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The 4H



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Newsletter for 4-H Families

2010



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 Members may also get the newsletter from the website at www.co.livingston.mi.us/msuextension



MSU Exploration Day

June 23-25, 2010

Ready to spend three exciting days living in the Michigan State University residence halls and participating in fun sessions about interesting topics? From June 23 to 25, 2010 you can be one of the 2,500 people from across the state who take part in 4-H Exploration Days.

Participants must be at least 11 years old, and will be able to choose one or two of the action-packed sessions to attend while on campus. Among this year's 200 choices are sailing, sled dogs, yoga, web design, and much more.

The deadline to register is April 30, 2010, but to increase your chances of getting into your first-choice selections be sure to complete your registration form and turn it into the 4-H office as soon as possible.

Stop by the MSU Extension Office for a registration packet.

2010 State 4-H Goat Expo

Saturday April 24, 2010

The 4-H Goat Expo is designed for young people who are interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge in relation to the goat industry in a fun and educational manner. Events of this expo include quiz bowl, judging, cookery and foods, photography, and lots more. The event will be split into two age groups,

Junior (9 to 14) and Senior (15 to 19) and the cost for the expo is \$2 per participant and \$2 per contest.

All registration forms are due to the MSU Extension office by March 26, 2010.

For more information stop by the MSU Extension office or call (517) 432-7604.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

April 16-18, 2010

If you are at least 12 years old and want to know more about the dairy industry, this is the conference for you! You'll learn about dairy management topics including cattle nutrition, health, reproduction and cattle evaluation. Practice for state dairy management contests such as the skill-a-thon and quiz bowls about dairy nutrition. You'll also tour area farms.

Cost for this event is \$90.00, which included meals, lodging, and a \$25 resource fee for registration materials and resource people.

Stop by the MSU Extension Office for a registration packet.

Dog Training Classes



Dog Training classes are being offered to any 4-H member. Classes in showmanship, obedience, agility, and rally may be offered, provided there is enough interest. If interested, send an email to Karen at: krnv59@hotmail.com, including what class you would like to take, what 4-H club you belong to, your 4-H age, telephone number, and your breed of dog.

4-H Companion Animal Teen and Adult Leader Workshop

May 15-16, 2010

This workshop is for 4-H volunteers (adults and teens age 13 years old by January 1, 2010). The workshop features Adele Yunk who started as a 4-H member and is now a nationally renowned dog obedience instructor, author, and Michigan record holder for Obedience Trail Champion Titles. Some topics that will be covered are obedience training, agility, freestyle, advanced obedience topics, hunting dogs, showmanship, rally, and much more. Registration deadline is April 30, 2010.

The cost to attend this workshop is \$52.00, which includes meals, lodging, and a \$15 resource fee.

For more information and a registration packet stop by the MSU Extension Office.

Mark your Calendar

Lamb and Pig Tagging

May 1st, 2010 10:00am – 4:00pm at the fairgrounds

All market animals must be tagged on this date, NO EXCEPTIONS.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor's and Teen Instructor's Workshop

April 23-25, 2010

Choose one of several disciplines offered at this workshop as a first step in becoming certified as a Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. Disciplines offered will include archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading, and hunting and wildlife. Open to new and experienced adult volunteers, as well as young people ages 16 and up. Registration deadline is April 9, 2010.

Cost for this workshop is \$73.00, which included meals, lodging, and a \$18 resource fee.

For more information and a registration packet stop by the MSU Extension Office.

4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop

April 22-25, 2010

This workshop will give experience 4-H shooting sports instructors the chance to develop and improve their skills in facilitating Michigan 4-H shooting sports workshops for adult and teen volunteer leaders. Workshop topics will include best practices in youth and adult education, implementing 4-H goals and policies, and effective workshop facilitation skills. Participants may become certified as 4-H shooting sports trainers in rifle, shotgun, archery, muzzle loading, or hunting and wildlife. Participants will be selected through an application process for volunteers aged 21 and up. The deadline for registration is March 29, 2010.

The cost for this workshop is \$82.50, which includes meals, lodging, training resources, teaching materials, and more.

