

Animal News

Swine Show Not Terminal This Year

The Livestock and Dairy Committee and Farm Council voted to approve a change to our terminal swine show policy. In recent years, any swine unloaded at the Farm Council Grounds needed to go directly to slaughter upon leaving the grounds. This was due to pseudo-rabies regulations enforced at the time by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). Since the pseudo-rabies requirements have changed for Michigan, Livestock and Dairy and Farm Council also voted to lift the terminal show policy, pending any changes enforced by the MDA.

What does this mean for exhibitors? If you bring an underweight hog to the Youth Show that would show in the Feeder Pig class, you have the option to take the animal home after the show (or after weigh-in) to continue to feed it up to market weight. It also means that buyers may be interested in purchasing gilts for breeding purposes to take to their farms rather than being required to send them to slaughter.

Please continue to keep in mind that pigs are very susceptible to diseases, and we still need to be very vigilant to ensure the health of our animals. Returning any animal to a farm after being in close proximity to other animals does put them at a risk for illness, and quarantining animals brought in from a show for a specified length of time is always advisable.

Beef Exhibitor Meeting

The beef superintendents will be holding a beef exhibitor meeting on Sunday, July 24 at 8:15 p.m. following haul-in at fair. All exhibitors are expected to attend. (Feeder calf exhibitors are not required to attend this meeting).

Horse & Pony News

Mandatory Youth Show Horse Exhibitor Meeting

All youth exhibiting horses at the Youth Show MUST attend a MANDATORY exhibitor meeting on Wednesday, July 20 immediately following set-up (beginning at 6:30 p.m.) at the Farm Council Grounds. Exhibitor packets and class listings will be distributed. All class corrections must be made at this time. NO CLASS CORRECTIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON SATURDAY.

Horse Haul In at Youth Show

All horse exhibitors must haul in their animals between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 24. If you are not showing a horse in the Sunday shows (Walk/Trot or Protégé) please refrain from bringing your horse between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Vet Check will take place in Ring 2 (Dressage Ring). Please continue to haul in horses through the South Field. A haul in map will be provided in your exhibitor packet at the Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting on Wednesday, July 20 immediately following set-up.

State 4-H Horse Show August 12-14, 2011

Applications and Entries Due July 7!!

Each year, Washtenaw County can send a limited number of delegates to the prestigious state 4-H horse show. In order to be considered to attend the State 4-H Horse Show, you must fill out an application packet. The packets account for your contribution to the overall 4-H horse project area. Applications can be picked up at the MSU Extension Office or located online at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H/forms.html> The 2011 State 4-H Horse Show is open to 4-H members ages 13 and up as of Jan. 1, 2011 and will be held August 12-14, at the MSU Pavilion. Packets, entry forms, and payment will be due July 7, 2011 at the MSU Extension Office with all entry fees and registration forms for the event attached. Entry forms can be picked up at the MSU Extension Office. If more delegates apply then we are able to send, entry fees will be refunded for those not selected to participate.

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, July 12. **This is a mandatory meeting for all club members.**

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 remaining dates are as follows:

Wednesday, July 6- Western Open Ride Meet
Wednesday, July 13- Dressage Open Ride Meet

Washtenaw County 2011 Horse Program Dates

July 7- Deadline for State 4-H Horse Show Applications and Registrations, MSUE
July 12- Horse Association Meeting, MSUE, 7 p.m.
Project Changes Due Tonight
July 20- Dirt Floor Barn Set Up and Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting, 6:30 p.m., WFCG
July 23- Stall Decorating at 9 a.m. and Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting at 11 a.m.
July 24-29- Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, WFCG
July 30- Clean Up and Exhibitor Meeting (with Pizza), WFCG
September 13- Horse Association Meeting, 7 p.m., MSUE



Spotlight on 4-H'ers

2011 Rural Education Days a Success!

A special thanks to the more than 350 volunteers who helped make Project RED/Rural Education Days an outstanding program for the 2526 students, teachers and chaperones who participated. The activity was sponsored jointly by Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, Washtenaw County MSU Extension, and the Washtenaw Farm Council. 2011 marked the 21st anniversary for Project RED, a statewide program which was started right here in Washtenaw County.

