



Eaton County

4-H Family News

November/December 2019

Volunteer challenge to clubs

Volunteers are the cornerstone of our 4-H program. Without adults who are willing to step up and guide the youth in the program, we would not be able to do all we do! Our program also continually needs adults who are willing to volunteer and give their time to the youth in our community. The Expansion and Review Committee and 4-H Council are issuing a challenge to clubs for the 2019-2020 program year to help build volunteers and capacity within our program.

- **The challenge:** Recruit new volunteers to your club!
- **Who is a volunteer?** Adults who successfully complete the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP). Who can go through VSP? Any adult over age 20! Parents who help out with the club, grandparents, 4-H alumni, other community members. Any adult who completes VSP between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020 will count toward this challenge.
- **PRIZES!** Club prizes will be awarded for the most new volunteers in the club (who have completed VSP) between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020 in each club category: small with 5—15 youth members, medium with 16—30 youth members, and large with 30+ youth members (youth numbers determined by enrollment at the end of the program year).

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Extension office CLOSED 11/28, 11/29, 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, and 1/1
- Jr Livestock Association, 12/9, 7 pm, PMR
- Officer Training, 12/10, 6-8pm, PMR *Please RSVP by 12/6*
- Horse Development Committee, 12/11, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 12/16, 7 pm, Kardel
- 4-H Council, 1/6, 7 pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, 1/9, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 1/20, 7 pm, Kardel
- Advanced Officer Training, 1/28, 6-8pm, PMR *Please RSVP by 1/24*

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](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton%20county%204%20h/4%20h%20events%20calendar)

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**Register now
for the 2020
State 4-H Rabbit
& Cavy Show!**



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 25, 2020 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish at bit.ly/31KaOpQ. Pre-entry for this event is optional.

Spectators are welcome!

4-H Events and Workshops

December 3: Give Green Day

Statewide

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 12: Start Your Own Insect Collection

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

This class will introduce collecting and preserving insects. All participants receive an insect collection box, set of pins, and leave the class with 10-20 pinned insects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/starting-your-own-insect-collection>

December 14: Treat Yourself Workshop

Berrien County MSU Extension Office, Benton Harbor

A countywide project where youth will learn about chocolate and spa projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/berrien-county-4-h-treat-yourself-workshop>

December 15: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Dec. 15 Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$10 will go back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-19>

December 30: 4-H Spa-Delicious Countywide Project

Van Buren County MSU Extension Office, Paw Paw

Learn how to make homemade body products in this fun and educational class. Each participant takes home their own bath fizzies, sugar scrub, lip balm and air freshener!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spa-delicious-countywide-project>

February 1: Michigan 4-H Winterfest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

A crowd favorite every year, this statewide event is for youth ages 8-12. A special emphasis is placed on providing sessions that offer hands-on learning. Registration opens at noon on Tuesday, December 3. This event typically fills in a matter of HOURS.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/winterfest20/>

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

Get ready for the 2020 4-H State Award applications process!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich

learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition>. Applications are due Feb. 1, 2020. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu.

What can you do because of 4-H? Share for a chance to win!

Michigan 4-H'ers ages 11-12 are encouraged to share how 4-H has impacted them through the 4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. A great introduction to the Michigan 4-H State Awards program, Mark of Excellence contestants write a 500 word essay on the topic of "Because of 4-H, I can..." Winners will receive a certificate of recognition and medal to commemorate their accomplishment.

Essays are due to respective county 4-H offices by February 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youth essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. The committee uses the essays to inform the public about what 4-H means to youth and copies are also shared with the Michigan State 4-H Office, Michigan 4-H Foundation, and Kettunen Center.

For more additional information and instructions, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition> or contact Kelly Stelter at grandtke@msu.edu.

**Support
Michigan 4-H
with holiday
shopping!**



Get ready for the holidays by supporting 4-H while making your purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.

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 12/7 at 10 a.m. at Kardel Hall. The meeting will go over sign-up information, schedule, and more! Don't forget to join the Eaton County 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook group to find lots of information and reminders: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/207779532694656/>

NEW this year is a wildlife and outdoor education discipline for all ages, including cloverbuds! Attend the informational meeting for more information!

Book Club

Do you love to read? Then the 4-H Winter SPIN Book Club is for you! Participants will be reading *Lunch Money* by children's fiction author, Andrew Clements. Don't have a library card or book copy? No problem! Every participant will receive a copy of the book to borrow for the duration of the club. Come join us for book discussions, activities, crafts, and great times with new friends! Do you have reading hours to complete? Join the club! We'll help you complete your hours in style! This club will meet on December 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th and 19th from 5-6pm at the Eaton County MSU Extension Office. This club is FREE for 4-H members or only \$20 to sign up in 4-H! RSVP for the club by contacting the Extension office or emailing ochylski@msu.edu.

