

## Macomb County 4-H E-mail Announcements for July 27, 2011

### COUNTY NEWS

#### \*\*\*4-H Family Notes\*\*\*

Summer 2011 4-H Families Notes is now on-line. Featured articles include: Marketing your 4-H Livestock Project, Fair Updates, K-9 Fun Match results, Operation Military Kids, Upcoming 4-H Science Blast, and important notes from the 4-H office. Go to [http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h\\_news.html](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_news.html) to access the newsletter.

#### \*\*\*Follow 4-H on FACEBOOK\*\*\*

Click "Like" on the 4-H Facebook site: Macomb MSUE 4-H

We are up and running and would like to promote the successes of Macomb County 4-H and keep others informed as well.

#### \*\*\*Fair Clean Up/Set Up - July 31<sup>st</sup>\*\*\*

All clubs and families are encouraged to come out to help clean the fairgrounds and set up buildings on July 31<sup>st</sup> from Noon to 4:00. This is a wonderful community service opportunity. Please join us for this opportunity to give back to the fair. The fair board will be providing pizza and refreshments for all those who help.

Sign in and get instructions at the 4-H Exhibit Barn. Help is needed to place sawhorses and plywood for tables, clean up barns and fairgrounds. Volunteers should bring brooms and dust pans, staple removers, scissors, heavy duty staplers, screw drivers, hammers. Also, we are looking for some wire to possibly hang pvc tubing overhead (for things like hanging birdhouses, shirts, etc). Bring supplies along with your suggestions!

(More fair news in the family notes as well as below.)

#### \*\*\*Petting Farm Meetings and Fair Help\*\*\*

New and existing 4-H Petting Farm volunteers are requested to join the training meetings taking place on July 23, 2011 at 10am at Wolcott Farm, and on July 31, 2011 at 11am at the Armada Fairgrounds.

We are also in need of more clubs to sign up for times to work the petting farm the week of fair. Below are the available times for farm help:

Monday 8/15: 1-5

Tuesday 8/16: 1-5

Wednesday 8/17: 9-1 and 5-9

Thursday 8/18: 5-9

Saturday 8/20: 9-1 and 1-5

Sunday 8/21: 5-9

Please call Alayne Waterstraat at the 4-H office 586-469-7610 or e-mail [alayne.waterstraat@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:alayne.waterstraat@macombcountymi.gov) to schedule your time.

#### \*\*\*Exhibit Barn\*\*\*

There are openings available for clubs to help with monitoring the exhibit barn during fair week. Below are open time slots. If you have a large club, please consider more than one time slot if possible. The responsibilities of barn duty are simple and can be completed with the help from 4 to 6 volunteers.

Tuesday 8/16: 1:30-5:30 and 5:15-9:15

Friday 8/19: 1:30-5:30 and 5:15-9:15

Saturday 8/20: 9:45-1:45

Sunday 8/21: 5:15-9:15

Duties include:

Welcome visitors/families.

Opening/Closing barn.

Promote 4-H, answer questions.

Keep area free from debris.

Ensure the safety of exhibits.

FILL OUT A RAFFLE TICKET for volunteering! Cool Prizes will be awarded at the end of fair. Call Alayne Waterstraat to register your club today at: 586-469-7610 or e-mail [alayne.waterstraat@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:alayne.waterstraat@macombcountymi.gov)

### \*\*\*\*Information for Families Involved in the Armada Fair\*\*\*\*

Please pass on to your 4-H families:

It is that time again to start setting up things at the fairgrounds for the upcoming fair.