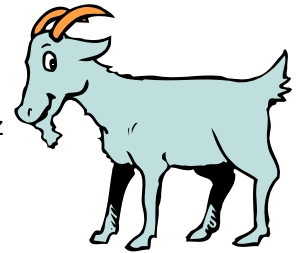
The purpose of Project RED is to educate third grade students about local agriculture and natural resources. Students representing 24 schools from Ann Arbor, Saline, Chelsea, Ypsilanti, Whitmore Lake, Lincoln, Canton, Milan, Dexter and Manchester areas traveled to the Farm Council Grounds for this event. Learning stations included "A Tour Through Michigan Commodities"; Growing Corn; What's Up With Water; Farm Animals; Dairy "From Moo To You" and "A Taste of Michigan" featuring samples of ice cream, pork, dried cherries, blueberries, popcorn, honey butter, apples, potato chips, soy nuts and sunflower seeds. Small grains, wool spinning, vegetable jeopardy, dairy by-products and biodiesel, as well as a display on wildlife skulls and hides, were also featured in the showcase. Each student and teacher received a goodie bag filled with information from various organizations and a tree seedling provided by the Washtenaw County Conservation District. This year the Molina Foundation from California is donating 50,000 books to Michigan 4-H and they provided a reading or activity book for each third grader. Over the past 21 years, more than 47,000 young people have participated in the program, along with 4,900 volunteers.

As in the past, this year's program would not have been possible without the assistance of an outstanding group of dedicated volunteers and clubs who helped with various aspects of the event and many local organizations and businesses. Providing volunteer workers, resource people and group leaders were the Manchester National Honor Society, Manchester FFA, Saline FFA, Milan FFA, MSU Master Gardeners, 4-H clubs including Country Expressions, Townline Workers, Paint Creek, Hickory Hills 4-H, Carousel Riders, Saline 4-H Farmers, Silver Spurs, Brookville Horse Whisperers, Bridlespur, On Target, Silver Leaves, Backwoods Farmers, All Around, Cowboy U, Happy Acres, Triple L Livestock, Rogers Corners Herdsmen, Voyagers, Double L Llama Club, Riske Riders and the 4-H Ambassadors. Other volunteers and supporters included Extension and Farm Bureau groups and members, the Conservation District, the Pittsfield Union Grange, Saline-Ann Arbor MMPA, Wacker Oil & Propane, Michigan Corn Growers, DuRussel Potato Farm, Huehl Acres, Coleman's Corn Maze – Kurt and Kim Rose, the Washtenaw County Dairy and Livestock Council, and the Michigan Soybean Commission. Animals and equipment were provided by the Alvin Ernst family, Francis Cousino family, Jacy Wacker, Kyle Olberg, Keaton Aldrich, Andrea Taepke, Diane and Katie Tenerowicz, Bruce Breuninger family,

Carl Graham family, Mark Summerville family, Allison Bellairs, Amanda and Rachel Genereaux, John Russell, Braun & Helmer, Huehl Farms, George and Jan Schnierle, Bill Lutz and John Broesamle, Don & Ryan Rentschler, 4-H Service Club and Sandy Tighe, along with several other spinners who provided on-going demonstrations. Resource people/station presenters included Milan FFA, Sara Hammond, Marie Marion, Diane Tenerowicz, Debi Weiker, David Reynhout, Jennie Breuninger, Zeke Breuninger, Garrett Fischer, Bill Lutz, Natalie Horning, Amy Ervin, Earl Horning, Mason Horning, and Samantha Mamarow, Jackie Martin facilitated and led the "Tour through Michigan Commodities" and was assisted by the following tour guides: Zeke Beal, Kristina Schneider, Travis Matts, Kimber Creteau, Melissa Cousino, Kyle Olberg, Kylie Sclater, Karis Kanitz, Robbie Graham, Kayla Holsten, Emily Morris, and Bill Poet. We had a terrific clean-up crew for all of the buildings. Thanks also to the Extension staff, Farm Council staff and the Farm Bureau board who assisted and to the Farm Bureau co-chairs Lynda Horning and Nancy Kohler. Many thanks to everyone for a job well done!

