

Macomb County 4-H E-mail Announcements for August 25, 2011

COUNTY NEWS

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

Canine Good Citizen Certification Examinations – September 11th

On Sunday, September 11, the Companion Animals committee is sponsoring an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification examination for all dogs. You do not have to be a participant in the dog project, or own a purebred dog. Bring your dog's shot records.

The dog will be tested on simple obedience items such as walking on a leash, sitting and laying down on command, coming when called, and being polite to strange people and dogs. All 4-H dogs that participate in nursing home visits must pass either a CGC or Therapy Dog International examination, so this is your chance to begin taking part in this great community service.

The tests will be given at Ray Township Park, located behind the township hall at 64255 Wolcott Road. The exam takes less than a half hour. Cost is \$8 per dog. You must pre-register for the exam, which will be offered from noon until 5 PM. To register, call Nancy at 586-913-7421.

Items Missing Since Armada Fair

Nancy Davis is missing a pair of needle nose pliers since the Armada Fair. They were last used to tear down things in the 4-H Craft Barn. Please look through your items/boxes to see if you have them and contact Nancy at davis_lighthouse@att.net if you do.

Also, Patricia Fons is missing several milk crates that were used at the fair. If anyone used these to carry projects and materials home, please return them to Patricia. She can be reached at (586) 784-8769.

Projects waiting pickup at MSUE Office

Projects left at the Armada Fairgrounds were returned to the Macomb County MSU Extension office and are waiting for pick-up.

Katherine Mullins from Macomb K-9 ShadowsDog Book
Lauren Mullins from Macomb K-9 ShadowsDog Book
Kyle Brohl from Alarro.....Project/Picture Book

All ribbons returned to MSU Extension have been mailed with the project entry tags.

Club Re-Enrollment Packets

Enrollment for 2011-12 begins September 1. Club re-enrollment materials that were not picked up at the Armada Fair have been mailed to club leaders. Club leaders should call the 4-H office if they do not receive their club packet within the next week. Also, don't forget that returning members must be registered by November 1, 2011 and new members by April 1, 2012 to show 4-H projects at the 2012 Armada Fair.

***Annual Summary Financial Statement & Club Inventory Report ***

Annual Summary Financial Statement and Club Inventory Report forms were mailed to general leaders earlier this month. Each club and committee is required to complete these forms at the end of each program year, whether or not the club has money or inventory. If your club doesn't have money or inventory, simply fill the forms out with zeros and sign them. These forms are also required of clubs that will not be returning. Contact the county Extension office at Macomb.4h@macobmcountymi.gov or 586-469-6431 if you have questions.

***** Online 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment Now Available*****

Club leaders have the option this year to have their club members and returning adult volunteers register online for the 2011-12 program year. To register online, members and leaders must have valid e-mail addresses. General Leaders will be given read-only access and will be able to view their club's records and reports online. Individual members and leaders will be able to view and edit their own records only.

General Leaders should contact the 4-H office at Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov or (586) 469-6431 so necessary permissions and Open ID numbers can be assigned. Clubs registering online still need to turn in a Club Information Sheet, Affirmative Action Statement, Bylaws, Volunteer Code of Conduct for each volunteer, 2010-11 Annual Summary Financial Statement, and 2010-11 Club Inventory Report.

Clubs registering online will be billed for State 4-H participation fees. Information and instructions are online at http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm.

*****Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Program Committee Meeting (Shooting Sports)*****

It is time again to start preparing for the new 4-H year. The Macomb County 4-H Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Committee will have its next meeting on Monday, September 12th. It will be held at 7 p.m. in Armada. The location is the Armada United Methodist Church, 23200 E. Main Street, Armada Michigan, 48005.

Any clubs interested in having a shared project for shooting sports should have a representative or two attend this meeting. Come join in the fun. We need all the volunteers we can get to make this a successful year for our youth. Contact the 4-H office for more information at 586-469-6431. **See you in Armada!**

*****4-H Horse Council Meeting*****

Yes, the 4-H horse show season is over and it is time to start preparing for the banquet and new 4-H year. On Sept. 26th the Mini/Draft clubs are encouraged to attend the meet at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., the Mini/Draft and Light horse clubs will meet with the 4-H Horse Council. The meetings will be held at Camp Rotary on 29 Mile Rd, in Ray Township.

To have a successful horse program we will need two (2) representatives from each horse club to attend. Come join in the fun and help make our program successful for the youth. We like our youth to be officers, so please bring any youth in your program that would like to help out.

