

4-H NEWSLETTER

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FAIR NEWSLETTER & INFORMATION!

The information provided in this newsletter will help you prepare for this year's Fair which begins Tuesday, August 24th and will run thru Saturday evening, August 28th. **Please take some time to read the newsletter carefully.** If you should have any questions, we encourage you to contact the MSU Extension Office at 231-873-2129. We hope that everyone has a great time at the Fair!

If you are entering still exhibits in the youth building - you may enter them between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday

MARKET - DO NOT BRING YOUR GREEN CARDS & PREMIUM SHEET TO CHECK IN UNTIL YOU HAVE YOUR WEIGHT CLASSES, ETC. ALL NEED TURNED IN AT ONCE!!!
It is too hard to keep going back through all of the premium sheets to pull yours back out to finish at a later time without misplacing anyone's.

Those with animals; when arriving at the Fair, you will follow the established rule of 15 minutes to load or unload feed, or tack, and then you will have to park in the back lot.

****THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO TYING OF ANY ANIMALS TO THE FENCE****

ALL LIVESTOCK AND HORSE TRAILERS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS AT THE CLOSE OF ENTRY DAY. ANY TRAILER ON THE GROUNDS WEDNESDAY MORNING WILL BE TOWED.

We thank everyone for the wonderful cooperation that we have had with parking. Remember, the only people allowed to park by the barns are the *Building Superintendents and Fair Vet.*

Please be helpful & supportive to your club members, leaders and stall/ pen neighbors. The Fair is an opportunity to show off your efforts in various project areas and promote Oceana County 4-H. Remember: **NO EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE**

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MARKET LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

WEIGH –IN DAY AUGUST 24, 2021

STEER, FEEDER CALF & YOUNG BEEF WEIGH-IN

All steer, feeder calf & young beef market project animals must be weighed in between 8:00 a.m.– 12 noon in the Beef Barn.

LAMB WEIGH-IN

All 4-H Market Livestock Lamb project animals will be weighed between 8:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.

HOG WEIGH-IN

The 4-H Market Livestock Executive Committee will begin weighing hogs at 10:15 a.m. Hogs must be in their assigned pens no later than 11:00 a.m. and must be weighed no later than noon. If they should arrive early and there are no lambs to be weighed, the weigh-in crew will begin to weigh hogs.

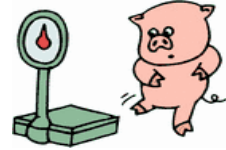
WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Steers– 950 lbs. to 1600 lbs. (since the scales are only rated to 1600 lbs., anything over 1600 lbs. will be sold as 1600 lbs.)

Lambs– 90 lbs. to 185 lbs.

Swine– 220 lbs. to 310 lbs.

Animals that do not meet the above weight ranges will not be eligible to sell during the 4-H Market Livestock Auction.



JUDGING SCHEDULE: The Livestock Judging schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 25

8:00 a.m.- Swine judging begins in the Small Arena

8:30 a.m.- Beef judging begins in the Large Arena

4:00 p.m.- Sheep judging begins in the Small Arena

All Livestock Showmanship Classes will be held first.



VIDEO RECORDING

The 4-H Market Livestock Committee has made arrangements to record the auction. 4-H members will have until 12:00 noon on Friday, August 27th to question any sale prices. The 4-Her must go to the MSU Extension Office with any sale questions. If there is a difference in sale prices, Kathy will contact the Market Livestock Committee and make the necessary adjustment. Remember, if you have the slightest question on your sale price, please stop by the Extension Office on Friday after the sale between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon to appeal the recorded price.



Swine project members-if you have a specific time you would like for barn duty you must contact Kathy & Phil Carter by August 16th at 861-2654. If you get their answering machine leave a detailed message with a call back number!

EAR TAG REQUIREMENTS

SWINE must have their recorded MDARD tag in their ear and a 4-H tag or cannot be unloaded!

All BEEF & DAIRY must have a RFID tag in their ear or cannot be unloaded!

SHEEP & GOATS must have their correct scrapies tag in their ear and also a 4-H tag or cannot be unloaded!

ROTATIONAL CLUB SCHEDULE FOR THE AUCTION.

Please check the schedule below to see if your club is responsible for auction preparation or take-down this year.

This does not count as a non-club point, as it is part of your responsibilities as a member of a Market Project.

Note: The club responsible for auction take-down will also be required to clean (hose/scrub off) the white cement wall and collect garbage from the Grandstand. **There will be NO non-club points given for cleanup**, it is a club responsibility.

The Market Livestock Committee voted to work with Nutrien Ag Solution to provide goodie bags for the buyer's reception this year. We are not to have food that has not been prepared by a licensed kitchen therefore we have made a few adjustments for this year.

ROTATIONAL SCHEDULE

Beef Gates: 4-Star

Pig Panels: Proud Porkers

Set Up Reception/Bank/Clerking Area: Me & Ewe

Set up Electronic Sign & Picture Area: Beef Bums

Grandstand Cleaning/Hosing: Brooks Baconmakers

Letters will be sent to all club leaders with responsibilities

DISPOSING OF WATER IN THE BEEF BARN



All water to be disposed of from this barn is to be dumped by the fence and not by the barn doors. The entrance to the barn has been a slippery, muddy mess in past years and efforts to keep it dry this year will be enforced.

Please be helpful and dispose of water along the fence line.

STEER CLIPPING PRIOR TO FAIR

It has been requested that all steers be clipped prior to arriving at the Fair. With the many preparations going on during show day, one less activity will help keep the barn traffic flowing smoother. There may be some touch ups done.



REMOVING GROOMING CHUTES

All 4-H Market Livestock Members must have all grooming chutes removed by 1:00 p.m. Thursday of Fair. This will allow for more room during the remaining activities of Fair. If you have a feeder calf please speak with your superintendent as to when you may have a chute there.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SPRINKLING CAN REQUIRED!!

All 4-H Market Livestock Swine Clubs are required to have a sprinkling can filled with room temperature water available during judging and other times when it may be needed to cool the hogs.



DO YOU HAVE A PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR THE 2022 MARKET LIVESTOCK PROGRAM?

