



Macomb County 4-H E-mail Announcements for March 23, 2011

COUNTY NEWS

Newsletters and E-mail Announcements Online

All 4-H Family Notes Newsletters and 4-H E-mail Announcements are available online at http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_news.html

Attention Military Families

April is Month of the Military Child. In honor of the Month of the Military Child, the Operation Military Kids State Partners Team invites military families to a Military Child Appreciation Day at the Detroit Science Center on April 8th from 1-3 pm. Families will start the day with a short recognition ceremony where children and youth will be recognized for their service and dedication. Families will then be able to experience all that the science center has to offer.

Each family that registers will receive admission into the Detroit Science Center for **FREE**. Deadline to register is **April 4th**. Register by calling Kendra Moyses at 517-432-7654 or e-mail at Kmoyses@anr.msu.edu

Horse Committee Meeting

Please send your representative to the 4-H Horse council meetings. It will be held at 7:00 pm at Camp Rotary on March 28th (always the 4th Monday of the month). The Mini/Draft subcommittee will meet at 6:00 pm prior to the 4-H council meeting.

Fair Planning Meeting Updates

For clubs leaders and superintendents who were unable to attend our Fair planning meeting this past Monday, Here are some updates:

4-H Fair Clean up Sunday, July 31st 12:00-4pm

Fair Carnival only is opening on Sunday at 1:00 pm. Free admission and Free parking on Sunday. Cost for rides Regular Fair opens at 8:00 am on Monday, August 15th.

Poultry Show will be moved to Monday.

4-H Fair Enrollment forms can be turned in from June 1-June 30. June 30th is the deadline.

Fair has instituted a new form for all horse projects. All forms will be on fair website shortly at <http://armadafair.org>

4-H crafts and non-animal projects will be in the old 4-H Exhibit building this year.

IMPORTANT-Meeting regarding Fair craft judging will be held on Monday, April 11 6:30 pm at the fair Grange Hall. All input and people are welcome. Discussion will take place on time, date, location of judging based on new Fair schedule. Please hold a tentative date for Exhibit building fix up/repair for Saturday, May 7th.

Our 2011 fair theme is **Experience the Magic of 4-H!**

4-H King and Queen Contest

Now is the time to nominate someone from your club for King or Queen. By participating in this program, youth gain leadership experience, enhance their communication skills and play an active role in promoting 4-H in the community. Each club can nominate one boy and one girl from their club membership. Nominees must be 4-H age 14-18 and have completed a minimum of 2 years in 4-H (not including current year). Nominees need to complete an application and cover sheet found online: http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_armadafair.html Applications are due to the 4-H office **by 5 pm Friday, June 10**. Nominees will then be interviewed by a panel of judges at Wolcott Farm on Wednesday, July 27th. The interview is mandatory and all candidates must be available on this day. For more information contact the 4-H Superintendent, Jenna Lotan 586-781-7081, Jean Bingham 586-784-5021 or Kathy at the MSUE office 586-469-6431

*****Volunteer Training Dates*****

Reminder: All Direct Volunteers must be screened! The next Volunteer Training date scheduled is **April 7, 2011** at Camp Rotary in the activity center. Volunteer training occurs from 6-8:30 pm. Please call Vickie Hart at the 4-H office at 586-469-6090 to register.

*****4-H Enrollment Forms Deadline –APRIL 1*****

Enrollment forms are due by April 1 for those youth who are new this year to 4-H and wish to participate in the 2011 Armada Fair. Enrollment forms along with their \$10 participation fee need to be submitted to the 4-H office at 21885 Dunham Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036 by this deadline. For questions or concerns call the 4-H office @ 586 469-6431.

*****Interviews that Get Results- April 18th at Macomb MSU Extension 4-H Office*****

Are you thinking about looking for a job or an internship? Are you interested in King and Queen, State Awards, or getting a blue ribbon or even best of show at the fair? If you answered yes to any of these, then this workshop is for you. At this workshop you will learn how to put your best foot forward and impress potential employers and judges. Youth will gain confidence in interviewing and gain real life experience interviewing with adults. Workshop will start at 6:00 but you must RSVP by **April 14th** to 586.469.6431. Also, if adults are interested in helping interview the youth, please e-mail Kathy at Jamies13@anr.msu.edu

