

# In Motion



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## 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY CHANGE CONFERENCE

The 4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference is scheduled for January 21-22, 2012 at Kettunen Center and is open for registration now through January 6. This powerful 2012 conference brings teens, ages 14 and up, from across the state to learn youth leadership and community change skills. Following are comments from the 2011 conference participants: "This conference makes me feel as if I can change the world." "I personally loved this workshop; not only did I learn new leadership techniques, but I also learned a lot about myself." From an adult chaperone participant: "This conference was interactive, dynamic and perfectly geared toward youth!" Register through your local MSU Extension office.

## I CAN GROW YOUTH GARDEN AWARD PROGRAM

Youth and community garden programs across the U.S. can benefit from the Burpee Home Gardens "I Can Grow" Youth Garden Award. Now in its third year, the award sponsors and supports urban school and community gardens through garden installations and donations. In 2012, two grand-prize winners will be awarded a spring garden installation and kick-off gardening event. Applications are being accepted now! All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Dec. 23, 2011. Click on the link to learn more.

## LEADER & OFFICER TRAINING

Leader and officer trainings are scheduled across the state this fall and winter. One is being held here in Traverse City at the MSU Extension office, 520 W. Front St., on January 7 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. There is a \$3.00 charge to cover snacks. The training is for both adult and teen leaders, or those who are interested in serving in those roles in the future. The goals of this training are:

- How to run a meeting
- How to generate and select ideas within a group
- How to develop an action plan
- How to deal with conflict

The programs are open to everyone, to register, contact Roxanne at 922-4825, or email: john3422@msu.edu.

## FALL 2011 TSC 4-H PAPER CLOVER HIGHLIGHTS

The Fall 2011 Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser results are in! Michigan came in second place to Texas. Having said that, a total of \$35,835.38 was raised in Michigan to support 4-H – a 55% increase (nearly \$12,800 more) from the April 2011 Paper Clover Fundraiser! Of the total, \$23,293 will be distributed to counties, \$1,791.77 for state 4-H support and \$10,750.61 to National 4-H Council for underwriting the campaign. Follow the link to see how we did locally!

## EXPLORING 4-H ROBOTICS

Ready to introduce you club members to an exciting new world that stimulates your creativity and challenges your mind? Then you're ready for Lego Robotics! The 4-H Robotics program is a limitless adventure where you will be encouraged to use your imagination to create new ways of doing simple tasks. Participants will learn new things and along the way experience new challenges. As an adult mentor you don't need to be an expert, you just have to be willing to help guide youth along the way and learn right alongside them. To learn more, contact the 4-H office! Training and materials will be provided.

## 4-H LENDING LIBRARY AND NEW RESOURCES

Did you know we have hundreds of items that Grand Traverse County volunteers and members can borrow for free? There are fun curriculum handbooks, educational books, animal science learning lab kits, compasses, GPS units (coming soon!), Lego Mind storms robot kits, robotic arm kits, snap circuit interactive electricity kits, and multiple science kits suitable for youth age 5-14 (stepping into science, animal science, stars & planets, intro to engineering, navigation science, weather science, physics & forces).

## FREE HEATING SYSTEM

Precision Plumbing & Heating is giving a free heating system to a local deserving family. If you know someone who is facing unfortunate circumstances, then tell us their story. We will choose a situation that we feel will most benefit from a new system and install a top of the line [Trane Comfort System](#) for them at no charge. This is up to a **\$15,000.00** Value for someone who really needs a special gift! No "strings" attached! We need nominations for all deserving families who need the gift of warmth. Please visit our website at [www.PrecisionTC.com](http://www.PrecisionTC.com) and click on the Make-Over button and then complete the brief nomination form.

## SPARTAN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

You ALL are invited to attend the seventh annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2012. Last year over 4,000 MSUE staff, 4-H volunteers, members and their families attended this exciting opportunity at the MSU Breslin Student Events Center. **Ticket Price: FREE** for MSUE 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff and their families! Gates open at 2:30 p.m. for the general public however: Gate D will be open at 2 p.m. for our group. This is the only gate open this early and it is also the gate you need to enter if you are picking up tickets from the 4-H Registration Table. (Do not go to the Breslin Center "will call" entrance.). Order tickets through the MSU Extension office by December 22.

## LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Kim Kelderhouse is the leader of Northern Nature Nutz 4-H Club and has taken the initiative and volunteered to coordinate the local 2012 Livestock Achievement Day. She has created a survey that will help tailor the event to work for 4-Hers and their families. If you or your children participate in the livestock program, here's your chance to express what would work for you! Take the survey [here](#).

## NEW LIVESTOCK PLANNING/REGISTRATION FORM AND DUE DATES

The 4-H Livestock Council has implemented a new combined planning/registration form for you to use to enroll your market and breed animals (dogs and horses remain separate forms). The steer registration form is due at the January meeting. Other large and small animals are due in April! Isn't it great? This is the only registration form you will need to complete (no more pink, blue and green forms that were due in June)!!

## STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

On-site registration begins at 6:30 a.m., \$2.75 per class. Open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2012). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-8 years of age is also available. The Michigan 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs. Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered. Other events during the show will include: Breed ID, Educational Posters and Displays, Club Informational Booths, Supply Vendors, Scholarship Auction, Gold Clover Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship Award Contests (details at: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/rabbits\\_cavies](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/rabbits_cavies)).

**Reminder:** December Livestock Council Meeting has been cancelled.

**4-H Council Meeting**—the Grand Traverse Co. 4-H Council meets on January 16, 6:30 p.m., here at the MSU Extension office. RSVP Roxanne no later than the Friday before the meeting.

## 4-H Volunteer Handbook and Club Development Guide

What is the mission of 4-H? What is the 4-H age policy? Can the lots of a 4-H club be limited? You can find the answer to these questions, and lots of other valuable information by reviewing the guidebook. Take a look!



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