

4-H Information Network



A Washtenaw County 4-H Newsletter for Youth and their Families

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New Volunteer Leader Orientation Scheduled

The next volunteer orientation will be held Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

One of the required steps in becoming a certified 4-H volunteer involves attending an orientation. Please contact the MSU Extension Office to **sign up** for this training at 734-997-1678. Trainings without adequate attendance may be cancelled. If you have questions about the orientations or the Volunteer Selection Process, contact Jackie at 734-222-3877.

4-H Enrollment Deadline is June 1

In order to exhibit at the 2011 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, all interested youth must be enrolled in 4-H, either as a club member or independent, by **June 1**. While youth are eligible to join 4-H any time of the year, this is not the case when exhibiting at the Youth Show. Leaders should check to verify if they have turned in all of their enrollment forms, especially for those who may have joined just recently. Enrollment numbers will be assigned soon. Leaders will receive an email with all enrolled members' ID numbers.

Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Feeder Calf Clinic and Skillathons

The Jr. Livestock Committee will sponsor an evening of skillathons and beef, feeders, sheep, swine and dairy fitting and showing workshops on Monday, June 27. The activities will be held at the Farm Council Grounds in Building F. The schedule for the evening is listed below.

6:30 - 8 p.m. - Beef, dairy, sheep and swine skillathons will be set up and interested youth can participate in the various learning stations in teams of two or three. This is a fun learning experience for all ages. Mentors and their cloverbuds are also encouraged to go through the skillathon together.

7:00 - 7:20 p.m. Swine fitting and showing demonstration

7:20 - 8:00 p.m. Beef and feeder calf fitting and showing demonstration

8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Sheep fitting and showing demonstration

8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Dairy fitting and showing demonstration

(Beef, sheep and dairy demonstrations may begin a few minutes earlier, depending on the number of questions)

Followed by Ice Cream

4-H Advisory Council Flower Sale

If you didn't pre-order hanging baskets from the Advisory Council Flower Sale, extra baskets will be available for purchase at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. A variety of flowering baskets are available for \$15 each.



Archery Program Resuming in Spring

The Washtenaw County 4-H Target Archery Club will continue holding shoots on Tuesday evenings at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds from 6-8 p.m. No equipment is necessary to participate, but you may bring your own if you wish. Recurve, longbow, and compound bow under a 55 lb. draw weight are permitted. Additionally, a finger tab and arm guard are required. A \$1.00 project fee is required for each session. Please contact Jerry Bima at 734-635-8957 for more information. Dates the program will be in session are as follows:

May 3, 10, 17, 24

June 21, 28

July 5, 12, 19

August 2, 30

September 6, 13, 20, 27

Hot Shots Rifle Club Underway

The Hot Shots club is an air rifle/BB gun club, and practices are currently underway. The club meets at the leader's house on Sunday afternoons to practice various shooting positions and learn range commands. We have a limited number of air rifles and BB guns for use at practice sessions. Parents will be required to attend all shooting sessions with their child. For more information, contact Jean Martin at 734-662-6059 or jmmartin@med.umich.edu

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made 2011 Project RED a success. Over 2,500 3rd graders attended the annual event which requires many volunteers to be successful. A formal thank-you will appear in the July/August edition of the Network!

Local Scholarships

Local Scholarships Offered to 4-H Members

Washtenaw County is fortunate to offer several 4-H scholarships to Washtenaw County 4-H Members. Below is a summary of the available Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarships. Forms for these scholarships are available by contacting Cindy at 734-222-3948 or fischer@ewashtenaw.org

4-H Service Club Scholarship

Due June 15, DIRECTLY TO

SERVICE CLUB PRESIDENT-Else Heller

- ▶ Several post-high school scholarships are offered.
- ▶ Each Scholarship is in the amount of \$400.00
- ▶ Applicants must be current 4-H members.

4-H Dairy Scholarship

Due July 5 (due to Holiday) to

Washtenaw County MSU Extension

- ▶ Open to any Washtenaw County 4-H Youth participant who is a High School Senior or College Freshman.
- ▶ Scholarship intended for individuals attending or planning to attend a college, trade school, etc.
- ▶ Preference given to applicants with 3.0 GPA or higher.
- ▶ Must have shown dairy cattle or participated in 4-H Dairy Quiz Bow, Judging or other 4-H Dairy Science project for three out of four high school years
- ▶ Number of scholarships awarded will be determined annually.

