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4-H Council Treasurer

We are looking for a volunteer treasurer! If you know of a registered 4-H volunteer in Grand Traverse County who might be interested, please have them contact the 4-H office at 922-4825. The position can start any time, the earlier the better. The only time requirement would be attending the group meetings (see below) and stopping in to the office at your convenience 1-2 times per month to sign checks. This is a great way to support the local 4-H program! Position training and Quicken 2011 software will be provided.

Empty Bowls Community Service Project

Country Side Kids, 4-H club in Leelanau County, would like to invite 4-H clubs, parents, siblings, friends, etc. (ages 6 and up) to participate in a special community service project. Join in and help paint/decorate ceramic bowls on Sunday, February 19, 2012 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. The bowls will be given away on April 15 for the Empty Bowls event (goal is to help purchase fresh food from farmers that is then given to local food pantries). Cost: $2.75 or $4.15; donation to cover cost of bowls and paint etc. Where: Traverse Region Conservation Club, 4470 Norton Rd, Grawn. Take M-37 south 3 miles past Chums corner. Right on Norton Rd. TRCC is ½ mile on the right. Contact: Jane at janesheffer@att.net 231-943-9350. Have fun as you help our community!

Goats Need a Home

Two four- year-old Alpine cross goats need a home. They would be great for any child starting a 4-H project as a cloverbud or a family looking for some pets. They should not be bred for several reasons; Lucie is partially blind and Poppy is a small Alpine cross. If you are interested, call Kelly Kreaft at (231) 735-6366.

Vet Hospital Tour

The Vet Hospital tour scheduled for February 11 has been cancelled. But, you can still sign up for the March 10, 2012 tour! Call Roxanne at 922-4825; or email john3422@msu.edu.

Swine Clinic

Learn about selection, management, nutrition and health of your 4-H swine at the clinic scheduled for Saturday March 17 at Northern Lakes Community Church on Herkner Rd. You will also learn about the differences between raising a pig for the freezer, for exhibition, or as a commercial market pig. $5 per youth, $10 max per family. Check the link for registration details.

Poultry Workshop

The Michigan 4-H Poultry Evaluation Workshop is scheduled for April 21. This exciting, hands on workshop will provide youth an opportunity to learn about all aspects of poultry evaluation in live birds, meat and eggs. This workshop will prepare youth to participate in the Poultry Evaluation contest held during the 2012 Poultry Palooza. For the first time, Michigan will be forming a Michigan Poultry Evaluation Team that will have the opportunity to compete at the National Egg and Poultry Contest! The top placing youth in the Poultry Evaluation contest will be invited to be on the Michigan Poultry Evaluation Team. Youth ages 9-19 are encouraged to attend the workshop to build their skill in poultry evaluation. Check the 4-H web page for location and other details that are being worked out.

4-H Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

This workshop is for teen and adult volunteers ages 13 and up. Whether you are interested in animal science, plant science, environmental science, robotics, alternative energy, engineering, film making or technology, this workshop has something exciting for you! Learn about new, hands-on educational opportunities in both new and existing 4-H project areas. Conduct experiments and learn how to develop the next generation of problem solvers. Hands-on sessions for beginners and advanced will be provided. Register through your 4-H office before February 24.

4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education, Plant Science and Entomology Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

Mark your calendar for March 16-18, 2012 at Kettunen Center. This three day event is only $79.50 per participant. This is a hands-on opportunity to learn about many environmental and outdoor education, horticulture and entomology projects through fun lessons and activities. Gain ideas, view project resources, participate in activities to get kids outside. Sessions will feature wildlife, natural resources, plant science, entomology, outdoor adventure challenge recreation and leadership. Learn about science applications and career exploration related to these subjects and how to use the information with 4-H clubs or classrooms. Open to adults and youth ages 13 and up. Participants will sign up for specific session assignments on-site at the workshop after Friday's dinner. Those who are registered for the workshop by February 15 will be given first opportunity for session sign up. So, sign up early to be assured your top pick!

4-H Entrepreneurship Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

Wonder how your passion for 4-H projects can turn into a business? Are you an entrepreneur, or are you interested in learning more about it? Already a market livestock "boss" or perhaps you want to make a difference in Michigan by thinking "green" in the bio-economy? This entrepreneurship education workshop is for youth 13 and up and adult volunteers and educators who want to grow their knowledge about starting a business, growing a business and how to make their money (profit) grow. If you dream of being your own boss, you will have the opportunity to choose from several tracks. Each track will include fun, hands-on learning activities and resources to take home. Workshop dates are March 31-April 1, 2012, and will be held at Kettunen Center. Register through your local MSU Extension office by March 23 (session choices will be required when you register); fee is $58.00 per participant.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

The Dairy Conference will also be held at Kettunen Center from April 13-15, 2012. If you'd like to know more about the dairy industry, sign up to attend this conference. You'll learn about dairy management topics including dairy cattle nutrition, health, reproduction and cattle evaluation. Practice for state dairy management contests such as the skillathon and quiz bowls that will focus on dairy cattle health. You'll also tour area farms. Open to youth ages 13 to 19 as of January 1, 2012. Register through the MSU Extension office by March 30; $85 fee covers lodging, meals and resources.

Ingham County 4-H Tack Sale

This year's event takes place on February 25, 2012 at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason. Booth spaces still available – check out the web site for further details and to register.

Norma Agnew Memorial Hairy Horse Show

Have you ever wondered why you placed the way you did at a horse show? Wouldn't it be nice to have time for more feedback from the judge so you can become more successful? MSU4-H Horse Programs presents a warm-up horse show with judge's feedback. Show is scheduled for March 25 at the MSU Pavilion. Click on the link for all the details.

ABCs of Bullying Prevention

Addressing Bullying in Community Settings is a half-day workshop that will be offered by MSU Extension on Wednesday, March 28 in Gaylord. MSU Extension program leaders Janet Olsen and Karen Pace will facilitate the workshop. They have spent the last decade providing community education connecting issues of bullying prevention, social justice and youth development. Studies have shown that young people benefit from time spent in positive and safe settings with adults and peers. Educators, youth workers and families all have important roles to play in creating environments that foster healthy social and emotional development. During this workshop, participants will explore perspectives on the types of bullying occurring in their communities, how these connect with recent research, and key strategies for addressing these complex issues. Workshop details: March 28, 8:30 a.m. check-in and refreshments, workshop 9 a.m. to noon at the Diocese of Gaylord Pastoral Center. Cost: $10.00. For more information or to register contact Carolyn Penniman at MSU Extension: 731-0269 or pennimac@anr.msu.edu Registration is required by March 26.

Michigan 4-H 3-P Air Rifle Postal Match

Coming soon! This link will be updated within the week with all the information and forms needed to register for this event which will be held in Ingham County.

Paul T & Frances B Johnson Foundation Scholarship

Graduating seniors going on to further their education, this scholarship is for you! Applicants need to have lived in Benzie, Grand Traverse or Leelanau County for three out of four of their high school years. Applications can be picked up at your local high school (Counselor's office), or your MSU Extension office. Deadline for applying is May 1, 2012.

Welcome New Volunteers

Welcome to our newest 4-H volunteer, Amber Daniels – Williamsburg, Rail & Trial Riders 4-H Club. Thank you for volunteering your time to support youth in Grand Traverse County.

Tips & Tools for Planning your 4-H Year

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