The 4-H Market Livestock Committee will hold its annual fair and program rules evaluation meeting in late September. This is the only time that changes to the 4-H Market Livestock program are made. All 4-H Market Livestock leaders are invited to attend in person or to mail or fax written comments to the Committee. If you have an idea or suggestion, please talk to your leader and send it in writing to the Extension office to be considered by the committee. Please note that **ALL CHANGES ARE FINAL** by the time of the Annual Meeting. As it is set on a school night, and is for rules and distributing checks, we would like to remain very efficient with everyone's time!

The current Market Livestock Committee consists of:

**Lance VanSickle
Lindsey Merten
Whitney Hintz
Marissa Sayles
Ryan VanderZwaag**

**Michelle Holladay
Mary Sue Mahan
Audrey Herremans
Amanda Cederquist**

**Kim Mischler
Sara Egeler
Blake Herremans
Mary Bisard**

DO YOU WANT TO RUN FOR THE MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE?

The 4-H Market Livestock Committee seeks interested members, volunteers and parents to submit their name for the election ballot. Fair is the time to make that known. Please mention your interest to your leader or call the Extension Office and leave a message so that when the Committee holds the evaluation meeting, they can place your name, or your suggested candidate's name, on the ballot. **Teens hold one-year terms, but Adult representatives hold three year terms.** We are looking for people who are committed to attending the (up to) **six** meetings that are held annually. The Committee prefers that candidates attend the Annual Meeting so they can stand to be recognized and give a brief bio and explanation of interest. Please forward any names that you may have to your leader or the Extension Office at 873-2129.

**** SMALL MARKET ANIMAL MEMBERS ****

ENTRY DAY DETAILS

WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL MARKET ANIMALS

Feeder Calves– 250 lbs. to 600 lbs.

Chickens- 4 lbs. and over for each bird

Ducks- 4 lbs. and over for each bird

Geese– 10 lbs. and over for each bird

Goats-Minimum of 50 lbs.

Rabbits– 3.5 lbs. and over for each rabbit

Turkeys- 10 lbs. and over for each bird

Animals that do not meet the above weight ranges will not be eligible to sell during the 4-H SMAA or JR Market Auctions

SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING/SHOWING TIMES

Wednesday, August 25th-	8:30 a.m.	Feeder Calf	(they follow the steers)
Thursday, August 26th-	9:00 a.m.	Goats	Small Arena
	10:00 a.m.	Rabbits	Rabbit/Poultry Barn
Friday, August 27th-	9:00 a.m.	Poultry	Rabbit/Poultry Barn

All exhibits will be judged for top quality and against a standard of excellence. Remember, the judge's decision is **FINAL and good sportsmanship is EXPECTED!**

GOATS: All sheep and goats must be identified with an USDA approved form of identification when moved. (please see full details in this newsletter)

NOTEBOOKS: Please make sure your notebooks are up-to-date, neat and complete by Fair time. They are required for ALL Small Market/Junior Market Animal entries. Notebooks must be checked by the weigh master and turned in to the **4-H Building before 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day.** Be sure your exhibit card is attached to your notebook. **Make sure your notebook reads 2021 on the front.**

ALL ENTRIES, INCLUDING MARKET: As a precaution, it may be wise to check with your leader to be sure your premium statement is correct, with all entries listed according to the fair book sequence.

**** SMALL MARKET ANIMAL MEMBERS ******POULTRY AND PULLORUM TESTING**

Per the Fair book pullorum testing will take place by the superintendent on entry day.

Please direct any questions to Whitney Hintz, the new poultry superintendent

Please have your poultry entered between the hours of 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

if possible. Whitney will be doing poultry testing and banding as they are entered. If you have a special circumstance that does not work within this time frame please speak with the superintendent ahead of time.

The Poultry cages will not have their bedding in them. It will be up to the exhibitor to get the cages ready, sawdust bedding will be provided.

RABBIT & CAVY CAGES

Be aware that the cages have wire bottoms so if you are bringing a cavy and would like a solid bottom to your cage you need to bring something with you.

WHEN CLEANING YOUR TRAYS RUN THE HOSE OUT TO THE GRASSY AREA SO THERE IS NOT A MUDDY MESS !

DO YOU HAVE A PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR THE 2021/2022 SMALL/JUNIOR MARKET PROGRAM?

The 4-H Small Market Committee will hold its annual fair and program rules evaluation meeting in late September. This is the only time that changes to the 4-H Small Market program are made. If you have an idea or suggestion for changes and improvements, please talk to your leader or superintendent and send it in writing to the Extension office to be considered by the committee. Please note that ALL CHANGES ARE FINAL by the time of the Annual Meeting.

The current Small Market Committee consists of:

Kayli Bono

Michelle Holladay

Remington Hawley

Melissa Flanagan

Lindsey Merten

Blane Sawdy

Kim Adkins

Karen Pankow

Case Bono

Consider adding YOUR name to the ballot this fall to be part of the change!!!

Contact the Extension Office at 231-873-2129 for additional details.

RECORD BOOKS

Make sure that you take the time to ensure your 4-H Market Livestock Record Books are accurate, neat and completely up-to-date.

You must present your notebook at the time your animal is weighed.

ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.

You have until 5:00 p.m. to submit your notebook at the 4-H Exhibit Building.

**** SMALL MARKET ANIMAL MEMBERS ******AUCTION PREPARATIONS**

Below is the rotational schedule that was agreed upon at the last Small Market meeting. The refreshments served to buyers at the auction this year will be a **bag with chips, water and other goodies (prepackaged items)**.

Reception/Clerking Area Set Up: G.C. Beef Bums/The Herd

Set Up Picture Area: Backyard Livestock/Country Beefmen

Take Down: 4-Star/ Me & Ewe

All parents are expected to continue to pitch in at the barn getting the animals ready for auction. We have **NEVER** had an issue with this and we **thank you** for your hard work and citizenship!!!

