Themes will be emailed out to everyone and then voted on at the 11/13 meeting. Each club is allowed 2 representatives to vote (1 volunteer, 1 youth).
- Show your 4-H pride: Purchase a “4-H Grows Here” window decal at the Extension office for \$6!
- Awards banquet: Submit your suggestion for a new name for our county awards banquet by November 10! Previously titled “Volunteer Celebration”, 4-H Council is looking for a new name that will reflect the event which honors volunteers and youth!

Shooting Sports Informational Meeting

Are you interested in participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports club this year? You won't want to miss the informational meeting on 10/21 at 10 a.m. at Kardel Hall. The meeting will go over sign-up information, schedule, and more!

4-H Robotics Series

Learn how to build and program your own robot using the LEGO EV3 robots and participate in a variety of challenges in a 6 week series! The series is on Tuesdays from November 14—December 19 from 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library in Lansing. The series covers an introduction to the LEGO EV3 robots and will focus mostly on programming. The cost is \$20 (4-H Participation Fee; no cost to existing members), just sign up in the “4-H Robotics Series” in 4-H Online. For more information, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1.

Officer Training

Have you been elected as an officer of your club or 4-H group? Want to know how to perform your role? How do you make a motion and run a meeting? Learn about officer roles and parliamentary procedure at the Officer Training on December 4, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. in the PMR (basement of Extension office). RSVP for this FREE training by December 1 to the Extension office! Pizza will be available at 5:30 p.m.

Youth-Adult Partnerships Training

Volunteers, do you want to strengthen youth voice, leadership, and involvement in your club? Learn how to work with youth as partners to build a better club! Three trainings on youth-adult partnerships will be held throughout the 2017-2018 program year. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE TRAINING!** Trainings are free and dinner or refreshments will be served 30 minutes prior to the start of the training. All trainings are located in the Public Meeting Room (basement of the Extension office). Please RSVP to the Extension office by the day prior to the training you want to attend. Youth are welcome to attend as well!

- Thursday, November 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 24, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, February 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Prospective Volunteers

Have you considered becoming a volunteer? There is a revised process for our Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) to reflect our new centralized process. These changes can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_enrollment#volunteers. All prospective volunteers must go through this process prior to being accepted as a volunteer. Any adult who is involved in a club activity on an ongoing basis (more than 4 meetings) must go through this process.

One of the steps to become a new 4-H leader is to complete an interview with 4-H staff. If you know someone who wants to volunteer, the next scheduled interview dates are 10/19 for time slots available between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. or 11/30 for time slots available between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes. Call the Extension office to RSVP for a time slot.

Upcoming volunteer orientation dates are 10/19 at 3:30 p.m. or 11/30 at 6:30 p.m. The orientation will take about 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours and you must RSVP to the Extension office. All volunteers must attend an orientation within their first year of becoming a registered leader.