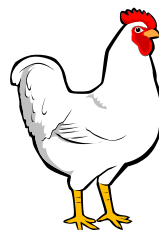
2011 State 4-H Goat Expo

This year's State 4-H Goat Expo was held on April 29 on campus. Eighty-two youth from twelve counties participated in numerous educational activities such as quiz bowl, skill-a-thon, judging, crafts/fine arts, problem solving, illustrated talks, educational posters, cookery and foods, photography and writing exhibits. We would like to congratulate our local winner's, Allison Melcher placed 3rd in the Junior Individuals Skill-a-thon and the team of Nicholas Recker, Hayden Pitts, Allison Melcher and Adam Melcher took 1st place in the Juniors Quiz Bowl. Congratulations to all of you. Great Job!



Jr. Livestock Committee Sponsors Fitting and Showing Clinic

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the June 27th fitting and showing clinic and skillathon. Special thanks to the Jr. Livestock Committee for organizing and presenting the workshop. Members who assisted in many ways – Kyle Olberg, Karis Kanitz, Courtney Cook, Alex Mahrle, Cody Wacker, Jacy Wacker, Garrett Fischer, Ryan Groves, Katelyn Horning and Mason Horning. For more information on how you can be involved with the Jr. Livestock Committee contact advisors Mary Hammer at 734/439-8303 or Kathy Grau at 734/475-3437.



2011 State 4-H Poultry Palooza

Congratulations to Samantha Bellairs for placing 3rd place in the Junior Skillathon at this years Poultry Palooza!

4H Cloverbud Camp



2011 4H Cloverbud Camp "Pioneer Days" was enjoyed by 28 campers and 21 Counselors. Some of the things campers learned about pioneer times included: pioneer medicine, herb plantings, money management, pioneer travel with horse and wagon, herb sun teas, compass readings, cloud identification, meals on a wagon train and much more.

Youth Show News

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.

Youth Show Exhibit Building "A" Information:

SET UP OF CLUB BOOTHS: Building "A" (the block building) will be open for Club Booth set-up on:

Saturday, July 23 9 am – 2 pm
 Sunday, July 24 12 noon – 3 pm
 Monday, July 25 9 am – 6 pm

Building "A" will be closed at 6 pm Monday for judging of Club Booths!

No early release of projects! Projects must remain on display until 8 am Saturday, July 30.

Exhibits are to be removed between 8 am and 9 am on Saturday, July 30

Club Booth tear down is from 9 am to 10 am on Saturday, July 30.

Mandatory Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) of Youth Project Cattle

Since March 1, 2007, Michigan has required that all cattle be identified with radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags prior to movement from Michigan premises. This requirement includes cattle that are exhibited and sold by youth exhibitors at various shows and county and state fairs. All cattle, including those participating in shows and exhibitions or sales, must be identified before movement from their premises.

Youth producers will be required to obtain national premises identification numbers and to purchase tags to apply to their cattle unless the youth have purchased cattle that already have RFID tags in place. If their animals are part of an existing operation that has a premises number, the tags have been assigned to that operation may be used in the project cattle. Producers may call the Michigan Department of Agriculture at 1-866-870-5136 to obtain their national premises identification number and to place orders for tags.

Youth Show Meeting Schedule

The following meetings will take place on Tuesday, July 19 at the Farm Council Grounds under Building B. Please plan on attending.

- 6:00 4-H Council**
- 7:00 Small Animals**
- 7:30 Livestock and Dairy**
- 8:00 Livestock Superintendents**

Reminder for All Sheep and Goat Exhibitors

All sheep and goats that are moved off a farm are required by law to have an official USDA scrapie tag or tattoo. The breeders are responsible to have the animals tagged before they are moved. Until 2006 the animals could be moved with a metal TB tag, but that is no longer the law, (but don't remove the metal tag, as it is illegal to do so.)