*****4-H Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion*****

Help spread the word about this National Promotion and Partnership with our local Tractor Supply Companies. The **Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser** will run **April 15-25**, where local Tractor Supply Companies will be selling 4-H Paper Clovers for \$1 that are then prominently displayed in their stores. Money raised will help support our local 4-H programs. We have two TSC locations in Macomb County:

NEW HAVEN

57155 GRATIOT AVE NEW HAVEN, MI 48048
(586) 749-6162 -Speak to Frank, Marie, or Dean

ROMEIO

66030 VAN DYKE RD WASHINGTON, MI 48095
(586) 752-5781 Charlie, Kera, or Pat

It would be great for 4-H clubs to show their support by having a club display/demonstration during this promotion. If you are able/interested please make arrangements with the store managers listed above.

*****Exploration Days County Orientation-June 9th*****

Yesterday was the first day our county could register members for this very popular Pre-college program. We had over 60 people register so far. All youth and volunteers, who plan on attending this event on campus, must attend an orientation on June 9th at the County 4-H office 6:00. People can still register through April 29th but the sooner you register the more options of classes you have to choose from. Registration books are at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>.

*****Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship*****

The Armada Agricultural Society is once again offering two college scholarships to one male and one female high school student graduating in 2011. An application can be found on-line at armadafair.org or by calling the Armada Fair office at 586.784.5488. Applications are due no later than **April 15th**. Feel free to contact the fair office if you have questions or require additional information at 586.784.5488.

*****Flower Bulb Fundraising Opportunity*****

Your club keeps 50% of each sale in VanBourgondien's (one of the nation's largest bulb suppliers) flower bulb fundraising program. For more information call 757-821-1207 or www.dutchbulbs.com/fundraisers.

***** Volunteers Needed to Plant Flowers on Earth Day*****

In celebration of Earth Day, and to thank our sponsors JCPenney/Roseville, we will be planting flowers outside the store on Friday, April 22, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All volunteers will receive a JCPenney gift card!!! Call Jan Gwozdz @ 586-469-7619 if you're interested.

***** JCPenney-Roseville Fundraiser*****

When you shop at the ROSEVILLE JCPenney store between April 13-26 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 weekend round ups. **Each club that works for 6 hours will be provided \$100.** Contact Jan at the 4-H office to sign up 586-469-7619.

*****Good News from Japan*****

The Mork family of Ray Community report that their 2010 Japanese exchange delegate Mizuki Sugamata and his family are safe. Their home shook badly and some possessions were broken, but no one was hurt.

*****Adopt a Stream*****

Come to Wolcott Mill Metro Parks at 64100 Kunstman in Ray Twp. on April 2nd to adopt a stream and learn about Clinton River Watershed projects. The time will be 1:00 pm. For more information and to RSVP please call Leroy Mikolowski at 586-255-0505.

*****2011 Annual Tri-County Pig Clinic*****

This event will take place on April 17th at the Easter Michigan Fair Grounds Sponsored by Lapeer County 4-H Program You must register by March 31st. Topics include a pig care/handling clinic and pig selection/sale. Cost is \$7 a person which includes T-shirt, lunch, clinic and door prizes. For information please contact Penny at 586-615-2792 or Casey at 586-709-5386.

STATE NEWS

[Hairy Horse Show/Clinic](#)

March 27, 2011

This clinic is organized just like a warm-up horse show. The big difference? The judges offer feedback to each exhibitor on the strengths and weaknesses of their performance. This unique opportunity provides exhibitors a chance to hear what the judges are thinking. No placings or ribbons here...the feedback is your reward!!

*****4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp*****

The 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp is **July 29-August 6, 2011** at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, MI. Campers will have fun doing camp activities such as fishing, boating, swimming, and hiking; learn about and enjoy Great Lakes ecology; find out about careers related to the Great Lakes and natural resources; explore natural resources management issues; discover environmental education projects you can do at home; learn ideas, skills and techniques you can use for the rest of your life; develop independence and leadership abilities; and make new friends. This camp has received two national awards and is a tremendous pre-college experiential learning opportunity for teens ages 13-15. Not only does it get kids outside enjoying nature and learning to be good environmental stewards, it meets four of the five Michigan Science Curriculum Standards in earth science and biology and three of five standards in biology. Campers who will be in 8th, 9th or 10th grade in the fall will be eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU pre-college program scholarship.