The SMAA & Junior Market Auctions will be held Saturday, August 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Arena. JR MKT immediately followed by SMAA

CLEANLINESS OF ANIMALS—AUCTION

All Small Market Animals are expected to be spotlessly cleaned and groomed for the Auction, this includes rabbits, poultry, goats, young beef, and feeder calves. 4-H youth are responsible for cleaning the cages/pens of their animals. A time schedule will be set up for clubs and individuals.

Remember that buyers will be touring the barns beginning as early as 4:00 p.m. You will definitely catch their attention with a clean animal and cage/pen. The extra effort that you put into making sure that not only your animals, but also your notebook, are as neat as possible will pay off in the long run!

Do not forget to
BRING & LABEL YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT!

If you need to borrow someone's equipment make sure to get permission and return it cleaned and where you found it.

ALL MARKET ANIMALS—LARGE AND SMALL

PARTICIPATION FEE FOR LARGE & SMALL MARKET

The 4-H Market Livestock Committee & Small Market Animal Association have imposed a Participation Fee for all 4-H members **whose animal does not make weight**, and the member elects to keep the animal at the Fair for showmanship classes only. If your animal is either over or underweight or you choose to not participate in the auctions and you want to keep it at the Fair, whether you are going to sell it out of the barn or not, *you must pay a \$25.00 participation fee for Large Market or \$15.00 for Small Market animals*. This fee must be paid by 5:00 p.m. on entry day or you will be required to take it home. Just to clarify, to keep it at the Fair you must pay the \$25 (Lg Mkt) or \$15 (SMAA/JR MKT) fee. This fee was established to help offset the cost of clinics, advertising, buyer's awards, ribbons etc., that are deducted from members that have completed the project with the sale of their animal. **The fee for those electing to stay at the Fair will be due upon entry day; payable to the superintendent.**

Members will receive for this fee **a sign, which they may display once their auction has begun**, that their animal is "For Sale", if they choose to sell the animal out of the barn.

To have your animal hauled to a processor or re-sale auction, you will need to contact Hollis Rockwell, Beef Superintendent, to purchase a hauling pass to have your animal removed from the Fairgrounds by the 4-H Market Livestock haulers. If you should have any questions please contact the MSU Extension Office at 873-2129.

WASHING SCHEDULE

We would like everyone to please be aware of their surroundings when washing their animals. Please do not interfere with judging of other animals. Below is a schedule, set by the superintendents, for washing of your animals.

Beef/Feeders: Wed. morning can wash while the beef show is going on but please wash at the gravel area along Polk Rd fence line. Blow dry down around the beef barn.

Dairy: Wed. after the beef show please wash at the gravel area along Polk Road fence line. Any other day you may wash as long as there is not a show in the large arena.

Goats & Sheep: Wed. morning/afternoon in between the goat/sheep barn as long as you do not bring your animals through the show area in the barn.

Horses: Any day at the new horse barn wash racks. Can wash while other shows are going on.

Swine: Tuesday once weigh in is completed. There will be a 15 minute slots. Sign up on the sheet posted by the hog wash rack.



ALL MARKET ANIMALS—LARGE AND SMALL

ANTIBIOTIC FREE STATEMENT REQUIREMENT: This requirement is requested by one of the packers we use for the 4-H animals. Your leaders were provided with this form at the leader/superintendent meeting. We also have them in the office if needed. **These forms will need to be turned in on Tuesday, August 24th (Entry Day) IN YOUR BARN!**

4-H INFORMATION CARD: Once again, we will be using the Market Livestock, 4-H Small Market Animal Member Information/Jr. Market cards during the auction. These were also given to your leaders. Please take a few minutes to complete the card as neatly as possible, and turn it in on **Entry Day IN YOUR BARN.** These cards will be used to announce members during the auction. The neater, the better!!

DO NOT TURN YOUR CARDS IN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE, THEY NEED TO BE TURNED IN TO YOUR BARN ON ENTRY DAY.

WORKBEE NIGHT

Workbee night is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 23rd **beginning at 6:00 p.m.** In the hog, poultry and rabbit barns, no pens/cages will be assigned before the superintendent arrives. In other barns, please check with your leader or superintendent.



PEN/STALL CLEANING

Please remember that all 4-H Market Livestock members must have their animal pens/stalls cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day the Fair is open. This is a requirement of the project and if not completed each day will result in possible premium forfeiture and additional penalty.

Swine project members-if you have a specific time you would like for barn duty you must contact Kathy & Phil Carter by August 16th at 861-2654.



ANIMAL RELEASE TIMES

(CHECK WITH YOUR SUPERINTENDENTS BEFORE REMOVING ANY ANIMALS!!!!)

NO EXHIBIT WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Please check with your barn superintendent, leader, or Hollis Rockwell to confirm the time your animal is scheduled to leave.

All manure and bedding will need to be removed from the barn at the conclusion of the Fair. If you neglect to clean your stall after release of your animal, you may forfeit your premiums.

OPEN CLASS ANIMALS REQUESTING TO RIDE HAULING TRUCKS

If you have an open animal (or an animal that did not make weight and stayed at the fair) that you would like taken to a processor or Ravenna Livestock for reselling, please see Hollis Rockwell, in the beef barn, by noon on Friday for a loading pass. There will be a small charge for this service. Cost is as follows: **Steers- \$14.00, Feeder Calf- \$10.00, Swine - \$8.00 and Lambs- \$6.00. (Prices may vary slightly).**

NO LOADING PASS — NO RIDING!!

ALL MARKET ANIMALS—LARGE AND SMALL

BEEF BARN INSTRUCTIONS

All Steers/Feeders must be to the barns by Noon. You **MUST** wait in line, do not unload anywhere except when it is your turn and you are asked to.

Make sure you have your notebook with you.

If you have a generator that you could bring that would be very helpful to help run things such as the blow dryers. This will prevent tripping of breakers.

DAIRY

This year the dairy will be using the milk pumps at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the steer shows (other days to be determined). Generators will also be helpful here.

CATTLE BARN: ARENA- EXERCISE

There will be no cattle in the arena, on entry day, before 3:00 p.m.

The cattle will be assigned their spaces and have a chance to calm down from their trip to the Fairgrounds.

The beef superintendent, Hollis Rockwell, will let you know when it is okay to bring your animal out to exercise.