For goats, the scrapie tag must be in the ear or in the tail fold, or the entire scrapie number can be tattooed in the flank. If a breed registration tattoo is used, the registration paper must accompany the animal. The National Pygmy Goat Association recognizes a computer microchip as a proper identification only if accompanied by breed registration papers and the exhibitor must provide the wand reader.

If not already done, each sheep and goat breeder needs to contact USDA to order official ID tags. The USDA number to order tags is 517-324-5290. The white plastic swivel tags are recommended and preferred by most. There is no cost for the tags or tag applicator. Records on each animal must also be retained for at least 5 years from the time an animal is transported or sold. Each flock must have their own ID for their breeding sheep or goats.

Youth Show Forms and Information Online

Most 4-H Youth Show Forms and Information can be accessed online by visiting <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H>



4-H Youth Show Power Outage Plan

While the odds of losing power at the Youth Show two years in a row are hopefully slim, we wanted exhibitors and families to be aware that there is a plan for a power outage should the circumstance occur again this year. First, a generator will be hooked up to run the kitchen in order to preserve the perishable food items. Next, generators will be arranged for Building B lights and the well. If power problems impact our ability to hook a generator to the well, water tankers will be called in if necessary. Remember, stay calm in a power and weather situations and allow the Farm Council Staff the time necessary to get the generators connected and up and running. This may take a couple of hours as we turn off the Edison feeds and establish the generator feeds. ONLY the Farm Council Staff will be allowed to work on hooking the generators up so please be patient. Thank for your cooperation.

“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.

Animal Health Emergency Plan

The Animal Health Emergency Plan created in 2008 will be effective again for 2011. The 2011 Animal Health Emergency Plan can be viewed online at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H/forms.html> To address questions and highlight the key points of the plan, we will hold species meetings during set-up at the Youth Show.

Meetings will take place during the following times:

Small Animals: Friday, July 22, 6 p.m., During Barn Set-up

Large Animals (Excluding Horses): Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m., During Barn Set-up – Building B

Horses: Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m., During Mandatory Meeting

If you have specific questions about the Emergency Plan, please contact Jackie at 734-222-3877 or by email at marti623@anr.msu.edu.

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.

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.

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.

Team Leaders Needed for Ag Olympics

Team leaders aged 13 and older are needed to assist with Ag Olympics during Youth Show on Friday July 29. Contact Stephanie Fischer to volunteer at backwoods-farmers4h@gmail.com.

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.

Zingerman's Roadhouse BBQ at Youth Show!

Join 4-H Council on Friday, July 29 from 4-7 p.m. for a pulled pork BBQ dinner provided by Zingerman's. The meal will include pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and watermelon and will cost \$11 per plate. Proceeds will benefit Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Programs. Special thank you to Chef Alex Young for making this event possible!



Reminder- No Alcohol at 4-H Events

We want to remind everyone that there is NO Alcohol permitted at any 4-H sponsored events. This includes animal shows sponsored by 4-H clubs that may be open to non-4-H members, camps, workout where parents are observing and/or public clinics that may be sponsored by 4-H groups as fundraisers.

Youth Show News

Bedding Fee for Small Animals

A bedding fee of \$1 per cage for rabbits and poultry will be charged again this year at the Youth Show. This fee will be collected by the superintendents when your animals arrive at the Youth Show. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Fischer at 222-3948 or fischerc@ewashtenaw.org

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.

You will again this year be able to purchase pen shavings at the Youth Show. The cost is \$5 for a 3 cubic foot bag. Shavings are being handled this year by the Dexter Mill. If you have any questions please contact Cindy at 734-222-3948 or fischerc@ewashtenaw.org

Volunteers are needed to help sell the shaving during the Youth Show; two volunteers each day from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and two from 7 to 8 pm each day. If you can help with this please contact Cindy and let her know.

Youth Show Office Assistance Needed

Help is needed in the Youth Show Office to answer the phone and assist with general questions. No experience is needed, it is preferred that volunteers are ages 12 and up, and adults are also much appreciated! Available dates are Monday-Friday 9am – 8pm. Call 734-997-1678 to sign up as a Youth Show Office Assistant or contact Jackie with questions at marti623@anr.msu.edu.