Stop by the MSU Extension Office for more information and a registration packet.

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Training

April 6, 2010

7:00 pm

LESA Building

Highlander Way, Howell

Followed by Market Livestock General Mtg.
for everyone

Open to all 4-H members ages 9-18 as of January 1, 2010. This training is very useful to members to help with drug administration, nutrition, general care, and much more.

PQA training will be mandatory for all Livingston County 4-H members in the swine project area starting in 2011. For older members the certification is good for three years. This year we are offering this class free to member next year there will be a fee so get trained now. Registration is required. Register for the 2010 training by March 29 by calling 517-546-3950.

Grand Equestrians Ride- A- Thon

Brighton State Recreation Area

May 22, 2010

10:30 am.- 4:30 p.m.

Awards and Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

This event is open to everyone (Must provide own horse). Registration fee is a minimum of \$25.00 pledge per rider but any additional pledges collected are greatly appreciated. For every \$50.00 collected entrant will be entered in the Grand Prize drawing so the more you bring the better your chance of winning. Baked goods and additional water will be available for purchase throughout the day and there will also be a bottle drive taking place so please bring any cans you have. Park entry fees are NOT included in registration and the event is Rain or Shine so NO REFUNDS!

Minimum pledge of \$25.00 and form are due to MSU Extension Office by May 15, 2010. For more information or the Pledge Form go to the Extension Office website

Spring Achievement

April 17, 2010

Registration	12:30 p.m.
Evaluation	1:00 p.m.
Evening Style Show	6:30 p.m.

A great opportunity for 4-H sewers, knitters, crafters, and shoppers!

The purpose of Spring Achievement is to give 4-H members an opportunity to have their wearable clothing projects evaluated on the basis of "looking good." Spring Achievement also offers an opportunity for members to display a variety of textile projects.

Age Groups for Spring Achievement

(Age as of January 1, 2010)

Novice	5-8 years of age
Junior	9-11 years of age
Intermediate	12-14 years of age
Senior	15-18 years of age

*The Novice age group is not included in the Buymanship Project Area which requires a purchased outfit under \$25.00 and a record book available at the MSU Extension office.

Evening Style Show

April 17, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Public Welcome

Awards for workmanship and presentation are awarded to members during the evening show.

Website Update

The Animal Science Youth Program web site has recently posted a listing of upcoming pig and lamb sales, as well as sources for private treaty purchase of youth project animals. Visit the following website for more information. The address is <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/>. At this home page, click on the link for "Livestock Programs".

Horse Leaders General Meeting

April 26, 2010

6:00pm at the Fairgrounds

The meeting features speaker Chris Stokes and cake and ice cream will be served.

Come and learn how to properly warm up your gymkhana horse, how practicing gymkhana can help your pleasure horse, and learn the benefits to practicing slow and controlled for gymkhana.

Small Animal General Meeting

April 14, 2010

Time 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

4-H Small Animal Committee presents a "Night at the Movies"

Come and enjoy popcorn and lemonade as you watch showmanship videos on rabbits, poultry, dogs, llama/ alpaca, and cats.

Spring Gardening Series 2010

April 21, 2010 7pm

New to Vegetable Growing... What You Need to Know to Create and Maintain a Garden

April 28, 2010 7 pm

Organic Vegetable Gardening... What's Involved

May 6, 2010 7 pm

Introduction to Creating Your Own Rain Garden

May 13, 2010 7 pm

The Basics of Pruning Trees and Shrubs... When, Why, and How

May 20, 2010 5:30- 6:30 pm

Crazy-Fast Plant Exchange

May 27, 2010 7pm

Plant CSI... Learn the Basics of Identifying and Treating Problems with Plants

All classes are held at the MSU Extension Office and the cost per class is \$10.

Stop by the MSU Extension Office for the registration packet.

Nasco 5% Showman's Rebate Program for County 4-H Livestock Members

Want to help out our county 4-H livestock program? It's easy... just order your livestock needs from Nasco and our county 4-H livestock program will receive a 5% rebate check at the end of our county fair! All you have to do is report our county number every time you place an order. Get your friends and relatives to do the same thing- the more people who order from Nasco, the more money we make for our county 4-H livestock program!