Washtenaw County 4H Advisory Council Scholarship

Due July 5 (due to Holiday) to

Washtenaw County MSU Extension

- ▶ Open to any Washtenaw County 4-H Youth participant who is a High School Senior
- ▶ Scholarship intended for individual attending or planning to attend College or a Technical School
- ▶ Preference given to 4H Youth members who have been enrolled and active in the 4H Program for 2 years or more
- ▶ Number of scholarships awarded will be determined annually.

Huron Gun Club 4-H Scholarship

Due July 5 (due to Holiday) to

Washtenaw County MSU Extension

- ▶ Open to any Washtenaw County 4-H youth planning to attend any Washtenaw County College offering a 2 year program.
- ▶ Preference given to applicants with a high school GPA average of less than 3.0
- ▶ Must have financial need.
- ▶ Two \$500 scholarships may be awarded.
- ▶ Must appear at Huron Gun Collectors meeting (to be arranged) before the start of your second term

Cattle Hoof Trimming

Hoof trimming is being offered on Saturday, May 21 starting at 10 a.m. at the Farm Council Grounds. The cost is \$20 per head. Call Mary Hammer at 734-439-8303 for an appointment.

Animal News

Dog Workshop Classes Scheduled

Classes will be held at the Farm Council Grounds in building G on the following Mondays with one class at 6:30 pm and one at 7:15 pm.

May 2, 9, 16, 23

June 6, 13

If you have any questions contact Jereen Rice at 734-369-2572 or email at jereen406@comcast.net

Rabbit Cavy Expo

Anyone interested in participating in the Rabbit Cavy Expo on June 11 at MSU should contact Cathie Mason at mascats604@gmail.com so she can start scheduling practices.

Small Animal and Livestock and Dairy Meetings Scheduled

Mark your calendars for the next Small Animal and Livestock & Dairy Meetings. Both will be held on Tuesday, July 19, at the farm council grounds. Watch for times in the July/August Network. Each club showing small or large livestock at the youth show is asked to send a representative to the respective meeting.

Small Animal Clinic

There will be a small animal clinic on May 28th at the Chelsea Fair Grounds from 9 am to 12 noon for Rabbits, Poultry and Goats. This is a hand on activity so you can bring your animal with you to practice.

Goat Clinic will cover showmanship turns in a show setting, goat knowledge and information to start preparing for the up-coming 4-H show. Hand-outs and snacks provided. Mark your calendar so you don't forget! Bring a friend and your permanently indented goat.

Jr. Livestock Committee Planning Meeting

The meeting for assigning Youth Show responsibilities will be a potluck picnic held on Tuesday, June 21st at 7 p.m. at the Olberg family home on Diuble Road, Ann Arbor. All members age 12 and over as of January 1st and who are interested in beef, sheep, swine and dairy are invited to participate.

MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour

The MMPA will be hosting the annual Milk Marketing tour on June 16-17 in Novi. The event is free to the first 30 students that register. Registration forms are due May 27. Contact Jackie for more information at marti623@anr.msu.edu.

Don't miss the Fitting and Showing Clinic advertised on page 1!!

Horse & Pony News

Good Horse Sense Contest!

The Michigan 4-H Horse Program is hosting a video contest. 4-H members are asked to share a video, Power Point etc. of what you and your club did in your county to promote good sportsmanship in the 4-H Horse Project. Entries due to Karen Waite, 1287 Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824 or kwaite@msu.edu by July 1, 2011. Winner will be announced at 2011 State 4-H Horse Show. The winning video will be shared on the Michigan Equine News Website and receive a \$500 cash award to their respective county horse program.

The Details of Dressage– Adult Clinic

4-H Leaders are welcome to attend an adult dressage clinic sponsored by MSU Animal Science on Friday, June 10 at the MSU Pavilion. The cost to ride in the clinic is \$100. It costs \$40 to audit the clinic. The clinic is limited to 15 horse/rider combinations, but open to all auditors. Contact Jackie for more information at marti623@anr.msu.edu



For Your Information

Funds Available for Club Use

As a reminder, the 4-H Advisory Council is here to support club and county-wide 4-H activities in Washtenaw County. In addition to providing scholarships for special programs upon request, the Advisory Council supports club programs in two ways:

1. **Participation Fee Grants-** \$5 of every \$10 collected for 4-H participation fees stays in Washtenaw County and is used for the development of new or enhanced educational programs. The applications are simple, but they do require that you submit the application and be approved before spending or making any purchases.
2. **Community Service Matching Funds-** 4-H Advisory Council will cover up to 50% of your clubs costs for community service projects. Submit an application form before your community service project to get approval, then submit your receipts, and council will reimburse you for half of your club's expenses.