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 fischerc@ewashtenaw.org for additional information.

Club Picnic Areas and Barn Set-Up

Please keep in mind that there is no food consumption or preparation areas may be inside any livestock structure, and must be at least 50 feet outside of the structure. Further, no large appliances such as TV's, VCR's, etc will be allowed in any barn. If clubs are interested in setting up picnic areas, they are encouraged to use space around their trailers/motor homes to do so.

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.

Large and Small Animal Auction Information

- Members should be delivering auction information to prospective buyers. Make a list of those who have contact with or do business with your family – doctors, dentists, insurance reps, car dealers, oil distributors, banks, people at work, clubs, sports leagues and friends. The list can go on and on. Then send out or personally deliver an auction information sheet, a flyer and a brochure (hint: many adults prefer a personal delivery over mailing). The results of a buyer survey showed that the number one reason buyers attended an auction was because they were PERSONALLY contacted by a 4-H youth.
- Extra flyers, information sheets, brochures and authorization to bid and purchase forms are available at the Extension Office.
- Hang a "Purchased by" sign as soon as possible after the auction. A "Thank You!" poster to last year's buyer should be hung over your stall or pen at the beginning of the week.
- Members are expected to send a "Thank You" note to their buyers promptly after the sale. If these notes are not sent, the buyer may never return to the auction. Members are also encouraged to place a "Thank You" ad in their local paper following the Youth Show.
- Clubs and members selling market animals will be receiving specific information and buyer responsibilities in a separate mailing.
- There will be no resale of market animals through the auction ring during the auction. Anyone wishing to donate a live market animal to a non-profit organization or individual must do so by re-selling it at a local livestock facility. The proceeds will be paid to the organization or individual of the buyer's choice.
- All rabbits and poultry sold for slaughter must be processed at a U.S.D.A. approved facility.

Award Sponsors – We are still accepting monetary sponsorships for awards and ribbons to help defray the cost of the Youth Show. If you would like to contribute please contact Elaine at 222-3973 or feldkampe@ewashtenaw.org or Cindy Fischer at 222-3948 or fischerc@ewashtenaw.org All sponsorships must be received at the Extension office by Thursday, July 14, 2011.



STILL EXHIBIT PROJECT REMINDERS

Judging is **Monday, July 25**, from **9 a.m. to noon** and **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Please plan to arrive ½ hour before the end of the judging times to comply with schedules.

Special judging times from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. only for Teen Leadership (*Parents with concerns for youth with special disabilities being judged, please contact Elaine in the Extension office prior to July 22 at 222-3973 or feldkampe@ewashenaw.org*)

Exhibit tags must be completed for each project. Use tape, string, a safety pin, or other means to attach the tag to the project. **Exhibit tags must be completed showing the Department, Section and Class number and the exhibitor number.** Print or write legibly and accurately! Be sure to enter the correct class number for your age!

There will be no switching of project classes or adding of project classes. What you registered for is what will be judged. If a project was registered in the wrong class, the project can still be judged however it will not receive a premium rating.

Video/Computer judging – You must provide your own computer equipment to be sure your presentation will run correctly.

Check the posted map at the Judging Pavilion to find the correct table(s) for your project(s) to be judged. Walk to that table and wait for your turn with the judge. In a few cases, the project may be too large to move, and you may have to take the judge to your project in the block building “A”.

Evaluation sheets are available to use with judging. Many 4-H members use evaluation sheets for each project for the judge to write on. It can be hard to remember everything that was said. These sheets are available at the MSU Extension office before the Youth Show or at the Youth Show fair office in Building “A” July 23-25

Judging Procedure: When it is your turn to speak to the Judge, smile, be polite and be honest. Try to answer all the judge’s questions. Speak clearly and loudly enough so the judge can hear you. If there are things that you would like to tell the judge, but were not asked, make sure to mention these at the end of your interview. Thank the Judge when you are finished.