When ordering from their website place your coupon number in the Search term or Product # box. Find our county name by sting the mouse over the certificate- click on our counties certificate and click add to basket.

When ordering over the phone just remember to tell the operator the coupon number when you place the order.

When ordering by mail, write our coupon number in the "Billing Information" area on the front of the order form in your Nasco catalog.

Our coupon number is:

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Attention Teen Leaders, Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers –

It is time to document all the wonderful things you do. Division 53 and Division 54 in the fair book have few entries and even less exhibits. Division 53 is Leadership, Achievement, Self-Determined and Citizenship. Division 54 is Record Books.

These two divisions are basically documenting the activities that teen leaders or your club, in the case of secretary or treasurer, have already done. Record books are the means of documentation needed and they can be downloaded off the Michigan 4-H web site or obtained through the 4-H office.

The Teen Leader Portfolio looks a little overwhelming but the questions are ones that most teen leaders have already answered in their head. Such as “What would I like to do in my club this year as a 4-H teen leader? What specific skills do I already have that will help me with my leadership development?” The final page is a resume. Yes, it takes time to write a resume but students are required to write one in their senior year of high school so why not get a head start? The teen leader web site also has three videos about teen leadership that can be watched and certificates of completion that can be printed. This way you can attend “workshops” and have certificates of completion to place in your 4-H Teen Leader Portfolio.

The secretary and treasurers record books are a great way to organize the documents you are already compiling. What is even greater is this can be a history of your club’s meetings and finances added on from year to year by each subsequent treasurer and secretary. What a neat thing it would be for someone years from now to be able to look back in the book you started and benefit from the examples of activities that were documented. Your information would be an asset to your club’s planning of future activities for both functional details and budgeting purposes. It could even be thought of as a study in anthropology as you see the changes in specific activities as they evolve over the years.

As the new Superintendent of Division 53 and Division 54, I would really like to see some entries. Any club

that would like me to come speak at your meeting; just let me know and we can make arrangements. (Just think, another “training” you can document on your Treasurers will be able to document that my stipend was to share in your club’s refreshments!). I hope to hear from you soon, Barb Parker, joeporter@tm.net or (517)223-787.

May 1st Forms are now available at the MSU Extension Office

Forms are available for the following project areas: Dogs, Cats, Goats, Llamas/Alpacas, Horse/Pony.

Horse Owners Workshop

March 23, 2010

**6:30 pm at Ed Bock Feed & Stuff
Pinckney, MI**

With horse ownership on the rise, millions of Americans have become aware of the fact that equine experts have known for years- horses can be high maintenance animals. With that bit of information in mind Purina Mills decided that it is time to lend a hand to horse owners, old and new. The result is the Purina Mills Horse Owners Workshop.

Save these Dates:

2010 Fair - July 19-24, 2010

**Keep in mind judging occurs before fair begins.*

2011 Fair - July 25-30, 2011

Attention Adventurers

Do you know teens with a sense of adventure?
Or, an interest in cultures, people, history, environment,
or travel?
Do you know teens who are committed to getting the
most from their 4-H experience?
Now is the time of recruitment efforts for the summer
4-H Youth travel opportunities.

Belize is the total 4-H Experience!

This exchange is for youth ages 14- 19
Initial Application deadline is April 1, 2010 with a
deposit.

For more information and the application go to the
following website: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/global/ieforms.html>

Livestock Camp

June 27- 30, 2010
Branch County 4-H Fairgrounds
Cold Water, Michigan

This event is for 4-H members who are 10 years of
age or older as of January 1, 2010 and are currently
registered in the specific area they register in for camp.
The specific animal areas that are offered include beef,
dairy, dogs, feeder/starter calves, goats, horses,
rabbits/cavies, sheep, swine, large animal
sweepstakes showmanship, and poultry.

The cost for this event is \$110 and the registration
deadline is April 30, 2010.

