

Macomb County 4-H E-mail Announcements for June 29, 2011

COUNTY NEWS

*****Fair Entry Forms Due by June 30th*****

Club leaders can turn in their Armada Fair entry forms to the Armada Fair Office in Armada from June 1st through the Thursday, June 30 deadline. Call the fair office at 586-784-5488 if you have fair related questions. Fair books and forms are available online at www.armadafair.org. Entry forms are required for animal projects as well as non-animal projects. **Club leaders must also submit their Royalty Entries and 4-H Exhibit Building Entries (See Department 81) by the deadline of June 30th.**

*****County Shoot*****

The County Shoot is back on for July 11-14. It will be at Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association. The start time will be 6:00 pm until finished. Please contact Stephen Sondey at 586-255-4660 for more information or go to the county website at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_index.htm

*****Livestock Sale Committee Meeting-Monday July 25*****

The next Livestock Sale Committee meeting is scheduled for July 25th at 7p.m. at Armada Grange Hall in Armada. All clubs involved in Livestock are encouraged to attend all Livestock Sale Meetings.

*****Rabbit Tattooing and Poultry Tagging-July 17th*****

Tagging will take place from 10:am to Noon at the Armada Fairgrounds on Sunday July 17. All market rabbits and poultry must be tattooed or tagged to be exhibited at the Fair.

*****Dog and Goat Record Books Due July 18th*****

Dog and Goat Record books are required for those youth showing these animals at the fair. Record books can be found on our county web site http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_index.htm under Animals (Companion Animals –Dogs and Livestock-Goats) Project books are due to the County 4-H office by Monday July 18th.

*****Fair Clean Up/Set Up - July 31st*****

All clubs and families are encouraged to come out to help clean the fairgrounds and set up buildings on July 31st from Noon to 4:00. This is a wonderful community service opportunity. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to give back to the fair.

*****Petting Farm Meetings*****

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. Please call Vickie at 586-469-6090 to schedule your time.

STATE NEWS

*****State 4-H Dog Show – August 20th*****

The State 4-H Dog Show is August 20, 2011 at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education in East Lansing. . All exhibitors must be ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2011. Classes will include Leader Dog/Service Dog Puppy, Freestyle, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Brace Class (\$5/brace), Team Class (\$5/dog), Educational Poster Contest (free) and Cloverbud. The cost is \$5 per

class. Entries, class fees and health papers are due to the county Extension office by July 1, 2011. For more information or to request a show catalog, contact the county Extension office at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov or Katie VanderKolk at 517-432-2118.

*****State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament – August 6th*****

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is August 6th at Centerline of Calhoun County in Bellevue and is now open for registration. This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members the opportunity to test their skills against other youth from all over the state and compete for awards in BB Gun, Trap, Skeet Muzzleloading, Air Rifle Target Archery and 3-D Archery. Participants must participate in a local competitive activity under the supervision of a certified MI 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor in order to qualify for participation in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament.

Registrations must be received by the county Extension office no later than July 15, 2011. More information and registration forms are available online at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/michigan_4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament or by contacting Vickie Hart at (586) 469-6431 or veronica.hart@macombcountymi.gov; or Dale Elshoff at elshoff@msu.edu or 517-432-7651.

*****Host Families Needed*****

There will be six Japanese boys arriving in Michigan on July 23 who need host families. If you or someone you know has a boy around age 13 and is willing to host one of the boys, please contact Wanda Repke at repke@anr.msu.edu or (231) 922-4836.

*****State 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest – July 15th*****

The State 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo on July 15, 2011. Enhance your livestock evaluation and selection skills and improve your communication and decision making skills. This contest will include both individual and team competition in Junior (4-H ages 9-13) and Senior (4-H ages 14-18) categories. The cost is \$12 per person and includes lunch. Rules and entry forms are online at <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids>. Register by July 1, 2011. For more information, contact Ken Geuns at 517-432-2924 or geuns@msu.edu, or contact Carla McLachlan at 517-432-5402 or mclachl2@msu.edu.

*****4-H Dairy Days – July 18-23*****

July 18-23, 2011 – Michigan State University Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
This year's event is one day longer than in past years and will include additional opportunities for youth, including a new novice division in the dairy judging and management contests. Additionally, the grand champion showperson and those exhibiting the grand and reserve champion cows during the 4-H Dairy Days will be eligible to participate in the third annual Michigan Livestock Expo Sale-Abatement. In lieu of selling animals, dairy products will be used to represent the three champions; each one will be guaranteed to receive \$1,000. Monies received above this amount will be used to support 4-H Dairy Days awards and premiums and statewide 4-H dairy youth programming.