CHUTES & WASH AREA

Chutes are not to be put where there are water spouts. Plans are to have chutes placed on the South side of the cattle barn. Wash stations will be along the fence. You should wash your animal and then move it to a chute to be fitted.



ADD ONS FOR AUCTION:

Last year with the virtual auction, buyer's were able to do add-on's to bids. This year the committees would like to try to continue this. While we can not have the bank do add-ons the night of the auction we will have a form available for any buyer to fill out and turn into the MSUE office by Thursday, September 2nd to be billed for any add-ons they would like to make.

The minimum add-on bid will be \$25.00

(no credit cards can be accepted at the Auction or for add-ons)

OCEANA COUNTY FAIR VET

Thank you to Dr. Sarah Esquivel for agreeing to be the veterinarian for the Oceana County Fair. We would like thank her very much for volunteering her time and expertise.





HORSE INFORMATION



The Horse Superintendent's office is located at the West end of the draft horse barn.

Please enter ANY class that you "THINK" you might want to be in...

It is easier to scratch a class later than to try to add it.

Watch in the horse barns for posted schedules, etc.

Please remember that you are responsible for cleaning your horse stall before 9:00 a.m. daily. When Fair visitors come through, they will be impressed by your cleanliness. NO blacking of hooves in aisle way. Please bring a board and take your horse outside. Also, please keep all lawn chairs and tack out of the aisles. To maintain open aisle ways, please keep your horse moving to the exit when leaving your stall. Visitors may ask questions in order to learn more about 4-H or horses in general. Please be polite and if you do not know how to answer their question, get your leader or another adult who may be able to help.

After Wednesday's classes and also after the costume class on Friday, everyone needs to help clean up the ring.

Please look for the exercise schedule and list of barn rules at both ends of the barns. We hope that everyone will follow both. Also, there will be NO horses out of the barns *after 5:00 p.m.* unless permission/scheduled by your superintendent.

You **MUST** clean up after your horse at all times. It does not reflect well on any of us that visitors to the fair have to walk around piles that have been left on sidewalks and walkways. We have not had any complaints the past few years, let's keep it that way!

Everyone needs to make sure they clean up their gathering/sitting area and properly dispose of all trash.

"Leave where you have been, better than you found it"

Let's try to be helpful to one another and congratulate each other for our efforts & successes.

Good sportsmanship is not something that we hope you will exhibit, it is something that is EXPECTED—PARENTS TOO!

We are required to display the Equine Liability signs. These signs must be displayed and visible at all times. Please make sure they are up and not removed.

ALL RIDERS MUST DISMOUNT BEFORE LEAVING THE BEEF (LARGE) ARENA. IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE MAKE-UP AREA OR IN THE RING, YOU WILL NOT BE ON YOUR HORSE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO DISMOUNT AND IF YOU DO NOT, YOU WILL LOSE PREMIUMS AND MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS. YOU MUST ALSO WEAR APPROPRIATE BOOTS/FOOTWEAR & HELMETS. THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE AND A RULE.



A valid Negative Coggins Test must be on file in the MSU Extension Office.

No trailers may be left on the Fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair.

Horses may exercise in the horse arena Wednesday evening after 5:00 p.m. You may warm up for showmanship on Wednesday before 2:00 p.m. in the horse arena—no 4-H horses in arena when harness racers are on the track.

GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION

OCEANA COUNTY FAIR BUILDING SUPERINTENDENTS

Superintendents are the special people who are in charge of a specific building at the Fair. If you have any questions, please contact them. If you do not fulfill your responsibilities to your building or barn; and don't keep everything cleaned up or display a bad attitude, the building superintendents have the authority to pull your premiums, withholding your monies. You may also risk not being allowed to attend next year's Fair.

SUPERINTENDENTS

Youth Exhibit Building	Cathy & Grace Alvesteffer	Rabbits:	Karen Pankow
Draft Horses	Roy Strait	Beef Barn	Hollis Rockwell, III
Poultry	Whitney Hintz	Dairy Cattle	Heidi Bromley
Goats	Kip Cole	Sheep	Lindsey Merten
Light Horses	Connie Cargill	Swine	Phil Carter

PREMIUM AWARDS

The Oceana Agricultural Society will be awarding youth cash premiums again this year based on their exhibit placings. **If you are interested in donating your premiums back** to the Fair Board, please indicate so on your premium sheet, right under your address.
Thank you.

COMPLAINTS & CONCERNS

If you have a concern, complaint or problem please use the following line of authority:

1. Contact your leader.
2. Your leader will contact the barn superintendent
3. Your superintendent will contact a member of the Executive Committee for your project.
4. The Executive Committee may contact the 4-H Youth Council

**PLEASE DO NOT GO TO THE FAIR OFFICE.
WORK WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS FIRST.**

TRAILERS ON ENTRY DAY

This year there will be harness racing occurring on entry day. There will be NO parking in the infield as usual on entry day. Unload and move your vehicles out of the way so we can keep things moving along.

Thank you all.

Let's have a great Fair!

GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION

REMINDER - NO FOOD/DRINK IN THE BARN

Following recommendations from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development there will be **no food, or drink in the barns or buildings. Make sure to keep all food & drink outside.**

All 4-H fair exhibitors are considered ambassadors for their project areas and as such, bare a civic responsibility to educate fair patrons as the opportunity arises.

Exhibitors are role models, expected to model behavior that reinforces quality animal care and execute biosecurity prevention measures to the best of their ability.



NO TENTS/CANOPIES ON THE FAIRGROUNDS OTHER THAN THOSE LOCATED IN KIDS CAMP. Your club will be assigned an area on Monday evening the 23rd.

It is EXPECTED that everyone SHARE...GET ALONG....COOPERATE.

The first year of Kid's Camp received great feedback following the Fair from the youth. They enjoyed getting to know other club members and having a designated place to unwind.

This should be a fun, safe place for the kids to hang out, plug in their gadgets if needed, play games, etc.

****There will be no crockpots, cooking surfaces, etc. plugged in see page 16 for more information****

Everyone should be watching out for everyone, isn't that what 4-H is all about, teamwork and community?