When you are done, the Judge or clerk will give you an A, B or C ribbon AND will circle you’re A, B or C rating on your exhibit tag. Your project **with** exhibiter tag (yellow copy) and ribbon can then go into your club booth. You do not have to leave your ribbon on display with your project unless you want to. **The Judge may request that you leave your project (with the judge) for honors consideration.** If this is the case, your project will be placed (by 4-H Runner volunteers) in your club booth at the end of the day. (Not all projects kept for honor consideration will receive honors.) A purple dot will be placed on the exhibit tag if honors are awarded. **There will be an award ceremony for Honor and Best of Show recipients on Wednesday, July 27 at 4:00 p.m.**

Projects or collections that have great monetary value (coins, stamps, etc.) should not be left on display. Please have a photo of these items ready to display in the club booth. You may also display a photo if the item has great sentimental value, or is easily broken. You may then take the project home after judging.

If you are exhibiting a food project which spoils quickly, please take a photo and then plan to throw out the food within 24 hours. Food items left longer than that will mold, and smell terrible. If the Extension Staff finds rotten, moldy, stinky food in the club booth, they will throw it out.

Be prepared for hot or rainy weather – a hat, sunscreen, and water to drink. If it is raining, wear a raincoat and bring a sheet of plastic (garbage bags work great) to protect your projects. While in line, wait patiently. Show respect for your fellow 4-Her’s by not crowding the table while they are being judged, or making lots of noise.

All exhibits in Building A must remain on display until 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 30. Members must leave projects on display until Saturday morning at 8 a.m. If an early release of project is necessary, you must submit a written request to the Extension Office before July 22 indicating the reason for early release request. Written request will be evaluated by 4-H Staff & you will be notified of the decision. **Still projects release times are from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Sat., 7/30 and Building A clean-up and booth tear down is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sat., 7/30**

Haul Out Assistance Needed

Each club with members exhibiting market animals is required to provide at least one truck-trailer and driver to help haul animals to their destinations starting at 6 a.m. Saturday morning. Bev Olberg will be coordinating haul-out this year. Please contact Bev at (734) 260-0086 as soon as possible to let them know what size trailer your club will be providing and who is driving, or submit your information during the July 19 Livestock and Dairy Meeting to be held at the Farm Council Grounds.



Teen Dance Party after the Youth Show!

Join us for the after the Youth Show Dance on Saturday, July 30 at the Farm Council Grounds. The dance is open to youth ages 12-18 as of January 1, 2011 and runs from 7-10 p.m.

The cost is \$5 and refreshments will be provided. Non-4-H youth may attend however must be accompanied with a current 4-H member. Youth who come to dance can not leave the grounds and return. Adults don’t need to miss out on the fun as chaperones will be needed! Contact Jackie to volunteer at 734-222-3877.

Animal Decorator Contest

The annual Animal Decorator contest will take place on Friday, July 29 starting promptly at 1:30 p.m. You must have **pre-registered** for the Animal Decorator contest on your Youth Show form. All preregistered participants must pick up a number and complete the narration card between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. on July 29 at ringside. Class line-up with the animals will begin at 1:15 p.m. Youth ages 5 to 18 (as of January 1) are allowed to participate. All guidelines as listed in the youth show book apply. This event is as much fun to watch as it is to participate – so don't miss it!

Dairy Scholarship Available

The Extension Office will be receiving information on the Lenawee County Holstein Association and the Wayland Hart Memorial Scholarship. Students from Lenawee and surrounding counties who have completed at least one year of college and are pursuing a curriculum related to Dairy or Agriculture are eligible to apply. Applications will soon be available at the Extension Office and are due by August 15th.

**Beef, Sheep, Swine and Dairy
Cloverbud Program Reminders**

Cloverbuds who are 7 and 8 years old by January 1, 2011 are eligible to show hogs, lambs, and beef, feeders and dairy calves in a showmanship type participation only class and as protégé type projects if they registered for the program through the Extension Office by April 1st. All protégés and their mentors received information about signing up for their classes in an email sent in June. The mentors and cloverbuds should be working together on the animal and completing the cloverbud/mentor program workbook. The cloverbud must bring this workbook/notebook to the still project exhibit judging on Monday, July 25th and meet with a judge in order to be eligible to show in the respective showmanship class. (If the completed workbook is not brought to the judge on Monday, the cloverbud will not be allowed to show an animal.)