Applications for both opportunities are available on the website at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H/forms.html>

Questions? Contact Jackie at 734-222-3877.

Learning Laboratory Kits Available!

There are some very educational (and portable!) animal science learning lab kits available at the Extension office. The Beef, Dairy, Poultry, Goat, Dog, Swine, Sheep and Horse kits are available for 2 week checkout with a refundable \$25 deposit. To reserve the kits, contact the Extension office at 734-997-1678.

State 4-H Horse Show Delegate Packets Available

Youth ages 13 and up are eligible to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show August 12-14 at the MSU Pavilion. Because each county may only send a designated number of youth, Washtenaw County delegates must complete an application packet that outlines their participation in the 4-H Horse Project area for the year. If the number of applicants exceed our designated quota, the youth with the most "points" as explained in the packet will be asked to represent Washtenaw County to attend. Please don't be overwhelmed by the packet and process, for the last few years we have not exceeded our quota and *everyone* who has applied has been asked to attend. The packet can be accessed online at: <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H/forms.html#horse-forms>

Mark Your Calendars!- Spring Round Up

Spring Round Up will take place Saturday, May 21 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. ****Please note this is a change of date from recent years.**** Showbills will be posted online soon. Spring Round Up is an open horse show sponsored by Washtenaw County 4-H. All proceeds benefit Washtenaw 4-H Horse Programs.

Youth Voices Needed at County-Wide Horse Meetings

County-wide, youth-run horse meetings are held the second Monday of every month at the MSU Extension Office at 7 p.m. Leaders are still expected to participate or send a representative, but only youth can vote. In addition to a business meeting, we make sure the meetings are fun as well! The meetings end promptly at 8:30 p.m. to accommodate homework needs. If you have an interest in what happens with the Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Program, plan on attending our next meetings on: Tuesday, May 10 and Tuesday, June 14.

Washtenaw 4-H Horse Warm-Up Ride Meets

Due to previous warm-up clinics being poorly attended, we are re-thinking the structure of warm-up clinics and are offering a less structured opportunity for anyone to come and ride their horses at the Farm Council Grounds on evenings this summer. All clinics will be held at the Farm Council Grounds starting at 6:30 p.m. The dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 25- Trail and Fun Games on Horseback
- Wednesday, June 29- Hunt Seat Open Ride Meet
- Wednesday, July 6- Western Open Ride Meet
- Wednesday, July 13- Dressage Open Ride Meet

State 4-H Trail Ride

The 2011 State 4-H Trail Ride will be June 17-19 at Goose Creek Camp in Grayling, MI. Visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/> for more information.

Youth Show News

Pre-Registration Forms and Entry/Pen Fees Due by Monday, June 27

All pre-registration forms (entries) are due on or before Monday, June 27, by 5 p.m. at the **Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds**. Also due at pre-registration is a \$2 entry fee per exhibitor & pen fees. Form collection times are as follows:

Friday, June 24 from 5 p.m.– 8 p.m.
Monday, June 27 from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Members, please note that it is your responsibility to turn in your registration forms on time. The Youth Show book and entry forms are available on line at: <http://extension.ewashtenaw.org>

Please remember we are asking entry forms be computer generated this year (available online).

New At Youth Show: Turkey Meat Pen

New this year at Youth Show will be a Turkey Meat Pen. This will consist of a single Tom Turkey to be exhibited. Birds are recommended to be in member's possession by April 1st (4 months or approximately 120 days growing days). The ideal weight for the birds at Youth Show time is 25 to 30 pounds. The class will be judged during the poultry show on Tuesday.

Each exhibitor is also required to provide their own 3'x3'x3 cage with a top opening. The cage is required to be brought to the Farm Council Grounds on Friday evening, July 22, for poultry setup so it can be disinfected with the rest of the barn. Grand and Reserve champion bird will sell through the large animal auction and the remainder through the silent auction.