The cost for campers is \$335 for 4-H members or \$345 for non-members. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of application. Balances are due on or before May 16, 2011. Information and camper applications are available online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/glnrc.html> or by contacting the Macomb County MSU Extension office at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov.

*** Polish Exchange Program***

Host families with teens are needed for about 20 youth, ages 15-17 and two adult chaperons from Poland who will be in Michigan for **4 weeks** from mid-June to mid-July. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a life-long international friend, learn about Polish culture, and share American culture. Hosts can choose to visit Poland on a return exchange in 2012. The deadline for applying to host is **April 1, 2011**. For more information and an application, contact Anne Crotser at 586-469-6431 or anne.crotser@macombcountymi.gov. For more information about all of the international opportunities 4-H officers, visit the following web site: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/culture.html>.

4-H Exploration Days

Enrollment for 4-H Exploration Days will remain open through 5 p.m. on April 29, 2011. This popular annual youth conference will take place **June 22-24, 2011** at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Exploration Days registration books are now available online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>. The full-time cost for 4-H members is \$165 (\$175 for non-members). A limited number of partial scholarships will be available from MSU Extension and the Macomb County 4-H Council. Sessions fill quickly, so don't delay. Submitting registrations early does not guarantee placement in first-choice sessions. For more information about 4-H Exploration Days, contact Roberta at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov, or go online to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>.

Talent Applications Requested

"4-H'S GOT TALENT" APPLICATION - Deadline Extended until March 25, 2011

A variety of talented Michigan 4-H individuals and groups will entertain the 4-H Exploration Days audience for the entertainment show at Wharton Center on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, from 8 to 9:15 p.m. Performers for the "4-H's Got Talent!" show this year can include anyone affiliated with 4-H. In addition to current 4-H members, alumni, staff, volunteers are also invited to perform. Those interested in performing should complete the "4-H's Got Talent" application, online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expdays/TalentShowApplication-2011.doc>, by MARCH 25 and submit it along with an audition CD, DVD, video or web link featuring their performing act (song, dance, skits, etc.). All those who apply will be notified of their selection status by early April. Those interested in performing are highly encouraged to attend 4-H Exploration Days as participants (must register through your local county office from March 22 to April 29). The performance and rehearsal will not conflict with session attendance. Performers will have a brief rehearsal at Wharton Center to allow them to get familiar with the stage sometime between 4 to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the show. Specific rehearsal times for each performer will be assigned in the spring.

Macomb County 4-H Showmanship, Patterns & Presentation Clinic

This Clinic will focus on showmanship, equitation and horsemanship. This will give you insight to what judges are looking for on the show day.

The date is March 27th. 10:00 am-4:00 pm. at Hox Acres, 64464 Mound Road, Washington, MI 48095. Cost is \$5 per Macomb County 4-H member and \$10 non-Macomb County 4-H member. Space is limited and you must RSVP. For more information or questions please call 248-840-6674.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

April 15-17, 2011 - Camp Beechpoint, Allegan, Michigan

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 reproduction. You'll also tour area farms. Open to youth aged 12 to 19 as of January 1, 2011. The cost is \$90.00. This workshop is presented with support from the American Dairy Association of Michigan, Country Fresh, Inc. and the Michigan Milk Producers Association. Contact the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information or to register.

*****4-H Healthy Living = Healthy U*****

April 8-10, 2011 - Kettunen Center

This workshop is the first workshop in TEN years offering unique training on how to eat and live healthy. In this workshop you will gain invaluable experiences when working with youth and also personal growth in the area of healthy living. You will learn how to be health conscience and teach youth how to also do the same. Are you ready to challenge yourself, be educated and have fun all in the name of healthy living? Please plan on bringing workout clothes, shoes and loose fitting garments. This conference is open to teens, 4-H members and non-members, aged 15 (by January 1, 2011) and older, and 4-H volunteers, educators and adults who work with youth in a variety of educational settings. The cost is \$71.50 per participant. Register at the county Extension office by March 25, 2011. For more information, call 586-469-6431 or send e-mail inquiries to Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov .

