



MACOMB 4-H COUNCIL/SUBCOMMITTEE OVERVIEW



MSU Extension Mission -- MSU Extension helps people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

4-H Vision and Mission-- Michigan 4-H Youth Development mobilizes volunteers and communities to meet the needs of youth. The 4-H mission is to create non-formal, educational opportunities to help youth thrive in a complex and changing world.

4-H Council Functions --Within the framework of MSUE and 4-H, the Macomb 4-H Council works with MSUE staff to:

- Establish annual 4-H Youth Development Program goals;
- Identify and implement educational programming that meets the needs and interests of the county's young people and families;
- Assist in evaluating impact of programming on established goals;
- Promote and expand the county 4-H program;
- Acquire monetary and non-monetary resources to support county wide programming;
- Serve as a liaison to the Armada Agricultural Society and other partner organizations;
- Plan and implement recognition of youth, volunteers, mentors and partners for their outstanding contribution and service;
- Advocate to key government and community leaders and policy members on behalf of the 4-H program;
- Facilitate communication within the 4-H Community;

4-H Council Structure -- The Council will consist of adult and youth representatives from clubs, mentoring programs, in-school and out-of-school community based networks, and the community at large, each of whom shall serve simultaneously on one of the Council's subcommittees. Membership is open to all without regard to race color, national origin, sex, handicap, age, and religion. Members shall be appointed for two-year terms by the 4-H Agent, who shall make every effort to ensure the Council reflects the diversity of Macomb County. The Council will meet quarterly. Youth and adult chairs, vice chairs, secretaries, and treasurers will be selected annually.

4-H Council Subcommittee Structure-- Each Council member can serve on only one subcommittee at a time. No more than two individuals from any club, mentor/partner team, school or community based program, or community organization can serve on the same subcommittee (This allows a club a maximum of 8 representatives if they are on all 4 subcommittees). All subcommittees will meet quarterly prior to the full Council meeting, with additional subcommittee meetings to be scheduled as needed. The goals of each subcommittee are as follows.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Identify and assess community and 4-H educational assets, needs, concerns and interests.
- Connect with potential partners, community organizations, volunteers and staff that can help address the educational needs and interests identified.
- Help plan and coordinate countywide education events for community, volunteers and/or youth based on needs/interests identified that are not already being addressed by specific program area committees.
- Participate in outreach events, market and promote awareness of 4-H Youth Development Programs.
- Assist in evaluating the progress/impact of 4-H programming.

FINANCE

- Raise funds for training and educational opportunities for 4-H youth and adult volunteers
- Develop a budget for the 4-H Council that will distribute funds for training and educational opportunities.
- Help perform club, committee audits as necessary
- Apply for grants to support 4-H programming

- Provide input into the use of Participation Fee Funds

RECOGNITION

- Promote County and State Awards and provide related training to volunteers/members
- Review, add/delete County Award categories and judging criteria/standards
- Provide input and assistance in coordinating the County Awards and Mentor Recognition Banquet.
- Promote scholarship opportunities and provide related training to volunteers/members.
- Review scholarships to determine which applicants go to the state level for award consideration (if necessary)
- Provide volunteer training and resource materials for recognition programs and ideas.
- Organize other recognition events for volunteers and youth as determined by committee

ARMADA FAIR

- Coordinate 4-H participation in the Fair.
- Annually recruit and train 4-H Fair Superintendents, Day Chairs, teen clerks, and/or judges as necessary.
- Prepare newsletter articles and other appropriate communications concerning 4-H fair participation to parents, volunteers, members, superintendents, teen clerks, judges.
- Help plan and coordinate Sunday non-animal judging to include set up, lunch, and club participation.
- Advocate on the behalf of 4-H: fair book changes, new projects, events, and other beneficial policies to Fair Board Members.
- Help resolve disputes that may arise during fair participation
- Organize and promote Armada Fair community service project

If you would like to be a member of the 4-H Council and serve on one of the subcommittees described above, please fill out this form and return to MSUE 4-H, 21885 Dunham Suite 12, Clinton Township, Mi 48036 or by fax 586-469-6948. Please check only one subcommittee.

Recognition. ____; Education/Outreach. ____; Fair ____; Finance; ____ Adult ____ Youth ____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ Zip _____ Club/Organization _____

Best day to meet _____ Best time to meet _____



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