- 4-H Exhibit Barn will be used this year which is located near the stage area.
- We will need volunteers to help on Sunday August 7 from noon-4pm (?) to complete the Exhibit barn as well as Poultry and Rabbit barns. Bring scissors, heavy duty staplers, staple removers, heavy duty tape. Bring your own beverage/meal.
- 4-H Leaders and members that are helping design your area: You need to see the layout of the Exhibit Barn so you can arrange your displays and decorate the space assigned.
- Helping at the fairgrounds- is a community service activity that you can list on your award applications or scholarship applications.
- All 4-H still exhibits will be judged on Sunday August 14 from 9am until 1pm. PARK IN THE MAIN PARKING LOT. Project Judging will be conducted under the Dog Tent near the front parking lot. \*Projects should have a 4-H evaluation sheet. \*Make sure to fill in the top of the form. \*Write your club name on the backside of your project tag which are securely fastened.
- All those interested in Teen Clerking...you need to sign up for this. Your lunch is provided for you the day of judging. \*You will need to sign in and receive your name tag. Contact Alayne: [alayne.waterstraat@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:alayne.waterstraat@macombcountymi.gov) or call her at 586-469-7610 with name, club, and phone number.
- At Sunday Judging, Superintendents, coordinators and judges will also have their lunch provided – as well as a continental breakfast.
- Also make sure to have your projects in boxes, etc. to carry and make sure to have cover in case of bad weather. (If it is raining, you will still be judged.)
- 4-H Members and Cloversprouts can vote for 4-H King and 4-H Queen on Sunday August 14 from 9am until 2pm. You can vote only for 1 boy and 1 girl. The nominees have all submitted their applications and done interviews by this time. All nominees will be announced at opening ceremonies on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. 4-H king & 4-H queen, 1st runners up and 2nd runners up will be announced too. \*All 4-H Families are welcome to attend a reception in the 4-H Exhibit Barn for the full 4-H court which includes the winners. Cake and lemonade will be served. If anyone would like to volunteer to help serve, please see Jenna Lotan and/or Jean Bingham (4-H Court Superintendents).
- 4-H Club displays (animal barns) - check with Fair Superintendent as to the date and time of when you can get into those barns to assemble your club display.
- Clubs are expected to monitor all animal barns this year as well as monitor the 4-H Exhibit Barn, and help sell the feed cones in the 4-H Petting Farm. \*If your club has not gotten their time slots – call Alayne Waterstraat 586-727-3030 for availability and scheduling. You can also sign up at the Fair Clean up on July 31 at the Exhibit building.

- It would be appreciated, if clubs can consider providing some cases of water for the Livestock Auction, that you might consider dropping off a case at the Petting Farm as well!
- Hope everyone has fun at the fair and shows respect to each other and to fair visitors!

Remember that your community service is a great addition for applications and resumes. It demonstrates that you are active member in your community.

### \*\*\*World Wide Day of Play\*\*\*

On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> World Wide Day of Play will be held at Selfridge Air National Guard Base for military families. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping run activities during this event from 10 am to 1 pm. T-shirts and food will be provided to volunteers. Anyone interested in helping please contact Teresa Brodsky at [Teresa.j.brodsky.naf@mail.mil](mailto:Teresa.j.brodsky.naf@mail.mil)

### \*\*\*JCPenney-Roseville Fundraiser\*\*\*

When you shop at the ROSEVILLE JCPenney store between July 31 and August 27, and round up your purchase to the next whole dollar, the JCPenney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to the Macomb County **4-H Youth Development Programs**. This is a great opportunity for all of us to support our local 4-H programs by “rounding up” our purchases! Spread the word to your family and friends. Again we will be looking for volunteers to promote 4-H at the store during the month-long round up. **You may work any day during the week, or on the weekends. Each club that works for 6 hours will be provided \$100.** Only the first four clubs to sign-up will receive the \$100. Contact Jan at the 4-H office to sign up 469-7619 or [jan.gwozdz@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:jan.gwozdz@macombcountymi.gov)

## OTHER NEWS

### \*\*\*Wreath and Garland Fundraiser Opportunity\*\*\*

Macomb Conservation District (MCD) is offering a great way to help clubs raise money for their special projects, camp scholarships, or even just club supplies. This fall MCD decided to include a separate Wreath & Garland Fundraiser, and would like to invite the 4H Clubs here in Macomb County to participate in it.

Each 4H Club that participates will receive 10% of their sales to use in the 4H Projects of their choosing. We will provide each club with the order forms that they will need. The club members will collect pre-paid orders from their first meeting in August until the 26th of October. The wreaths and garland will be available for pick-up by the clubs on Monday, November 21st at the Wolcott Farms, from 9am-8pm.

Our Mission here at the Macomb Conservation District is to help preserve our natural resources and wildlife habitat through educational programs. To help us fund these programs, they also have a spring & fall tree sale.

If your club is interested in participating in the garland and wreath fundraiser, please contact Sherri at the Macomb Conservation District office at 586-752-9580. Their office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, & Fridays 8am-3:30pm and Wednesdays 10am-5pm. Don't forget to submit a fundraiser request form to the county 4-H MSUE office.

### \*\*\*E-mail Announcements\*\*\*

Please send any events to be included in the 4-H E-mail Announcements to [Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov) . To be sure information is communicated correctly, submissions should be written exactly as how you want the information presented.

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