Overnight Stay in Animal Areas at Youth Show

Overnight security is required in all barns/tents at the Youth Show. Youth (ages 13 and up) will be allowed to stay only when certified volunteers of the same gender are staying the night. Please contact the MSU Extension Office to volunteer. Youth applications to stay overnight will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be assigned as adults are identified. Youth must be 13 (by Jan. 1) and be exhibiting an animal in the barn in which they are requesting to stay. Up to five youth may stay overnight for every certified chaperone and a maximum of five youth may stay in one barn/tent each night. Please submit applications to stay overnight no later than June 27, 2011.

Any animal areas not covered each night by volunteers by June 27 will be assigned to clubs to provide security. If you have questions about Overnight Stay at Youth Show or the Volunteer Selection Process, please contact Jackie at 734-222-3877.



YOUTH SHOW 2011 – FOCUS ON SOME NEW OR REVISED PROJECT AREAS for STILL PROJECTS

Teen Leadership:

Attention all teens 13 and over, start thinking about doing a teen leadership project this year. Teen Leadership is a great way to keep track of all your accomplishments which can be used for future, job applications, college applications and many other things. Everyday leadership within your club, community, school, church, organizations, etc. Have you held an office, are you or have been an Ambassador, done community service, mentored a younger member, assisted at a workshop, helped at Project RED--the list goes on and on. Watch for up coming guide lines and suggestions. A project that grows with you from 13 to the end of your 4-H years.

Scarecrow Contest:

Great club activity! Entry criteria: 1. One (1) entry per club (no individual entries) 2. Must be free standing 3. Must be moved to the club booth after judging. Judging will beheld on Monday of fair week outside the block A building. Farm Council will provide awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Food Preparation Area for Young Division:

Elimination of class 1823 scratch cookies, cupcake or cake using vegetable and/or fruit as one ingredient.

Food Preparation Area for Junior Division:

Elimination of pie class 1831 only for 2011 because we are having a Pie Contest.

Food Preparation Area for Senior Division:

Feed a Family of 4 for \$10 Start practicing now to prepare a nutritious, attractive and portion size meal for four for \$10 or less! Exhibitor will be required to come to fair with a prepared plate of food, show receipts for cost of main food items (salt & spices not included nor beverage in cost) and a nutritional write-up with exhibit. Will be judged on Monday of fair. Worksheets currently being developed.

Wall Hanging Challenge:

A Wall Hanging Challenge project area will replace Graphics in the youth show fair book/ Create a wall hanging using a piece of cardboard for your backing. It must be ready to hang. Maximum size 12" x 18" **The wall hanging must use all of the following specified list of materials:**

Exactly five jigsaw puzzle pieces
At least 10 kernels of corn
1 to 25 pieces of dry pasta
1 to 4 flowers (fresh or silk)
Exactly 1 piece of printed fabric

Exactly 2 pieces of yarn
At least 3 metal washers
10 toothpicks or more
1 to 11 pine cones (no more than 11)

Still Project New Areas Continued...**Pie Contest:**

Judged Monday during regular judging hours

Cloverbud Class for 5-8 year olds

Class ages 9-18 year olds

Rules: 1. Crust must be made from scratch; 2. Entire pie will be kept for display, 3. single or double crust pie, 4. no cream pies.

Herdsmanship Judges Needed

The 4-H Service Club is always looking for adults to judge herdsmanship at the 4-H Youth Show. If you or someone you know may be interested in helping out with this activity please call John Broesamle at 734-320-1969 or contact Kellie at 734-222-3815 or leblanck@ewashtenaw.org.

Information needed is name, name of clubs you or any of your family is involved in, species you show, and days and times you would be available.

Champion Egg Basket seeking Donations

The poultry area is seeking contributions for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Egg Buyer's basket. We are mostly looking for donations that are "poultry" related but may be interested in anything you have to offer! Some examples of past basket gifts are: a turkey platter with a big rooster on it, embroidered table napkins, rooster salt and pepper shakers, etc. If you have anything cute to donate in "new or almost new" condition please contact Sue Zalucha at 734-426-1969.

**It's Never Too Early to Contact
4-H Livestock Auction Buyers**

Now is a great time to make an initial contact and invite potential buyers to participate in the 2011 4-H Livestock Auction. The Extension Office also has available "Did You Know" auction explanation sheets.