Let's have a great time but also respect what has been given to us to make the week more comfortable. If you notice an over crowded tent offer for them to hang out with you. Of course practice safe distancing routines the best that you can.



CHANGES

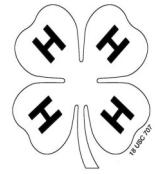
Do you have a request for a change in a class, etc. for next year's Fair? Please fill out the form on page **107** of the Fair book. All changes will be presented to the Board for discussion.

Superintendents....please make sure you make any changes you would like to see. Be aware that some things may not be, or can not be, changed but you do not know if you do not ask.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD!

(deadline October 1, 2021)

2021/2022 OCEANA COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR(S)



Please try to take a minute to acknowledge your fellow 4-H members who have went above and beyond. Not only those who were awarded this recognition this year but all of those who applied, we have a great group of teen leaders in our 4-H program! This year, due to COVID restrictions last year, the ambassadors from 2020/2021 have been invited to return for 2021/2022.

Congratulations to our newest 2021/2022 ambassador.... Alexis Settler!

*Thank you to our continuing ambassadors & Welcome our newest ambassador
Kassie Bisard & Chloe Coker & Alexis Settler*

HOW WILL YOU SHOW YOUR 4-H SPIRIT!!

Oceana County 4-H Spirit Day at the Oceana County Fair, Saturday, August 28th.

A friendly competition of which barn can be the most 4-H decorated at the 2021 Oceana County Fair. We want to see how everyone can represent their 4-H Program! Clothing, décor, animal gear, face paint and more! The winning barn will be judged Saturday at Noon! Anyone can participate; families, youth volunteers, etc.

Winning barn will be announced at the SMAA/JR Market Auction! The winning barn will receive 4-H goodies as well as have their barn put on our NEW SPIRIT PLAQUE that will hang in our 4-H office.

Barn groups:

- Cattle/Dairy barn together
- Light Horse Barns (new & Old) together
- Swine/Goats/Lamb barn together
- Poultry & Rabbit barns together.



*Decorations/etc. can be put up Friday night or Saturday morning so it does not interfere with your shows or club activities.

****We did not want to decorate the Youth Building due to the delicate items.
We didn't want anything to get damaged while open for display by
people decorating.**

4-H GRAND SLAM SHOWMANSHIP

The Grand Champion Showman in the following animal species will be entitled to compete in the Grand Slam Showmanship Competition for a trophy and monetary award from the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund. (beef, dairy, horse, goat, lamb, swine, poultry, and rabbits). **Due to this being sponsored by the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council, the youth must be a registered Oceana County 4-H member in order to participate.** If the Grand Champion is not a registered 4-H member then the opportunity to compete in the Grand Slam will be offered to the Reserve Champion (and so on).

Upon being awarded the chance to compete see Lindsey Merten or Whitney Hintz for details.

If you are not interested in competing, please let your superintendent know so that they may ask the Reserve Champion of your species.



- ◆ Must compete in Showmanship with all animals
- ◆ Take time to speak with and learn from exhibitors in other areas

THERE WILL BE NO CROCKPOTS, OPEN COOKING SURFACES, OR SHARED OPEN FOOD CONTAINERS IN KID'S CAMP. IF YOU CHOOSE TO NOT FOLLOW THESE RULES YOU WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE IT OR REMOVE YOURSELF AND YOUR BELONGINGS FROM THE AREA.

THINGS THAT YOU WILL NEED FOR THE FAIR

1. 2021 Fair Premium Book (1 per family)
2. Premium Statement (1 per Youth Exhibitor)
3. Fair Youth Exhibit Tags– One for each class/exhibit entered. Use only one exhibit tag even though 3 articles may be required in a class. Please use complete mailing address, including city. The exhibit tags for Department of Youth are green in color.
4. If putting a still exhibit in the Youth Exhibit building– check the Fairbook to see if you need an informational card with it
5. Stall Card for Market Livestock Animals– available from your leader
6. Stall Card for Small Market Animals– available from your leader
7. Tab Sheet for Horses– available in the MSUE office or possibly from your leader.

Everyone: If you haven't spent a few minutes reading the Fair Book, do so before filling out your exhibit cards. An exhibitor may receive a B or a C ribbon, or even be disqualified, instead of an A because rules were not read carefully and followed. Please double check your cards.

4-H GENERAL INFORMATION

FAIR PASSES

There are several different passes available. All passes will be issued at the North End of the Youth Exhibit Building on ENTRY DAY ONLY. You will not be allowed to cut through the Building, you must walk around. You will need to obtain a pass to get in the Main Gate in one of the following ways:

1. Livestock Exhibitor Pass
Issued only to those that must take care of their animals everyday
2. Youth Pass
Available for all **youth building exhibitors- \$3.00/pass**
3. 4-H Leader Pass/Parent Pass
Available for all enrolled **4-H Leaders and Parents of Exhibitor- \$6.00/pass**
4. Daily Pass
For clerks and "Building Watch" volunteers (not needed if you have one of the above passes) This pass is free because you are volunteering your time for building watch.
5. Barn Loading & Unloading Permits
There will be one per family. There will be a sign-in system to make sure only one is issued per family



ALL PASSES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 UNTIL 5:00 p.m. NO PASSES WILL BE ISSUED AT ANY OTHER TIME.
BARN LOADING AND UNLOADING PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED ON TUESDAY ONLY.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- HELP OUR FAIR RUN SMOOTHLY! ***PLEASE help in any way that you can, for however long as you can!!!***

Volunteers are needed each year to help in various areas during the Fair.

In the Youth Exhibit Building help is always needed. The building superintendent, will be seeking help with building watch throughout the duration of the Fair. The Light Horse Superintendent will be looking for help, from horse club members and parents, during the horse showing classes as well.

Some specific areas in need of help are listed below.

Even if you can only give an hour of your time we appreciate it!

YOUTH BUILDING WATCH: We need everyone to sign up for at least a 1 hour shift.