*****4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop*****

April 29–May 1, 2011 – Kettunen Center

Choose one of several disciplines offered at this workshop as a first step in becoming certified as a Michigan 4-H shooting sports instructor. Disciplines offered include rifle, shotgun, archery, hunting and wildlife. Join us and see all that the 4-H shooting sports program has to offer! Learn how we foster positive youth development through the shooting sports, and try techniques that effectively help young people learn safe and proper use of guns and archery equipment. You do NOT need to retake the training unless you've been inactive for more than 3 years or your certification has lapsed. Open to new and veteran adult volunteers and youth aged 16 and up.

The cost for this workshop is \$74.50 per person. Register through the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office by 5 p.m. on April 15, 2011. Contact the Macomb County 4-H office at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information.

*****Sources for 4-H and FFA Youth Project Pigs and Sheep*****

An updated listing of sources for 4-H and FFA youth project pigs and lambs are now posted on the MSUE Animal Science Youth Programs web site. The address is: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/livestock.html> . The list can be found under the "Livestock Programs" page.

*****State 4-H Goat Expo*****

The 2011 State 4-H Goat Expo will be held in Anthony Hall at MSU on April 30th. The event is open to 4-Hers ages 9-19 and costs \$2 per participant and \$2 per contest. Registrations are due at the county Extension office by March 26, 2011. Information and registration materials are online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Goats> or through the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H, 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov .

*****Poultry Palooza*****

The State 4-H Poultry Palooza Catalog is now online and can be accessed at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Poultry> . This event encompasses youth skills and knowledge competitions along with a poultry exhibition. 4-H Poultry Palooza will be held May 21, 2011 at the CLINTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS in St. Johns, Michigan. This is a new location. Register through the County MSU Extension 4-H Office by 5 p.m. on April 22, 2011. Call 586-469-6431 or e-mail Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information or to request an information packet.

*****Spring 4-H Dog Clinic*****

The 2011 Spring 4-H Dog Clinic is May 14, 2011 at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. The clinic is for youth ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2011. Cost is \$20 per person with a dog and \$10 for auditors without a dog. Information is available on the Michigan 4-H website. You can access the clinic flier and the county payment form by visiting <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Companion> . Contact Katie VanderKolk at 517-432-2118 or Dr. Elizabeth Wells at 616-994-4540 for more information.

*****Learning Science Through the Arts Camp*****

Learning Science Through the Arts Camp will be held July 10-13, 2011 at Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI. This year's theme is "Creative Nature Connection: Art, History, Wildlife and Outdoor Fun." This camp is for youth ages 9-14 and

costs \$140 per person. For more information, contact Kettunen Center at 231-829-3421, or go online to <http://www.kettunencenter.org/sciartcamp.html> .

*****Spring Family Fun Day*****

Spring Family Fun Day will be held 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI. The focus will be on getting kids outdoors and activities for families. Sessions include Geocaching, Which Way is North?, Sweet Spring-Maple Syrup Time, Talking Turkey-Jakes/Jennies/Toms/Hens, and more. Families with children ages 4 and up are welcome. Cost is \$7 per person and includes supplies, snacks and lunch. RSVP by April 6th. For more information, call 231-829-3421 or e-mail kross@kettunencenter.org.

OTHER NEWS

*****Tuscola County 4-H Archery Tournament*****

Tuscola County Wildlife Forever 4-H Archery Club is holding their 3rd Annual County Shoot on June 11, 2011 at the Tuscola County Archers located at 2305 Bruisee Road in Caro. A flyer is available at http://www.msue.msu.edu/objects/content_revision/download.cfm/item_id.521876/workspace_id.-30/Shooting%20Sports%20Tournament.pdf/n .

*****Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship*****

The Armada Agricultural Society is once again offering two college scholarships to one male and one female high school student graduating in 2011. An application can be found online at armadafair.org or by calling the Armada Fair office at 586-784-5488. Applications are due no later than **April 15th**. Feel free to contact the fair office if you have questions or require additional information at 586-784-5488.

*****The Buick Achievers Scholarship*****

This scholarship, funded by the GM Foundation, is designed to help students who are leaders in both the classroom and their communities, but who may not have the financial means to attend college. The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program will award up to **\$25,000 per year** for 100 students and **\$2,000 per year** for 1,000 students.

Students are encouraged to apply if they will be enrolling full-time as a first-time freshman at a 4-year college or university; plan to major in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Business Administration, Finance, Marketing or Design; and/or have an interest in a career in the automotive or related industries. More details about the scholarship program, eligibility rules, and selection criteria can be found at www.buickachievers.com . A pdf is available for download and printing at www.buickachievers.com/flier .