Another Way to Buy Animals at the Youth Show

The Junior Livestock Committee is again promoting the purchase of animals for home consumption, and not necessarily purchasing a whole animal. Beef can be bought by the whole, half, and quarters. Swine and sheep can be purchased by the whole or half. This may bring more people to the auction, as buyers don't have to worry about buying too much meat. To make this idea a success, we need all sellers to spread the word about this option for buying an animal at the 4-H Youth Show Large Animal Auction.

**Pork Quality Assurance- Required for
All Swine Exhibitors**

Please remember that all members showing and selling hogs at the Youth Show must have a current Pork Quality Assurance Certification. If you missed the Washtenaw County session held in March, contact the Extension Office to learn about trainings offered by neighboring counties by calling 734-997-1678.

Animal Haul-In Times

Please review the list below with your club. **ALL TRAILERS MUST ENTER THROUGH THE SOUTH FIELD. NO TRAILERS SHOULD ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN GATE.** Signs will be posted directing the flow of traffic.

- **Horses:** Sunday, July 24- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Beef Cattle and Feeders (Dairy optional):** Sunday, July 24- 5-8 p.m.
- **Llamas:** Sunday, July 24, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Poultry:** Monday, July 25, 4-7 p.m.
- **Sheep:** Monday, July 25, 4-8 p.m.
- **Goats:** Monday, July 25, 4-8 p.m.
- **Rabbits:** Monday, July 25, 5-8 p.m.
- **Dairy (those not hauled in on Sunday):** Monday, July 25, 6-8 p.m.
- **Hogs:** Monday, July 25, 5-8 p.m.

"What do I do if my market animal loses its tag?"

If your animal loses a tag, please call Cindy as soon as possible at 734-222-3948 and make arrangements to pick up a new tag, the tagger, and a new tag verification sheet that will need to be signed by a superintendent, livestock and dairy officer, or club leader. Please do this as soon as the tag is lost so we have adequate time to make the necessary changes. Please do not wait until the Youth Show to notify us.

Camping at the Youth Show

Farm Council will be offering overnight camping again in 2011. Campers/tents for those staying overnight must be placed outside the south fence. Clubs may also reserve space to place day camping set-ups for club meals. Pre-registration will be required and this year with payment in full at registration. All spots with electricity will cost \$90 for the week and camping with no electricity will cost \$45 for the week. All registrations will be due to Lynn Rich by June 27. Registration forms can be found online at <http://extension.ewashtenaw.org> then click on 4-H and Forms.

Bedding Requirements at Youth Show

Sawdust Only No Straw Continues and saves a great deal each year in manure removal because of our switch to sawdust only (no straw). Because of this massive savings, we will continue the sawdust only policy in all animal areas.

Fee to Pull from Sale/Trucking Fee

Any exhibitors pulling market livestock from the sale that *Livestock and Dairy Committee provide trucking* for will be charged a \$15 per head fee. This fee will be collected by the superintendent when the pull from sale form is requested. This fee helps make up for costs associated with trucking, tags, photos, etc. that are not collected through the sale commission.

Youth Show News

Clerks Needed for Still Exhibit Judging Day

Teens ages 13 and up and Adults are needed to clerk for Still Exhibit Judging on Monday, July 25 from 8am to 3:30 p.m. Duties include recording A-B-C ratings in the Judging Record books and distribution of A-B-C ribbons. You would also assist in returning projects held during the day to the block building at the completion of judging. Lunch is provided and half-day workers are accepted. Contact Elaine at 222-3973 or feldkampe@ewashtenaw.org or Cindy at 222-3948 or fischer@ewashtenaw.org to sign up to clerk! Adults can be parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, etc.!

Runners Needed for Still Exhibit Judging Day

If you aren't old enough to clerk but would like to assist on Still Project Day, July 25th, as a Runner, now is the time to sign up to help. Your job duties could include getting drinks for the Judges, assisting 4-H members in carrying their projects back to the club booths, returning projects to the block building. You can volunteer to work mornings, afternoons or all-day. Contact Elaine at 222-3973 or feldkampe@ewashtenaw.org or Cindy at 222-3948 or fischer@ewashtenaw.org to sign up to help!