2011 National 4-H Week Club Challenge

4-H Clubs from across Washtenaw County are invited to promote 4-H during 2011 National 4-H Week by creating displays to be housed at local businesses across Washtenaw County.

Cash prizes of \$125, \$75, and \$50 will be awarded to the top three clubs.

Here's what you need to know....

National 4-H Week is **October 2-8, 2011**. Displays must be in place for the entire week... longer is great!!

Clubs are responsible for arranging locations for displays with local business owners.

Displays should promote the 4-H program in general- not solely the 4-H Youth Show.

All clubs should include the number to contact the MSU Extension Office (734-997-1678) for more information about 4-H.

If your club is open to new members, please include information to contact your individual club.

Please **register your display by Thursday, September 29** by submitting the form below to the MSU Extension office by mail, email, or by drop-off.

During the week that the display is up, please **take a digital photo** of your display and send it to Jackie Martin at marti623@anr.msu.edu **by 6 p.m. Monday October 3**. Displays will be judged on creativity, level of 4-H promotion/awareness, visibility, and neatness.

Council members and 4-H staff will narrow the entries and visit the top displays to judge some time during the week.

Winners will be announced the following week.

Please make sure to send a thank you note to the business that hosted your display!!

Be creative and have fun!!

Club Name: _____

Contact Name and Phone: _____

Display Location (include address): _____

Please send information to Jackie Martin at marti623@anr.msu.edu, or send by mail to:

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Special Thanks to the Washtenaw County 4-H Advisory Council for sponsoring this contest!

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Calendar of Events

July

5	Archery Session, 6 pm, WFCG
6	Horse Warm Up-Western, 6:30 pm, WFCG
7	Deadline for State 4-H Horse Show
12	Archery Session, 6 pm, WFCG
12	Mandatory Horse Association Meeting, 7 pm, MSUE
13	Still Project Committee Meeting, 7 pm, MSUE
13	New Volunteer Leader Orientation, 6:30 pm, MSUE - Please RSVP
13	Horse Warm Up-Dressage, 6:30 pm, WFCG
15	Deadline, Shooting Sports Tournament
19	Archery Session, 6 pm, WFCG
20	Horse Exhibitor Meeting, 6:30 pm, WFCG (Mandatory for Leaders)
20	Horse Dirt Floor Barn Set Up, 6:30 pm, WFCG + Exhibitor Meeting
19	4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 6 pm, WFCG BLD B
19	Small Animal Meeting, 7 pm, WFCG BLD B
19	Livestock and Dairy Meeting, 7:30 pm, WFCG
19	Livestock Superintendents Meeting, 8:00 pm, WFCG
21	Horse Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting, 11 am, WFCG
22	Small Animal Set-up & Exhibitor Meeting, 9 am, BLD B
23	Large Animal Exhibitor Meeting, 9 am, BLD B
24	Beef Exhibitor Meeting following haul in, 8:15 pm
24-29	Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, WFCG
29	Zingerman's BBQ, 4 pm to 7 pm, WFCG
30	Teen Dance, 7 pm to 10 pm, WFCG
31	Horse Exhibitor Meeting, WFCG, following Clean-up

August

2	Archery Session, 6 pm, WFCG
7	State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament, Centerline Club, Calhoun County
15	Dairy Scholarship Due at MSUE, 6 pm
12-14	State 4-H Horse Show, MSU Pavilion
30	Archery Session, 6 pm, WFCG

September

13	Horse Association Meeting, 7 pm, MSUE
20	Still Project Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, MSUE
29	Deadline to Register for Club Challenge

Save the date - The Holiday Extravaganza workshop will be held Saturday October 22, 2011



Visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/calendar.html> for Animal Science Events at MSU!!



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Sincerely,

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Agricultural Literacy Educator

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