*****Outdoor Education Skills Clinic*****

This program is designed to provide fun-filled outdoor education learning experiences for youth 9 years of age and up. The activities offered are Fishing, Archery orienteering, Camping101 and Explore Nature. This clinic runs June 20, 2011 thru August 12, 2011. This program will be offered at

- Maybury State Park, located in Northville, MI,
- Proud Lake Recreation Area, located in Wixom, MI
- Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, located in Pontiac, MI
- Bald Mountain Recreation Area, located in Lake Orion, MI

Register no later than May 20th. Register soon as space is limited. For registration contact Gary Williams at 313-833-3299.

***** 3rd Annual IGNITE Youth Business Plan Competition *****

IGNITE's 3rd Annual Youth Business Plan Competition is off and running! The statewide competition encourages young entrepreneurs, in grades 6 - 12, to write a business plan and submit to the IGNITE team for a chance to win pre-seed awards. To add to the excitement, this year's competition includes a new division for best science/technology business and increased pre-seed award amounts.

"This competition gives youth an opportunity to show their parents, teachers, and community that they have what it takes to start a business," said Holly Hetzner, Initiative Manager for Moving Ideas to Market, IGNITE's parent program. "We see the award money not so much as a prize, but as an initial investment in innovative start-ups."

Complete details, application materials and an informational webinar can be found at <http://movingideastomarket.org/ignite/ignite-youth-business-plan-competition-2011><http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?lr=pznulfcab&et=1104609690833&s=334&e=001Y4fbfcCDsKBBTiOqmAAbzR5lqPoPZjlyKWMAQpTFLQnFqJcBB1L81doYpihLD6cUSMFmZypQwqTSO6YqHNL2nqsHf1vnoSIG_Opqgo5spYL7fw5ZOXqiSdjp-o4hXN8AuBpq-bY5xqhb5PZJU_sngOi53KpQLBnr32cwjWIK3L9EFie8adP9xaxFraCp_cBB>.

The application deadline is Friday, March 25th.

*****Mini-Horses for Sale*****

Due to foreclosure, Black Mare Farm in New Haven is forced to sell their show-quality miniature horses. Previous high prices have been slashed. Loving homes and care for the horses is the most important concern. All bids will be considered. Call Marlyn for more information at (586) 749-3118.

*****Oakland County Fair Tack Sale*****

The Oakland County Fair Tack Sale will take place on April 2, 2011 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Springfield Oaks County Park Activity Center, 12451 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350. This event is sponsored by the Oakland County Fair Association.

Trailers for sale are \$25 per space. A 10 x 10 space is \$35. A 4-H club space is \$25. One table and chair set is included with space rental. Additional table and chair sets are \$10 each. Registration and payment information are due by March 30, 2011 to Oakland County Fair, P.O. Box 365, Davisburg, MI 48350. Include your business/club name, phone, e-mail, address, number of 10 x 10 spaces, number of 4-H club spaces, and number of additional table and chair sets needed. Call (248) 634-8830 for more information.

*****St. Clair County 4-H Tack Sale*****

The St. Clair County 4-H Tack Sale is Saturday, March 26th at Goodells County Park Community Center. Doors will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A live new Tack Auction will start at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. Children ages 10 and under are free.

*****Horse & Buggy, Horses and Male Riders Needed for Film*****

A horse and buggy is needed for use at two locations on two different days for an independent feature-length movie called "Mary's Buttons." The docudrama is being filmed between April 4 and May 1, 2011. Also needed are 6-8 horses with male riders who want to be in the movie. Riders must be age 18 or older. Filming will take place in Holly, Lapeer, Flint, Allegan, and St. Clair areas. For more information, contact Ray at raygo@intergate.com or (586) 933-3029.

*****Events at Wolcott Farm*****

Please phone Wolcott Farm at 586-752-5932 for information about any of the following events:

Sheep Shearing Saturday

March 26, 2011 -- 10am to 3pm -- \$5 per person -- Pay at the door

Watch and listen to our professional sheep shearer as he demonstrates how to shear a sheep properly. Ask questions and visit with the vendors who will be demonstrating their spinning, weaving and felting techniques. Sip on hot chocolate or coffee while the kids make a craft.