STATE NEWS

*****Michigan 4-H Workshop Schedule*****

The Michigan 4-H Workshop Schedule for 2011-12 is now available online at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule. Workshop information packets are generally available online about a month before the event. Those without internet access can call the 4-H office for more information. Packet availability will be announced in the 4-H E-mail Announcements as soon as they are available. Upcoming workshops are:

- Oct. 14-16, 2011: 4-H Healthy Living = Healthy U Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center
- October 15-16, 2011: 4-H Clothing & Textiles Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center (now open for registration)
- October 22-23, 2011: Proud Equestrian Program New Instructor Training & Instructor Update, Kellogg Biological Station
- Nov. 18-20, 2011: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center
- Dec. 2-4, 2011: Adult Horse Leader Conference, adults only, Kettunen Center
- Jan. 21-22, 2012: Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference, ages 14 & up, Kettunen Center
- Feb. 25-26, 2012: 4-H Veterinary Science Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center
- Feb. 25-26, 2012: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center
- Mar. 10-11, 2012: 4-H Science Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center
- Mar. 16-18, 2012: 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education, Plant Science & Entomology Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center
- Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2012: 4-H Entrepreneurship Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center
- Apr. 13-15, 2012: MI 4-H Dairy Conference, ages 13-19, Kettunen Center
- Apr. 27-29, 2012: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, ages 16 & up, Kettunen Center
- May 4-6, 2012: 4-H Recreation Leadership & Camp Counselor Training, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center

May 12-13, 2012: 4-H Companion Animals Workshop, ages 13 & up, Kettunen Center

4-H Clothing & Textiles Workshop

October 15-16, 2011 – Kettunen Center

Explore new project ideas and skills to use in your 4-H clothing and textiles program. Sessions tentatively scheduled include begging and advanced sewing skills, entrepreneurship, several quilting classes, projects for 5-8 year old youth, fashion illustration, altering ready-to-wear, special teen design class and more. Open to new and experienced adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and up. Cost is \$56 per person for 4-H members and leaders. Register through the county Extension office by September 30, 2011. E-mail macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov or call 586-469-6431 for more information.

*****Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarship Details*****

Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade who participated in a 2011 4-H pre-college program (4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, and/or 4-H Capitol Experience) are eligible to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-college Scholarship. The scholarship is applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Scholarship recipients are not guaranteed admission to MSU and must meet admission requirements upon submitting the MSU application as an incoming undergraduate – either as an incoming freshman or transfer student. Approximately 60 scholarships are given annually across all MSU pre-college programs.

The following 4-H Exploration Days participants are eligible to apply: Michael Bradford, Kasie Brohl, Julia Busquaert, Brad Butros, Melinda Castillo, Rebecca Castillo, Ryan Cerku, Amanda Cielecki, Kylee Cielecki, Jared Decker, Jonathan Decker, Katherine Diener, Garrett Drake, Jennifer Forro, Kate Forro, Alissa Gianferrara, Karalee Jerse, Nicole Jozefiak, Kendall Kehoe, Kole Kirksey, Ellen Kovalcik, Hunter Long, Dana Martini, Emily McHarg, Rachel Michael, Joey Micielli, Michaela Miller, Zachary Montney, Zachary Mork, Arianna Onesi, Jamie Penzien, Anthony Ramaci, Cole Rapp, Karly Rapp, Annette Ruczynski, Michaela Scarsella, Tyler Schaefer, Melissa Shanteau, Maranda Smith, Jacob Van De Water, Haley Weber

No more than three applications will be forwarded to MSU for consideration. Youth who apply for this scholarship and are selected by both their county MSU Extension office and the State 4-H office to have their application submitted to the final MSU Admissions selection committee, but are not selected by MSU Admissions, will not be eligible to re-apply in a future year. Youth who apply and are not selected by their county MSU Extension office or the State 4-H office to have their application sent on to the final MSU Admissions selection committee may still be invited to apply for the scholarship in future years if they meet all other eligibility requirements. This is a competitive application process from all of MSU's pre-college programs. Students must complete the MSU Pre-College Scholarship Application Packet in its entirety by the specified deadlines.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic performance, program participation, demonstration of extra-curricular, community service and leadership experience, degree to which the student has overcome personal or environmental obstacles (i.e., resiliency), potential and desire to succeed in post-secondary education, and ability to benefit from the scholarship. Other important considerations are:

- MSU Admissions has a strong preference for nominees to have an academic performance of B or better. (Students with slightly lower GPAs can be considered but should be extremely strong in other areas to stand a chance at selection.)
- There's a slight tendency for the selection committee to lean toward older kids now that the grade range spans those entering 8th to 10th grades, however this is primarily because older kids are likely to have more noteworthy experiences to list on their application since they've had another year or two to accumulate them. That said, a standout 8th grader will still be weighed equally against a 9th and 10th grader.
- Homeschoolers can be selected to apply but must still submit ALL parts of the application – including a teacher recommendation (from a core curriculum "teacher" who is not a parent or other relative) and a complete list of courses, grades and overall GPA from their previously completed school year.