Registering Reminders for Still Projects

Be sure to register with the proper class numbers for projects you are planning to bring to the youth show and in particular pay close attention to the proper class numbers and exhibit rules in the area of photography! All projects and activities must be registered, including participation in Style Revue, Pie Contest, Creative Sandwich Contest, Creative Vegetable & Fruit Competition and the Dahlia Growing Contest (you must have picked your dahlia up from the Extension office in May), etc. Cavies **are not** a pocket pet this year! **The Foam Challenge Contest class number and information was inadvertently omitted from the fair book. Foam Challenge Contest class number Department 74, Section 7 Class 3253.**

Youth Show Award Sponsors Needed

Award Sponsors – Award sponsor letters will be going out mid-May with a return date of June 21. Any unsponsored award information will be available after June 21. If you are interested in helping defray expenses for the youth show, please contact Elaine at 222-3973 feldkampe@ewashtenaw.org or Cindy at 222-3948 fischer@ewashtenaw.org for additional information.



Upcoming Opportunities

Officer and Teen Leader Training

Washtenaw and Lenawee County 4-H will be co-sponsoring a youth officer and teen leader training on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Manchester Library. There is no cost for Washtenaw and Lenawee 4-H members to attend, but please register by May 18. Topics will cover personality and leadership styles, officer roles, parliamentary procedure, and team building.

A flyer is available online at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H>



Southeast Michigan Breakfast on the Farm

The 2011 Breakfast on the Farm for the southeastern Michigan area will be held at the Raymond & Stutzman Farm near Morenci in Lenawee County. The event will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to help sponsor the event or help out as a volunteer, please contact Nancy Thelen, Extension Educator, at 734-222-3825 as soon as possible. Free tickets for the breakfast will be available after June 1st at the Extension Office and other locations around the county.

4-H CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Registrations due by Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Session I: 4-H Youth 5-10 yrs. of age come from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Cloverbuds **do not** need to be accompanied by an adult!!

Session II: 4-H Youth 11-18 yrs. of age come from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Lower level of the Washtenaw County MSU Extension office at 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor

Cost: \$8.00 per person (includes frosting, cupcakes, bags) *Some scholarships may be available upon request Space is limited to 12 participants for Session I and 15 participants for Session II

Checks payable to: Washtenaw County 4-H Still Project Committee

Mail registrations with payment to: Washtenaw County MSU Extension, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645 Attention: Elaine Feldkamp

Registration Form available online at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension>

Bike Race To Go Through Several Townships

A "Tour of Washtenaw Bicycle Race" on May 14th could have an impact on the agricultural community in Washtenaw County as many farmers will be working in their fields. The 55 and 81 mile course starts in Saline and goes through Lodi, Bridgewater, Saline and York Townships before ending in Saline. The specific course roads can be found at <http://www.bikereg.com/events/register.asp?eventid=12885>. They are expecting 500-1000 participants.

Upcoming Opportunities

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp



Is July 31-August 6 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. Join other teens ages 13 to 15 years old from across Michigan! Both 4-H and non-4-H youth are encouraged to attend.

Learn about Michigan's diverse natural resources and enjoy the aquatic environment of Lake Huron, one of the Great Lakes:

- Learn to appreciate and understand natural resources and management issues.
- Explore Great Lakes ecosystems.
- Find out about careers related to the Great Lakes and natural resources.
- Discover environmental education projects you can do at home.
- Learn from Michigan State University faculty and MSU Extension staff who are natural resources experts.

The fee to attend is \$335; youth not enrolled in 4-H pay \$345. The registration deadline is May 6, 2011. If space is still available after May 6, registrations will be accepted but will have an added \$25 late fee. Local scholarship support may be available. To learn more about camp, visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/glnrc.html>.

The 2011 4-H Discovery Camp

This camp is for youth ages 14 to 19 and will be held July 25th to July 29th. The camp focuses on bioenergy and alternative energy and was a big success last year. It is one of the only camps of its kind. Space is limited to only 35 youth and 4-5 adults (we are looking for adults to serve as chaperones). Applications are due to county offices by June 3rd.

Visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_discovery_camp for more information.



Spotlight on 4-H'ers

Serving the Community

The Saline 4H Farmers did a community service project for the Saline Spring Craft Show by filling 3 large 4H bags with donated items from the members.

