



Eaton County

4-H Family News

February 2019

Eaton County 4-H Fun Day

What: Eaton County 4-H Fun Day - Animal Projects, Non-Livestock Projects, Dance, and Pizza

When: Saturday, March 23 from 4 pm - 9 pm

Where: Kardell Hall - 1025 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813

Cost: FREE

Interested in being a Project Leader: Any older teen or adult can lead a project. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45aca82aaafc1-eaton>

Interested in being a Participant: Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45aca82aaafc1-eaton1>

Ages 5-19 (4-H Age) are welcome to participate. If you have any younger/older siblings they are also welcome.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Jr Livestock Association, 2/11, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 2/18, 7 pm, Kardel
- Extension office CLOSED 2/18 for President's Day
- 4-H Council, 3/4, 7 pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, 3/7, 7 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 3/13, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 3/18, 7 pm, Kardel
- Dog Committee, 3/20, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Spring Leader Update Meeting, 3/25, 6:30pm, PMR
- 4-H Fashion Venue, 3/23, 2—5pm, St. Mary's, Charlotte
- 4-H Fun Day, 3/23, 4—9pm, 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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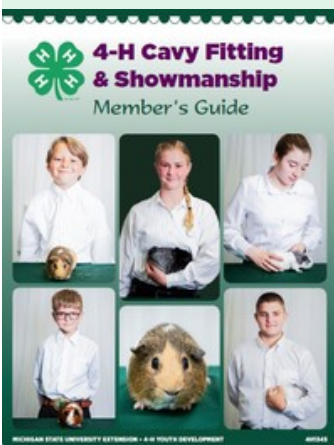
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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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New Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide



Michigan 4-H cavy showmen now have a new resource! The Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide contains objectives and guidelines for the 4-H participant in cavy fitting and showing contests.

Information covered in the resource includes feeding, care, handling and conditioning. The bulletin provides full color, step-by-step instructions with photo illustrations for completing the contest examination. Also included is a cavy showmanship scorecard.

Download your free copy today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/cavy-fitting-showmanship-member-s-guide-4h1345>.

4-H Events and Workshops

February 2 : 4-H Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Learn more about form, function, improving patterns and lead changes from experts Brian Bannerman, September Croel and Karen Waite during this day of interactive sessions.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic>

February 15-16: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from experienced veterinarians and others.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-veterinary-science-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 16: Michigan 4-H at the Griffins

VanAndel Arena, Grand Rapids

Come out to VanAndel Arena for an exciting night of hockey with the Grand Rapids Griffins! A portion of each ticket will support Michigan 4-H programming.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-at-the-griffins>

February 16-17: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

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

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Attend this conference to explore topics such as horse judging, equine first aid, and veterinary care for horses. Information shared will assist leaders in youth development and more.

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

February 23-24: 4-H Teen Leaders in Action Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Teens attending this workshop will learn how to teach an educational lesson to other youth in their local community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-leaders-in-action-workshop>

February 24: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception

MSU Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

The Michigan 4-H alumni community is invited to an alumni reception prior to the 4-H Day at the Breslin event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>

February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin

MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

Show your Michigan 4-H pride while cheering on the MSU Women's Basketball team during this annual event.

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

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

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1



As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Occurring in two locations, East Lansing and Marquette/Chatham, attendees have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about one of twenty grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due April 1.

Start planning your 4-H Exploration Days adventure!



A fun summer favorite for Michigan 4-H'ers across the state, plans are well underway for the 2019 4-H Exploration Days! This signature MSU precollege program, to be held June 19-21, allows youth to stay on the campus of Michigan State University while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay. In addition to enjoying fun and learning on campus, attendees build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult.

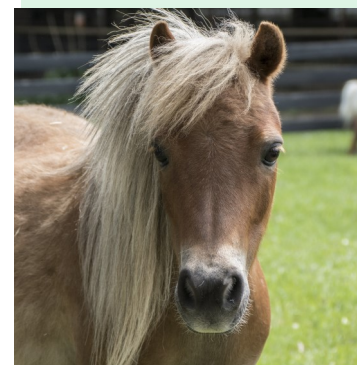
The event features more than 200 session choices. Begin planning your stay when the 4-H Exploration registration books become available mid-February! Topics include animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international

language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology.

Use the registration book to make your top session selections in advance of registration opening on March 12 (also be on the lookout for session age restrictions). Sessions will fill up quickly and all registration information is due to your county's MSU Extension office at the end of April, although specific dates vary.

For more information, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.

Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines now available



The new Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines allow Michigan 4-H mini showmen to understand the rules governing their shows. It is also a great resource for leaders and show managers, as well as 4-H members!

Included in the document is information for all classes, including: jumper, hunter, costume, driven dressage, gymkhana, pole bending and more.

Download your free copy today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf.

2019 Fair Theme

The fair theme for the 2019 Eaton County Fair is:

The County Fair—An All American Tradition

Spring Leader Update Meeting

Please save Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. on your calendars for the Spring Leader Update meeting. All clubs must send at least one registered volunteer to this meeting. The meeting will go over 4-H updates, fair information, and sign-ups for Food Shack, grey building, and fairground clean-up shifts. **It is highly important that someone attends due to major updates with how entries and the sales will work this year.** If nobody from your club can make the meeting, you need to meet with Kristy prior to March 29 (Kristy is not available in April to meet).