Stop by the MSU Extension Office for more
information and a registration packet.

B & B Spring Speed Show

Saturday May 1, 2010 Rain or Shine- Indoors
Hardy Farms, 7215 N. Latson Rd, Howell

The cost for this event is \$5 per class with a \$2
registration fee and warm up runs are available for \$1
per run. For a list of the classes offered and a
registration form stop by the MSU Extension Office.

2010 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Leader Training Series

This training series is a multi-session training program
that is designed to skills of adults interested in using the
outdoors to help young people develop life skills.

For more information about 4-H Youth Development,
the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge program and
the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Leader Training
Series, stop by the MSU Extension Office or contact
the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge State
Coordinator Jim Harper directly at (231)258-3320 or
harper12@msu.edu

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp 2010

August 1-7 2010
Presque Isle, Michigan

This camp is open to teens ages 13-15 or entering 8th
to 10th grades fall of 2010. Teens will learn about
natural resources and the Great Lakes ecosystem along
with exploring career possibilities.

The cost for this event is \$335 for campers who are 4-
H members and \$345 for campers who are non 4-H
members.

The deadline for registration is May 7, 2010 and you
can pick up a complete informational packet along with
registration information at the MSU Extension Office.

2010 4-H Calendar of Events

Livingston County 4-H Schedule

April

- 6 Market Livestock General Meeting- LESA
- 6 PQA Training- LESA
- 12 4-H Council Meeting
- 14 Small Animal General Meeting- Fairgrounds
- 17 Spring Achievement
- 26 Horse Leaders General - Fairgrounds
- 30 Registration deadline for Livestock Camp
- 30 Registration deadline for Exploration Days

May

- 3 TRP Meeting
- 4 Market Livestock Meeting
- 10 4-H Council Meeting
- 12 Small Animal Meeting
- 8 Levels Testing- Fairgrounds
- 15 Gusty Acres Horse Show- Cohoctah Park
- 16 Levels Testing- Fairgrounds
- 24 Horse Leaders Meeting
- 27 TRP Volunteer Orientation - Wylie Farm

All meetings are held in the East Complex MSUE Conference Room at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted. General Meetings all start at 6 p.m.

MSU Pavilion Schedule

April

- 1-4 Easter Extravaganza Quarter Horse Show
- 9-11 MI Beef Expo
- 16-17 State 4-H Horse Jamboree
- 17 State Llama Show- SB
- 17 MSU Small Animals Day
- 18 B&B Livestock Judging Contest

May

- 1-2 Great Lakes Champion Cutting ShowMe Horse Show
- 6-9 Great Lakes Spring Quarter Horse Circuit
- 15-16 MQHYA Spartan Spectacular Horse Show
- 22-23 Apple Blossom Classic Open Horse Show
- 28-30 MI Justin Morgan Horse Show

June

- 12-13 Beef Showcase and Junior Show
- 12 MI Junior Sheep Spectacular
- 12-13 ShowMe Horse Show
- 13 Block and Bridle Sheep Show
- 19-20 Bucksin Horse Show
- 19-20 MI Junior Spartan Classic Swine Show
- 21-27 Shorthorn Junior National Show

**For a complete calendar go to
www.pavilion.msu.edu**

KETTUNEN CENTER EVENT CALENDAR



April

- 16-18 4-H Dairy Conference
- 22-25 4-H Shooting Sports State Trainer's Workshop
- 23-25 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor's and Teen Instructor's Workshop

May

- 15-16 4-H Companion Animal Teen and Adult Leader Workshop

For a complete calendar and list of events, go to www.KettunenCenter.org

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We Want Your News!

Newsletter Information

If you have a meeting, announcement, news about an event, or need volunteers write an article for the 4-H Corner Post, please mail, fax, e-mail or drop off to any Corner Post staff no earlier than three months and no later than the third week of the month, for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Please write clearly or type your information, and be sure to include your name and phone number for clarification. Thank you!

Help Needed

Livingston County 4-H has a few special projects that need coordinators. Anyone willing to help out is asked to contact Roxanne at 517-546-3950.



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