



Eaton County

4-H Family News

December 2018

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets now available!

FREE tickets are now available at your county Extension office for 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the University of Michigan Wolverines! Learn more at: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>.

When: Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 12:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events.

How to order tickets: Call or email the Extension office with how many tickets you wish to order by Monday, February 19. Tickets ordered before February 13 will be able to be picked up from the Extension office. Tickets ordered after February 13 will be available at the 4-H registration table (not will call) inside the Southwest Harrison Gate the day of the event.

4-H alumni and their families are also invited to a special pre-event activity; stay tuned for more information!



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Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Jr Livestock Association, 12/10, 7 pm, PMR
- Youth Adult Partnerships Training, 12/13, 6-8pm, PMR *Please RSVP by 12/12*
- Fairboard, 12/17, 7 pm, Kardel
- Extension office CLOSED 12/24 & 12/25 and 12/31 & 1/1—Happy Holidays!
- 4-H Council, 1/7, 7 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 1/9, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, 1/17, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 1/21, 7 pm, Kardel
- Extension office CLOSED 1/21 for MLK Day
- Youth Adult Partnerships Training, 1/24, 6-8pm, PMR *Please RSVP by 1/23*
- 4-H Fashion Venue Committee (formerly Style Revue), 1/28, 6 pm, Extension office

Follow our Google calendar for a calendar layout of events!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar

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4-H Events and Workshops

December 10: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--kent_county

December 11: Michigan 4-H Upper Peninsula Treasurer's Training
Online Webinar

Learn more about the importance of a treasurer's role in 4-H clubs while exploring how to effectively manage money.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_up_treasurers_training_12_11

December 12: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, Sandusky

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--sanilac_county

December 23: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

The Detroit Lions would like to invite all 4-H members, families and friends out to a Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program.

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

December 28 - Jan. 1: 4-H Camp Kidwell Winter Camp

4-H Camp Kidwell, Bloomingdale

Spend time during winter break enjoying yourself at winter camp. Options for both day camp sessions and overnight camping!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_camp_kidwell_winter_camp

January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--washtenaw_county

January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--ingham_county

January 26: State 4-H Rabbit Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one day event is open to Michigan 4-H members ages 8 to 19. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish. Spectators are welcome!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019_state_4-h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

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

2019 State Award applications now available

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.



2018 State Award winners in the senior division with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

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.

The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO> and is due Feb. 1, 2019. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu.

If you plan to apply for an award, please let Kristy know at oosterh6@msu.edu; help is available for those needing help with applying!

2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest for Michigan 4-H Members

Michigan 4-H youth can improve their science, knowledge, writing and research skills and win a cash prize by entering the 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. This year's essay topic is *Honey Varietals, State to State*. Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Contestants should identify one unique varietal to their state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal. Please include a photo of the varietal's flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal, and a recipe that highlights the varietal.

The top three winners nationally will receive cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250, and winning essays will be published in *ABF Quarterly*, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. The three national winners and the top winner of each state will receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

Essay length should be 750 to 1000 words and will be judged on the scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness and logic development of the topic. Youth are encouraged to research the topic using a number of sources. Download the complete rules at <https://bit.ly/2PuegUu> before beginning the contest. This contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to preserve the practice and the profession of beekeeping through education and research, established by the American Beekeeping Federation.

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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 percent 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 percent 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 percent while also giving 2.5 percent back to the National 4-H Council.

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2019 Fair Theme

The fair theme for the 2019 Eaton County Fair is:

The County Fair—An All American Tradition

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 12/8 at 10 a.m. at Kardel Hall. The meeting will go over sign-up information, schedule, and more!

Help grow the Eaton County 4-H Endowment through December 31, 2018!

Support our county program and your gift is doubled! The Michigan 4-H Foundation is continuing to match all eligible gifts to the Eaton County 4-H Endowment until December 31, 2018. Gifts that are made to the endowment are matched 1:1 through the end of this year. Help grow our endowment, which will provide a long lasting gift for our county 4-H program! Endowment funds are used to support a variety of county 4-H educational offerings, such as the 2018 4-H Cloverbud Camp. You can help contribute by visiting <https://mi4hfdtn.org/make-the-match-county-4-h-endowment/>.

Save the date—free winter family events

Join wildlife biologists from the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at these free events for families of all ages this winter, in partnership with the Delta Wild 4-H Club! Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Owl Walk will take place on Saturday, February 2nd, 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at the Capital Area Bird Sanctuary (meet at Hawk Meadows Park).

Build a Butterfly Backyard Workshop will take place on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m.—noon at the Delta Township District Library. Learn about native plants and design your own backyard garden!

4-H Fun Day

Save the date for March 23, 2019! Join 4-H Council at Kardel Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Learn about different project areas, including trying out craft projects! Stay tuned for more information and “like” their page at <https://www.facebook.com/Eaton-County-4H-Fun-Day-742799992571504/>.

Help needed for the event: Leaders or teens who would be willing to teach a lesson on their favorite project (sorry no animals allowed; however, you can teach about animals!). Project table instructors may be reimbursed for supplies (please contact the Extension office prior to purchasing supplies). If you are interested, please contact the Extension office or the event committee chair, Chyanne Rea, or send a message through the Facebook page.

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 12/10 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend.
- Bylaw change approved at last meeting include age changes to follow 4-H age (youth who are 4-H age 8 are included in all sale rules). Sale order remains beef, sheep, swine and not rotating. Changes to carcass through the sale were discussed and will be voted on at the December meeting.

Fair board Corner

- Next meeting: 12/17 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall.

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 1/7 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. Council will discuss ideas for supporting clubs with educational resources; come with ideas on what you would like to see for your club!

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 1/9 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. HDC will vote on the bylaw changes that were proposed at the November meeting, including restructuring meetings and quantity, and discuss educational opportunities for the horse project.

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 1/17 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend.

4-H Fashion Venue Corner

- Next meeting: 1/28 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. Formerly Style Revue Committee, this meeting will discuss rebranding the event and combining entries to make a fun, competitive event for those in the clothing/textile project areas. All are welcome to share input for this event!
- Save the date! The show will be on March 23 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlotte.

Dog Committee Corner

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

Youth-Adult Partnerships Training

***NOTE: The first training is this month on December 13! Please RSVP to the Extension office for this training by 12/12.*

Volunteers, do you want to strengthen your skills when working with youth on youth voice, leadership, and involvement in your club? Learn how to work with youth as partners to build a better club! Three trainings on youth-adult partnerships will be held throughout the 2018-2019 program year. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE TRAINING!** Volunteers who attend this training will count toward the Training category in the Club Standards Award. Trainings are free and dinner or refreshments will be served 30 minutes prior to the start of the training. All trainings are located in the Public Meeting Room (basement of the Extension office). Please RSVP to the Extension office by the day prior to the training you want to attend. Youth are welcome to attend as well!

- Thursday, December 13, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, January 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Third date TBD.

Prospective Volunteers

Have you considered becoming a volunteer? All prospective volunteers must go through the Volunteer Selection Process in its entirety prior to being accepted as a volunteer. Any adult who is involved in a club activity on an ongoing basis (more than 4 meetings) must go through this process. The full process can be found at http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu_extension_volunteer_selection_process.

One of the steps to become a new 4-H leader is to complete an interview with 4-H staff. If you know someone who wants to volunteer, the next scheduled interview dates are 12/20 for time slots available between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes. Call the Extension office to RSVP for a time slot.

Upcoming volunteer orientation dates are 12/20 at 3:30 p.m. The orientation will take about 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours and you must RSVP to the Extension office. All volunteers must attend an orientation within their first year of becoming a registered leader.