**** This year the building superintendent, Cathy Alvesteffer, will be giving a ticket for a chance for a gift card drawing to those who help ****

Remember that notebooks are kept in the building along with the Youth exhibits, so we need EVERYONE to volunteer for at least one shift. Please call the MSU Extension Office to volunteer for the time convenient for you by August 20, 2021. The building WILL BE CLOSED for any hours not covered.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Watch over the building and it's contents– keep it swept up
- Be available to answer Fair patron questions
- Represent 4-H with a friendly face
- Encourage new members to enroll in 4-H



4-H GENERAL INFORMATION



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4-H WORKBEE: This is held on Monday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. We will offer a non-club point for helping the morning of Monday, August 23rd when moving things to the Fairgrounds in the morning. Heavy lifting will be involved, so please take this into consideration if you are volunteering. If you are interested in helping on this day, please call the MSUE Office by Wednesday, August 18. On Monday, the 23rd Workbee night, Non-club points may be earned by jobs assigned from Superintendents or Extension Staff but will apply to the 2022 Fair. No paperwork or nonclub points will be signed by MSUE Office Staff on Monday during workbee.

Any non club points issued will apply to the 2022 Fair.

CHECK-IN: We need adults & teens to help on entry day, Tuesday, August 24th checking people in and placing exhibits in the 4-H exhibit building. The more help we have, the shorter the lines and quicker everyone gets done. Please volunteer some time to help kids setup their exhibits. 4-H members may also volunteer to help place exhibits.

CLERKS ON JUDGING DAY: Wednesday, August 25th from 8:45 a.m. until finished.

Clerks work with the judges in specific areas stapling ribbons on exhibits and writing the judge's comments. We need one adult and one teen for each judge. They are not involved in the actual judging. Without clerks we will continue to have a difficult time finding judges as it takes too long for them to do without helpers so they can move on to the next item while the ribbon is being awarded to the current project they are on.

LET'S SEE EVERYONE PITCH IN AND HELP! EVERYONE SHOULD SIGN UP FOR SOMETHING. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP! THANK YOU!

NOTICE SOMEONE GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND?

Nominate them for an award!!!

YOUTH

- **MI 4-H Sportsperson of the Year**
- **John Sayles Memorial Award**
- Mention it to a club leader
for **Fall Awards nominations**

ADULTS

- * **MI 4-H Sportsperson of the Year**
- * **John Sayles Memorial Award**
- * **Youth Council Volunteer Awards**
Lifetime Achievement, Horizon,
Mentor, Service, & Sportsmanship



THE BIG DAY– ENTRY DAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 FROM 9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.

REMINDERS:

1. All youth will enter their still exhibits/notebooks at the south end of the Youth Exhibit Building.
All 4-Her members must register with 4-H numbers.
All open youth, including the 5-7 year olds, non 4-H (except for horse entries), will register at table right outside the front entrance to the Youth Building.
2. All exhibits MUST be entered by 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day.
3. Exhibits may not be removed until Sunday, August 29th. Please check with your building superintendent for the time your exhibits will be released on Sunday.
4. You may only enter still exhibits that have NOT been entered in our Fair or any other Fair before. Items or exhibits that you made this year are those eligible for entry. Items from last year or any previous year are NOT eligible (this excludes animal projects).
5. Fill out both the top and bottom of the Fair Youth Exhibit Tag.
6. If you have a still life exhibit make sure you fill out the white informational card which goes with it (the fair book will let you know if it is needed)
7. Where possible, attach the exhibit tag to the exhibit. Identify all exhibits with the name of 4-Her by using masking tape, etc.
8. There are no entry fees in the Department of Youth, 4-H or open.

Each youth must fill out a Premium Statement. This statement lists the total exhibits entered by any one person. All classes in the Fair Book are listed in consecutive order and that is how the Premium Statement should be listed to the best of your ability.

- A. Fill out only parts 1 and 2
 - B. If you have a 2021 Fair Book, complete your exhibit cards (green) and put them in the correct sequence. You will then transfer the class information onto a premium sheet. Keep them in numerical order to the best of your ability to make it easier for those paying the premiums after Fair.
 - C. Make sure you have an informational card for your still exhibits if required.
 - D. If you don't have a 2021 Fair Book, there will be people available on Entry Day to assist you. Books are also available in the MSUE office and as a pdf on the Oceana County Fair website at www.oceanafair.com
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4-H GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT NUMBER SHOULD I USE???

4-H vs. Youth (Y) Exhibitor Numbers

4-H Number

- Market Livestock Member (Large or SMAA)
- 4-H Member, age 8 or older, with non-animal exhibits
- 4-H Member, ages 5-7, PARTICIPATION RIBBON ONLY

Y Number

- Not a 4-H Member
- 4-H Member, ages 5-7, wishing to COMPETE (A, B, C ribbons), this includes ALL JUNIOR MARKET participants

Whichever number is used, it must be consistent throughout ALL entries at Fair. You can not enter some classes for competition and some classes for participation. If you have any questions on which to use, call the MSUE office at 873-2129 and we can help you figure it out.

ACTION DEMONSTRATIONS

Additional premiums are awarded to those who share a 4-H experience with others. You can demonstrate something you have learned or tell about an exciting 4-H experience you had during 4-H Exploration Days, Folk Festival, any type of cultural skill, holiday celebration, food and games, etc.

Remember that these do not need to be long. For the younger 4-Hers, 3-5 minutes is fine. It will be difficult to hold an audience for anytime longer than 4-10 minutes. Also, remember that a good demonstration consists of:

1. A clear introduction
2. The Main Content-the actual information
3. A clear ending- wrap up everything

Demonstrations will be done under the tent on the west side of the Youth Exhibit Building.

EACH DEMONSTRATION MUST BE ON ONLY ONE PREMIUM STATEMENT, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY 4-HERS ARE PARTICIPATING. YOU MUST INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT IT IS AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP DEMONSTRATION. YOU ALSO NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING TO PUT ON DISPLAY ON ENTRY DAY WITH YOUR EXHIBIT CARD ATTACHED INDICATING YOUR DEMONSTRATION.