Greenhouse Fun

April 3, 2011 -- 1pm -- \$5 per person -- Pre-registration required

Join us in our heated green house and get your hands dirty while planting several varieties of plants and seeds. Learn basic plant care. Take your creation home and watch it grow. Call for details and reserve your spot.

Equestrian-Have a Fun and Safe Summer with your Horse

April 10, 2011 -- 1-3pm -- \$25 per horse/rider -- Pre-registration required

This program is for horse and rider. Tips for safer trail riding for you and your horse. Desensitize the green horse, read your horse's signals and learn exercises to keep the trail horse sound and safe. Presented by Sue Moffit. Please call for details on bringing your horse to our farm.

Earth Day Cleanup

April 16, 2011 -- 9am to Noon -- Free -- Pre-registration required Please come and join us as we celebrate Earth Day by helping to clean up our natural environment. Parents and scout leaders this is a perfect time to bring your kids out to the Farm. Free lunch and wagon ride to all participants.

Farm Egg Scramble

April 17, 2011 -- Noon to 3pm -- \$5 per child -- Pay at the door

Come out and visit with the farm animals and participate in the best egg scramble around! Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, visit with Rosco the Clown and stop by Bunnyville and visit the rabbits. Kids can make a craft to take home and enter in to our coloring contest.

Baby Animal Tours

April 26-30, 2011 -- 10am, Noon & 2pm -- \$3 per person -- Pre-registration required

Go for a tour around our farm and stop, visit, take pictures with and learn about the various baby farm animals. Visiting with and petting baby farm animals is fun for everyone! Pre-registration required! Hurry -- this program fills up fast -- limited spots available

Horse Workshop

May 7, 2011 -- 11am -- \$5 per person -- Pre-registration required

This is a program for the novice horse enthusiasts. Meet our draft horses and learn how to provide and care for a horse. We will make a lead rope that you can use for a future horse or as a dog leash. Bring your questions and your camera.

Flowers and Wagon Rides for Mom

May 8, 2011 -- Noon to 3pm -- \$5 per person -- Pay at the door

Looking for something different to do for Mother's Day? Join us at the farm where you and mom can enjoy a wagon ride and choose a flower or plant to take home. Moms are FREE.

Equestrian -- Western Pleasure Clinic

May 14, 2011 -- 1 to 3pm -- \$20 per horse/rider -- Pre-registration required

This program is for horse and rider. Looking to get that slow western jog or beautiful lope? Then this clinic is just what you need for this show season. Help to build balance between you and your horse in the show ring, on the road or on the trails. Presented by Nick Costinika. Please call for details on bringing your horse to our farm.

Equestrian-Trail Clinic

May 28, 2011 -- 1 to 3pm -- \$20 per horse/rider -- Pre-registration required

This program is for horse and rider. The clinic will help you understand how your horse sees each obstacle and what the judge is looking for in your pattern. Nick will help horse and rider through each trail obstacle and offer you helpful advice and techniques. Presented by Nick Costinika. Please call for details on bringing your horse to our farm.

*****Science Opportunities*****

The following opportunities are not affiliated with 4-H. They are provided for information purposes only and do not constitute an endorsement by 4-H National Headquarters, NIFA or USDA.

1. The Buick Achievers Scholarship, funded by the GM Foundation, is designed to help students who are leaders in both the classroom and their communities, but who may not have the financial means to attend college. The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program will award: Up to \$25,000 per year for 100 students or \$2,000 per year for 1,000 students. More details about the scholarship program, eligibility rules, and selection criteria can be found at

<http://www.buickachievers.com>. A pdf is available for download and printing at <http://www.buickachievers.com/flier>.

2. United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation Scholarship (USGIF) hopes to inspire students who are interested in all that geospatial has to offer to invest their futures in this incredibly exciting and relevant field of study. Deadline is May 2, 2011. For more information visit <http://usgif.org/education/scholarships>.

3. Google Science Fair: Google has partnered with NASA, CERN, National Geographic, Scientific American, and LEGO to create a totally new kind of STEM competition: a science fair that is more open, inclusive, and global than ever before. The subject categories are broad and encompass all areas of scientific interest. So whether you teach computer science, chemistry, biology or math, you can encourage your youth to enter. The competition is open to students aged 13 to 18 from around the world working on their own or in a team of two or three. Deadline is April 4, 2011. For more information visit <http://www.google.com/events/sciencefair/> .

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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