Items included boxed and canned food, flower seeds, paper products, toiletry items, school supplies, etc. Various other groups also donated gift bags & baskets and were then on display during the craft show for people to "vote" for their favorite. Each cent was worth 1 point. The money collected from the voting as well as the gift baskets were then donated to either the Food Gatherers, Aid in Milan, Saline Social Services or the Salvation Army.

1st picture showing some of the members putting items together for the bag.

2nd picture is 1 of 3 bags on display at the show.



Thank you Host Families!

A special thank-you to the following families who are opening their homes to students from Poland and Japan this summer.

Sturtevant Family– Japan
Bonde Family– Poland
Buis Family– Poland
Manley Family– Poland



Congratulations Graduates!

The entire Extension Staff extends congratulations to all the 4-H high-school graduates. Over the years you have gained new skills and developed leadership that you will use throughout your life. Best wishes to each of you for a bright, happy and successful future.

Be sure to be recognized at the Graduating Senior Recognition held on Friday, July 29 at the Youth Show during the Showmanship Sweepstakes. Your biography cards will be available at the Youth Show office during the week. Please complete these and bring them with you to give to the announcers during the presentation.

Working with Youth with Special Needs Training



**Friday, May 20th
6:30-8:30 pm
Washtenaw County
MSU Extension**

In an effort to build confidence in leaders and older youth in providing more opportunities for youth with disabilities in local 4-h clubs, Washtenaw County 4-H is hosting a leader and older youth training. Thanks to the support of 4

- No cost, but please R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 16
- Refreshments Provided
- Staff Presenting from EMU Autism Collaborative Center
- Topics Include: Understanding Disabilities, Possible Adaptation Ideas
- A List of Resource People in our 4-H Community will also be provided



**R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 16
By calling 734-997-1678**

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Staff Contact Information

Staff availability varies.
General office hours are:
8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Calendar of Events

May

- 2 Dog Workshop, 6:30 or 7:15, Farm Council Grounds
- 3 Archery Shoot, 6 p.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 7 4-H Council Hanging Basket Flower Sale, 9-5, Farm Council Grounds
- 9 Dog Workshop, 6:30 or 7:15, Farm Council Grounds
- 10 Horse Association Meeting, 7 p.m., MSUE
- 10 Archery Shoot, 6 p.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 16 Dog Workshop, 6:30 or 7:15, Farm Council Grounds
- 17 Archery Shoot, 6 p.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 17 New Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 p.m., MSUE– Please RSVP
- 20 Working with Youth with Special Needs Training, 6:30 p.m., MSUE– Need to RSVP
- 21 Officer/Teen Leader Training, 10-2, Manchester Lib.
- 21 Spring Round Up, 8 a.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 21 Cattle Hoof Trimming, Farm Council Grounds
- 23 Dog Workshop, 6:30 or 7:15, Farm Council Grounds
- 24 Archery Shoot, 6 p.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 25 Trail/Games Horse Ride Meet, 6:30 p.m., WFCG
- 28 Small Animal Clinic, 9-12, Chelsea Fairgrounds

June

- 1 Deadline to Enroll in 4-H to show at Youth Show
- 1 Exploration Days Orientation, 6:30 p.m., Dexter Library
- 6 Dog Workshop, 6:30 or 7:15, Farm Council Grounds
- 7 Still Exhibit Committee meeting 6:30 MSUE lower level
- 13 Dog Workshop, 6:30 or 7:15, Farm Council Grounds
- 14 Horse Association Meeting, 7 p.m., MSUE
- 15 Service Club Scholarship Applications Due
- 21 Jr. Livestock Meeting, 7 p.m., Olberg Farm
- 21 Archery Shoot, 6 p.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 24 Youth Show Form Collection, 5-8 p.m., WFCG
- 27 Youth Show Form Collection, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m., WFCG
- 27 Livestock Fitting and Showing Clinic/ Skillathons, 7 p.m., WFCG
- 28 Archery Shoot, 6 p.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 29 Hunt Seat Ride Meet, 6:30 p.m., Farm Council Grounds

July

- 5 Local Scholarships Due
- 6 Western Ride Meet, 6:30 p.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 13 Dressage Ride Meet, 6:30 p.m., Farm Council Grounds
- 19 Small Animal Committee Meeting, Farm Council Grounds
- 19 Livestock and Dairy Meeting, Farm Council Grounds
- 24-29 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, WFCG



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