Demonstrations are listed under Educational Exhibits in the Fair book. It is the last item to add to your premium statement. You must have something on display in the Youth Exhibit Building such as; posters, pictures, etc. on Entry Day to qualify for a premium. The demonstration times are as follows:

Wednesday, August 25th 5:30-7:00

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office or talk with your leader. The sign up sheet is posted on the door at the office.

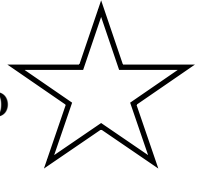
GENERAL YOUTH EXHIBIT BLDG INFO

4-H EXHIBIT
BUILDING
ENTRIES



CRAFTS & OTHER PROJECTS:

MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE FAIRBOOK TO SEE IF AN INFORMATIONAL CARD IS NEEDED TO BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR EXHIBIT!



Place non-perishable exhibits in **plastic bags** to keep them clean (knitting, crocheting, clothing, etc.). Use a twist closure or zip locks (no scotch tape) so they can be opened for judging. If you have small items, place them together. 4-Her's must provide their own hangers for clothing.

THESE ITEMS (disposable plates, baggies, recipe cards) ARE PROVIDED BY YOU. There will be a limited amount on hand for those who may forget or need to change how their exhibit is displayed.

ALL entries in Department FF, ARTS, are **REQUIRED** to be mounted.

Stories, if the cover is not cardboard, should be mounted on cardboard also.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES:

For guidelines on selecting and exhibiting fruit and vegetables, use 4-H bulletin #1175.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/236/67126/4H1175_SelectVegforExhibit.pdf

The bulletin will tell you such things as whether you need to cut the green part off of carrots and how to display your produce. **Plastic bags should not be used for fresh fruits and vegetables as they need air circulation.** All exhibits should be placed on disposable plates with exhibit tags stapled to the plate. Use double plates for larger, heavier fruit and vegetable exhibits. Be sure to check the Fair Book and the 4-H bulletin to be certain of the way and numbers of fruits and vegetables that must be displayed.

Exhibitors have been, and will be, disqualified if they do not have the correct number of vegetables/fruit on a plate. The judges look at this closely.

You may not enter the "any other" category if you already have that fruit or vegetable in a class. You may not have two classes of the same variety!

FOOD ITEMS:

Recipes must be submitted on a 3" X 5" card with all baked goods. Make sure that all baked goods are cool before wrapping or placing in a plastic bag.

Fun with Food items must be submitted with a 3" x 5" card with directions/explanation of what your creation is and how you made it.

FASHION REVIEW:

If you are enrolled in a sewing, crocheting or knitting club, you should enter the Fashion Review. It is a great experience to model the article that you have made. There will be a place you can dress in the 4-H Exhibit Building. The Fashion Review will be included with the ACTION DEMONSTRATIONS. See the superintendent on entry day for the assigned time. You must be signed up by 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day to be included.

4-H GENERAL INFORMATION

“KEEPING KIDS SAFE!”

It is the responsibility of those involved with MSU Extension 4-H Youth to do all we can to ensure that the young people in our programs are treated with respect and dignity, and are provided with safe, caring environments in which to learn and have fun. All 4-H staff, volunteers, parents, grandparents and guardians who work closely with young people, have the potential to profoundly affect the well-being of children. This not only applies to their physical health, but their mental health, also.

If you see negative behavior on the part of a young person, don't wait for someone else to step in, whether or not they are in your club or are your child. 4-H is the village that is raising kids in a safe, encouraging environment. Please use positive approaches when correcting behavior. Give kids a congratulations when they have achieved their best and encouragement to try harder to those who are not happy with their accomplishments.

In your role as the adult at a 4-H event, please keep the following in mind:

- * Be a positive role model and lead by example! Let your behavior reflect the widely used CHARACTER COUNTS six pillars of character that 4-H believes in: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.
- * Keep in mind, just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes all the adults at an event to contribute to a positive experience for the participants. Provide support, guidance and feedback to all the young people who are present.
- * Communicate regularly with participants and use the language of the six pillars of character in you interactions. Point out examples of positive behaviors in action (for example, recognize good behavior as being respectful and caring of others).
- * **Be familiar with the Michigan 4-H Youth Development “Conduct Policy,”** which is: *Positive behavior is a key expectation for youth and adults participating in 4-H activities-behavior that reflects trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Participants are expected to follow all rules and guide-lines. Theft, vandalism, the use of illegal drugs and alcohol, inappropriate or threatening behavior that violates the rights of others, and other such offenses are strictly prohibited, and anyone involved with these offenses will Immediately be dealt with in the appropriate manner. If it is determined by 4-H staff or persons in charge, that the offense warrants it, the offender will be turned over to the proper authorities.*

USE THE “BUDDY SYSTEM” AT ALL TIMES

Part of keeping kids safe is making sure that the “Buddy System” is always used. It is just as important during the day as it is at night, but especially at night. The more people in a group, the less likely anyone with ill intentions will approach. Keep EVERYONE safe!!!



THE OFFICIAL Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct

ALL 4-H PARTICIPANTS, AS WELL AS PARENTS, SIGN THIS CODE OF CONDUCT ANNUALLY WHEN ENROLLING IN 4-H. YOUTH ARE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE THIS CODE FOR ALL 4-H EVENTS INCLUDING THE OCEANA COUNTY FAIR.

Participation in Michigan 4-H programs is subject to the observance of the program rules.

***Any participant who knowingly violates this code of conduct is subject to discipline, up to and including removal from the activity he or she is participating in (at his or her own expense) or the entire county 4-H program.**

Determination of disciplinary action shall be done with input from the volunteers and staff overseeing the program or activity. Final decisions about discipline will be made by the MSU Extension staff.

Michigan 4-H members will:

- ◆ Show respect for, and cooperate with, fellow members, volunteers and staff.
- ◆ Follow 4-H policies and procedures when participating in any 4-H-sponsored event.
- ◆ Under no circumstances, commit or threaten violence toward any individual, group or the program.
- ◆ Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol, tobacco, or any controlled substances at an MSU Extension 4-H youth activity or event.
- ◆ Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension 4-H youth activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances (including tobacco, electronic cigarettes, etc.).
- ◆ Under no circumstances, bring dangerous or unauthorized materials (such as fireworks, explosives, weapons or similar items) to an MSU Extension 4-H youth activity or event.
- ◆ Abstain from hazing, harassment or bullying of another participant, volunteer or staff member (either in face-to-face interactions, through social media or other communication venues), particularly when the behavior is based on a person's appearance, race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status or other protected category under the University's Anti-Discrimination Policy.
- ◆ Not cheat or falsely represent efforts related to 4-H project activities.