Enrollment deadline fast approaching!

Are you fully enrolled in 4-H? Do you know someone who would like to join? All 4-H members must be fully enrolled by March 15 to be eligible to show at the 2019 Eaton County Fair as a 4-H member. Not sure if you are enrolled? You can easily check! Log into your 4-H Online account and look at each member under the blue chart titled “Member/Volunteer List” and look at “Enrollment Status”. The following options may appear:

- Active: Fully enrolled!
- Pending: NOT ENROLLED. You need to submit your 4-H Participation Fee to the Extension office. If you paid to your club, remind the club leader to submit the fee.
- Incomplete: NOT ENROLLED. You need to finalize and submit your enrollment. This usually happens if the signature authorization page was not correctly completed and needs to be redone.
- Inactive: NOT ENROLLED. You need to renew your 4-H Online profile.

Members should receive an email from the system as well once their profile has been approved. You can check your account by visiting https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment. If you have questions about your status listed in 4-H Online, please contact the office.

4-H Fashion Venue registration now open!

Do you enjoy making clothes and accessories? Show your confidence and your items by participating in the 4-H Fashion Venue event! The event will take place on Saturday, March 23, from 2pm –5pm at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Charlotte. Pre-registration for the event is free but required by March 11. For more details about this fashion show and to register, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/fashion_venue_committee.

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 2/11 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. The meeting will discuss the budget for the year, sale marketing/advertising, bylaw changes that were proposed at the last meeting, and feature a presentation from the dairy feeder species representatives.

Fair board Corner

- Next meeting: 2/18 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall.

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 3/4 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. Council will continue the discussion of ideas for supporting clubs with educational resources; come with ideas on what you would like to see for your club!

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 3/7 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend. This meeting will discuss donations to fair board from sale profit.
- Are you attending any 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days? Youth in small animal projects can earn scholarships for attending meetings! \$15/meeting for up to 4 meetings per year.
- Reminder that SAA voted to have clubs rotate who is in charge of the SAA sale lunch and silent auction. The list of clubs responsible this year and the duties can be found at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/234/91032/SAA Luncheon and Silent Auction Club Rotation Schedule.pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/234/91032/SAA_Luncheon_and_Silent_Auction_Club_Rotation_Schedule.pdf)

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 3/13 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. HDC will feature educational presentations from state show delegates, discuss future meetings, and the June clinic.

4-H Fashion Venue Corner

- Next meeting: 3/13 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. This meeting will discuss further event planning for the 4-H Fashion Venue (formerly 4-H Style Revue). If you are involved in the clothing/textile project areas (sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc), you are encouraged and welcome to attend to help shape this event!
- See page 4 for registration information!

Dog Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 3/20 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. Get information on Bonnie's spring dog classes at this meeting.
- Save the date! The Pre-Fair Dog Show will be on May 18.
- Attention all dog leaders! NOW AVAILABLE: 10 copies of the Ohio State University Dog Resource Handbook for clubs. Club dog leaders will be able to check out the handbook for the year to use as a resource with 4-H members. To check out a copy, contact the Extension office. This is a great resource!

Beef Tagging

All those who are planning to exhibit beef and dairy market at the 2019 Eaton County Fair, please watch your emails for tagging information! This email will be sent to all those enrolled in the beef, dairy cattle, dairy market, and dairy feeder project areas in 4-H Online. Tags will be available starting 1/15 and forms and photos are due by 2/15.

Scholarships available for increasing your skills and knowledge!

Ongoing training to improve skills and knowledge in both youth development and specific projects are important for 4-H volunteers. Did you know that to help with this effort, 4-H Council has a scholarship for volunteers who attend educational workshops?

Volunteers can be reimbursed for fees up to 50 percent at educational workshops such as Kettunen Center workshops, 4-H Exploration Days, and more! For more information about this scholarship, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/4_h_advisory_council#scholarship.

5 tips for building 5 key leadership skills—Part 1: Making decisions

It is important for youth to be able to practice decision-making skills in order to increase their abilities. Here are a few things even new volunteers can do to develop the decision-making skills of their participants:

- Allow youth to make their own decisions, even if the adult volunteers don't agree. Youth may consider different influences than adults when making their decision, and it may end up being a better decision. If you are an adult, try to recall a time when someone told you what to do and you thought it was the wrong decision. How did that make you feel?
- Let youth experience the consequences of their decisions. It is easy for adults to want to "fix" a decision they believe is wrong, but the youth will learn more by seeing a decision through to the end result.
- With younger children, give them two specific options to choose from. This will help them build confidence in making decisions in a more controlled situation. They will also appreciate having some degree of control over their experience.
- Help youth actively think about their voice. Take polls to let them make decisions as a group (which toppings to order on a pizza, whether to meet Tuesday or Saturday next week, which community service project they want to work on).
- Engage youth in current events. Give them a space to talk about what's going on and what they think about it. Allow them to have differing opinions, but make sure they treat all opinions with respect.

For more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/5_tips_for_building_youths_leadership_skills_part_1_making_decision.

Prospective Volunteers

All prospective volunteers must go through the Volunteer Selection Process in its entirety 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. The full process can be found at http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu_extension_volunteer_selection_process. Contact the Extension office with any questions!