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 Tuesday, December 10, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. in the PMR (basement of Extension office). RSVP for this FREE training by December 6 to the Extension office! Dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. to those who RSVP (please indicate any food sensitivities when RSVP'ing).

Advanced Officer Training

Have you attended officer training in the past? Held multiple officer roles or the same office numerous times? There is now an advanced training just for you! The advanced officer training is on Tuesday, January 28, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. and will cover more advanced parliamentary procedure and share ideas and strategies for making club meetings more effective and engaging! RSVP for this FREE training by Friday, January 24 to the Extension office! Dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. to those who RSVP (please indicate any food sensitivities when RSVP'ing).

Movie Club

Love watching movies? Join the 4-H Winter SPIN Movie Club! Each week participants will watch and discuss a different children's film, from March of the Penguins (December 9), The Chronicles of Narnia (December 11), The Nightmare Before Christmas (December 13), Cool Runnings (December 16), Eight Below (December 18), and Frozen (December 20)! Come join us for movie viewings, discussions, activities, crafts, and great times with new friends! Want a movie night out of the house? This is for you! Can't make it to every show? No problem, come when you can. This club will meet December 9th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 18th, and 20th from 5-7pm at the Eaton County MSU Extension Office. This club is FREE for 4-H members or only \$20 to sign up in 4-H! RSVP for the club by contacting the Extension office or emailing ochylski@msu.edu.

Graham's Closet

Alaura Reist, a 4-Her from the Millerburg 4-H Club, is creating a new initiative in the county and needs your help! This project will help offer show clothes for youth at the Eaton County Fair. Named after the founder of 4-H, A. B. Graham, this project is working towards creating clothing options for youth showing at the fair to borrow for show day. Read more from Alaura and how you can help below:

Hello everyone, my name is Alaura Reist from the Millerburg 4-H club and I am working towards kicking off a new project to benefit Eaton County showmen. The project is called Graham's Closet and the purpose of it is to have various articles of show clothes in multiple sizes for showmen to borrow for when they show at the fair. We would love for everyone to help make this project a success by donating any show clothes that they are not using. This makes it possible for other showmen to have the chance to have the proper attire for show and to be the best showman they can be. The kinds of clothes we are looking for are blue, black, or white jeans, any of the different kinds of show shirts, shoes, and belts. Also, if anyone has plastic totes that they would be willing to donate to help store the clothes will be greatly appreciated. There will be a donation box at the Eaton County MSU Extension office where you can drop off any of these clothes. Thank you so much for all the support and help you show towards this project. If anyone has any questions they can contact me by email at aalreist@gmail.com.

Kardel Hall Fundraiser

The Eaton County Ag Society is excited to announce that there will be a fundraiser dinner on Saturday, December 14 to help support the recent Kardel Hall renovation project. This will be a dinner you won't want to miss! You will receive an excellent meal catered by Swede's Restaurant of Mulliken. We will have a wide variety of refreshments including a cash bar provided by the Charlotte VFW. Wait it gets better, you will also receive a decadent dessert by Pink Poppy Confections. To end the night we will have an auction including some great items and services that have been donated by local businesses.

Ticket prices: Adults (13 and up) \$10 each, Child (5-12) \$5 and age 5 and under are free. Hurry as seating is limited. Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase on the night of the event \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

For more information, visit the Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/422095851812832/>.

Fair board

Next meeting: 12/16
at 7 p.m. at Kardel
Hall.

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 12/9 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. This meeting will discuss the budget for the year.

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 12/11 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will include a discussion of the State 4-H Horse Show delegate selection process.
- State 4-H Horse Show Delegate Selection Process has been updated! Find the new process online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/horse_development_committee

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 1/6 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. Bring your ideas for how to spend the funds allocated from the endowment!
- 4-H Council is sponsoring each club to purchase up to \$50 per club of 4-H curricula for club use! You can view prices and curricula types at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_club_resources/ (scroll down to “Resources available for club use” and look under “Resource books”). Copies of each curricula are also available at the Extension office if you wish to see the curricula prior to deciding what the club would like to buy (Extension office copies are also available for check out or purchase depending on the curricula). Please contact the Extension office with which curricula your club would wish to purchase!

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 1/9 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend. Interested in being a species representative? There are many open positions! Learn more about your species, help shape the project area for the county, and more!

Fashion Venue Committee Corner

- Next meeting: TBD (email will be sent when scheduled). This meeting will discuss ideas and plans for our 4-H fashion show event for this coming year. If you are involved in clothing/textile and related project areas, please attend and share your thoughts!
- We need your input! The committee is looking at moving the event to August, after fair projects are likely to be finished. Would you like this event to be held in March or August? Share your feedback here: <https://forms.gle/jRLGiS7upWEPKrWM8>

Dog Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 3/18 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. All those in the dog project area are encouraged to attend.