Completed applications are due to the Macomb County MSU Extension office by September 30, 2011. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Contact the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H Office at 586-469-6431 for an application.

OTHER NEWS

*****Great Lakes Regional Fishing Instructor Training*****

September 27th and 28th 2011

Kalamazoo MSUE Office - 3299 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo MI

Cost: \$55.00 *See note for Stipend Information

Don't Miss This Training. Michigan State University's Project F.I.S.H. Program has partnered with Future Fisherman Foundation to bring 2 exciting days (9:00am-4:30pm each day) of:

“Sportfishing and Aquatic Resources Education and an Introduction to HOFNOD, Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs”

Coordinated through Michigan State University's Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, this workshop is a partnership with MSU Extension-Kalamazoo County, MSU 4-H Youth Development, Department of Natural Resources, The Bass Federation and the Future Fisherman Foundation, and many others to educate young people about our natural resources through FISHING.

This workshop will be based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands on, multiple-contact sportfishing and aquatic resource education. We will offer activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management and actual Angling Skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, even a fishing rod & reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club with children in the classroom or in an after school setting. The workshop is partially funded through a grant from The Recreational Fishing and Boating Foundation to the Future Fisherman Foundation, The Bass Federation (TBF) and donors to Project F.I.S.H.

* The Future Fisherman Foundation will offer a \$75.00 post workshop stipend for participants within 60 miles of the workshop (\$450.00 max per organization), and will offer a \$150.00 post workshop stipend to cover the workshop and travel expenses to those participants travelling more than 60 miles. (\$450.00 max per organization) Lunch will be provided each day.

Contact: Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700, steph143@msu.edu or Mark Gintert, 580-716-4251

Click here for registration information <http://www.projectfish.org/fishinginstructortraining.pdf>

It's for the kids.

*****Border Collie Puppies for Sale*****

A 4-H youth bred her female Border Collie and has one black and white female left to sell. She was born on March 29, 2011. She is a very sweet, loving puppy and would be best in a home that has had border collies already. The parents are health tested and are AKC champions. Go online to

<http://seabreezbordercollies.weebly.com/> to see her. Call Cara at 586-651-4998 for more information.

*****Senior Buck Wanted*****

Christina Williams is looking to borrow a Senior Buck, Mini Rex, Black to breed with her Senior Doe , Mini Rex, Broken Black. Please contact Christina by e-mail: christina.williams@mccmh.net or phone: (810) 533-1148.

*****Instructors Wanted *****

The AUD—Regional Youth Complex is in search of individuals with special skills they are willing to share. Do you have the knowledge or talent to teach or lead the following:

- Early Childhood Development, music, sports, etc.
- Pottery/Ceramics
- Basketball; Volleyball; and or Athletics for ages K-6th grades
- Theatre—Directing, music
- Art (all Mediums)

We are always looking for new and creative opportunities for youth. If you have an idea for a fun program, let us know.

Posted Date: Open until filled

PART TIME / Flexible Hours

Hours of Operation: Monday—Friday; 2:00 pm—7:00 pm , Saturday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Salary: Hourly based on experience

REQUIREMENTS:

- Two years experience working in a similar setting with children OR 2 years education in field of interest
- Must be self motivated and posses exceptional communication skills.

POSITION OBJECTIVE: this position is responsible for coordinating recreational programs at the AUD—Regional Youth Complex; implementing and maintaining an appropriate safe recreational and learning environment for youth. This position will work directly with children and parents on a daily basis providing quality customer service.

Send email of interest to regionalyouth@comcast.net, attention: Kelley Osterman.

Questions: Call Kelley @ 810-602-4062

The AUD—Regional Youth Complex is a 13,000 sq. ft. after-school youth recreation facility located at 68931 Main Street, Richmond, Michigan 48062

*****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*****

The 4-H E-mail Announcements are sent out every two weeks. Announcements are also available online at http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_news.html .

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

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