THE ROLE OF A 4-H PARENT

- ◆ I accept my responsibility to represent Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development program by holding myself to the standards of the 4-H pledge and motto. I will refrain from behavior that negatively represents myself, my family, my community, 4-H or Michigan State University Extension.
 - ◆ I acknowledge that the 4-H program utilizes competition related to project work as a tool for learning. I will ensure that the project exhibits created by my children are appropriate and respectful. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship, encourage this behavior in my child(ren), and not allow this to detract from the learning experience. I will not let my personal desire to win overshadow the needs of my child(ren) or violate positive youth development principles.
 - ◆ I accept my personal responsibility to be informed and follow the policies, rules, and deadlines established by Michigan 4-H. I will not cheat, lie, knowingly furnish false information, deceive, or otherwise engage in dishonest, unethical or illegal behaviors. I will not encourage others to disregard or intentionally violate conditions of Michigan 4-H participation.
 - ◆ I will act in a respectful and responsible manner during all 4-H programs. I will comply with directions of 4-H officials acting in the performance of their duties. I will not obstruct or disrupt any 4-H program or encourage others to engage in such conduct. I understand that a judge's decision is final.
 - ◆ I will promote a spirit of inclusion and welcome participation of individuals from all backgrounds. I will practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas and opinions of others. I will comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws. I will not participate in behaviors that discriminate against other people.
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ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS
CHECKLIST FROM MICHIGAN FAIR & EXHIBITIONS MDARD
www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo

HORSES:

- Proof of negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test) within the last 12 months, except foals under six months of age and nursing their dam
- Interstate certificate of veterinary inspection if coming from out of state.
- Must be identified via a complete description, electronic identification, or digital photograph if coming from out of state

GOATS:

- Must be identified with official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) scrapies program identification
- Interstate certificate of veterinary inspection if exhibitors are coming from out of state
- Must meet tuberculosis and brucellosis testing requirements if coming from out of state

SHEEP:

- Must be identified with official USDA scrapie program identification
- Interstate certificate of veterinary inspection if exhibitors are coming from out of state with appropriate statements

SWINE:

- Must be identified with official USDA identification ear tag
- Swine at a fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority facility with a fever >105°F is reportable to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)
- Interstate certificate of veterinary inspection if exhibitors are coming from out of state
- Must meet pseudorabies and brucellosis requirements
- No Russian Boars (*Sus scrofa* Linnaeus) and hybrids of Russian Boars can be imported or exhibited

POULTRY:

- Meet pullorum testing requirements
- If birds come to the fair untested for pullorum, they must test negative for *Salmonella* pullorum-typhoid before being caged and housed with other poultry.
- Interstate certificate of veterinary inspection if exhibitors are coming from out of state
- ILT vaccinated poultry may not be imported to Michigan
- Do not share feed and water containers between birds in different enclosures

CATTLE:

- Must be identified with official USDA ear tag ▪ For Michigan cattle this is RFID ear tag

***FOR ANIMALS BEING BROUGHT IN FROM OUT OF STATE & TO SEE
COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS ON MDARDS FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS SITE**



Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is excited to partner again in 2021 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until August 23! The diverse array of classes celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more. There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by submitting [project photos and videos](#). Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs September 2-6.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase.

Why is taking attendance an important practice for 4-H clubs?

Adapted from an article authored by Roxanne Turner, MSU Extension. Read the complete article at www.canr.msu.edu/news/why-is-taking-attendance-an-important-best-practice-for-4-h-clubs.

MSU Extension believes best practice for 4-H clubs is to take attendance at all meetings. Although Roberts Rules of Order, 12th edition doesn't talk about requiring attendance, it does share some reasons why attendance is important. In addition, there are many other benefits to clubs that provide support and strength in many ways. This includes:

- It allows members to feel a sense of value. Members will see that their attendance matters and they are noticed when they are at a meeting.
- It provides the members with a sense of belonging. Starting a meeting off with something as simple as attendance allows everyone to participate and have a voice.
- It holds people accountable.
- It allows leadership of the group to know who to share information with after the meeting. The leadership will be able to quickly see who was not able to attend and can reach out to them to keep everyone current on the club happenings.
- It helps leadership plan better for the future. They can see if certain meetings were less attended and consider changing the schedule.
- It can help leadership see if the meetings are relevant and on point. If many meetings are poorly attended, then changes might be in order for the group.
- It provides a record for meeting quorum. Taking attendance will allow the president to see if a quorum is actually present before proceeding with the meeting and will show proof of this after the minutes are placed on record.

The process of taking attendance can be done in many ways. It can be fun, quick or you can use it as a way to help youth connect or get more familiar with each other. The important part is to take the attendance prior to every meeting. The formal steps to taking attendance can be found in the resource, "Congratulations! You Are Secretary of Your 4-H Club."

All face-to-face restrictions lifted for Michigan 4-H



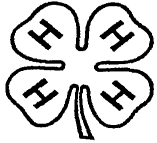
On June 30, all face-to-face meeting requirements were removed for in-person 4-H activities. Michigan 4-H clubs and groups may now meet face-to-face as desired!

Please continue to keep a record of attendance for in-person events, via meeting minutes, registration, attendance log or other methods. In-person events are encouraged to continue following best practices such as meeting outside, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer, frequently sanitizing surfaces and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them.

It has been a long road for our 4-H community since the pandemic landed on our doorsteps. We are thankful to have worked virtually with you over the last year and are very excited to see you again in-person!

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drawing.....
KAYDEN JOHNSON**

***The 4-H Theme of the
Fair this year is
"SPIRIT".
Everyone share,
cooperate & make The
Best Better.***