Registration for 4-H Dairy Days for both the cattle show and all youth educational contests are due June 24th. Find the forms online at <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/events.html> or contact the county Extension office.

*****2011 National 4-H Dairy Conference – October 2-6*****

The 2011 National 4-H Dairy Conference will be held in Madison, WI from October 2-6. Youth interested in attending must have participated at least three years in the 4-H dairy program, be at age 15-18 as of January 1, 2011, be a first-time National 4-H Dairy Conference participant, are not exhibiting animals at the World Dairy Expo, and are not competing in this year's National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest.

This year's conference includes visits to ABS Global, Hoard's Dairyman, Nasco, Dairy Shrine Museum, and the World Dairy Expo. There will be workshops about herd mating strategies, dairy foods evaluation, AI, roaming through the rumen, marketing dairy products and much more.

The cost for attending this year's conference is \$400.00 per person and includes registration, transportation, lodging and meals at the event. Meals while in transit are the responsibility of the participant. Register by July 20, 2011. There will be no refunds once payment has been processed. Contact Joe Domecq, Ph.D., at 517-353-7855 or domecq@msu.edu for more information.

*****Kettunen Center 50th Anniversary*****

Current and former 4-H members and their families are invited to Kettunen Center's 50th anniversary on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kettunen Center. There will be a 5K Fun Run/Walk, 50th Celebration Program and time capsule burial. Waterfront activities will include pontoon, kayaks, canoes, fishing clinic and contests, swimming, and water games. Other activities include disc golf (new 9 hole course), GPS Treasure Hunt, tours of the center and nature hikes, petting zoo, 4-H project demos, exhibits and more! The cost is \$7/adult, \$5/youth (5-17 years), children 4 & under free, \$25 max/immediate family. RSVP by Aug. 5 at <http://www.kettunencenter.org> or call (231) 829-3421. Lodging is available first-come, first-served at an additional cost.

*****4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD)- October 5, 2011*****

The 2011 National Science Experiment "Wired for Wind", was developed in partnership with the [University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension](http://www.unl.edu) and is designed to engage youth in the engineering design process of renewable energy technologies. In this year's experiment, youth will design and build their own wind turbines, play with blade pitch variables, and map a potential wind farm site in their own state.

You can find everything you need to participate in 4-H National Youth Science Day at the newly updated www.4-H.org/NYSD. The site provides all the necessary tools for you to plan an exciting science event in your community!

Visit [4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD) and download:
[2011National Science Experiment Overview](#)
[Wired for Wind Facilitator Guide](#)
[Wired for Wind Youth Guide](#)

To access this content and receive future news and information from 4-H, you will need to register online. New features and information will be added in the months and weeks leading up to October 5—so make sure to register online to receive the latest email updates.

New Text-to-Win Contest for Youth!

We are excited to announce a new initiative that will engage NYSD youth participants! Throughout the pages of this year's Youth Guide #4H'ers can answer Turbine Trivia questions via text message for their chance to win one of **three Apple iPads!**

We look forward to you joining us for the 2011 *4-H National Youth Science Day!*

Don't forget: Find us on [Twitter](#) using the hashtag #NYSD11 and visit the [4-H Facebook page](#) to join the conversation about 2011 4-H National Youth Science Day!

OTHER NEWS

*****E-mail Announcements*****

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 they are to appear in print and include necessary contact information. E-mail announcements are sent to Macomb County 4-H families every two weeks.

***** Romeo District Library Needs Volunteers July 23rd*****

The Romeo District Library is putting on a Family Fun Day on July 23, 2011 from 12-4 p.m. and is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help with lawn games, hand out water, or man a 4-H educational booth. The only requirement for the booth is that anything given out must be free. With advance notice, the 4-H office can supply promotional materials. This is a great community service opportunity for area 4-H clubs. The Romeo District Library is at 65821 Van Dyke, Washington Township, MI 48095. Contact Heather at (586) 752-0603 opt. 4 for more information or to volunteer.

*****Free Roosters*****

Three 8-week-old Marans roosters are free to good 4-H homes. Two are Black Copper Marans and one might be Golden Salmon colored. Free to a good home as a pet. Take 1, 2 or all 3. If someone takes all three they can also have a free French standard Black Copper Marans pullet. Contact Michelle Humenny at 586-770-1077.

CALENDAR

***** Calendar of Events *****

For additional information about events listed above and more, visit the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H Calendar online at <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/events/index.htm>.

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