

Macomb County 4-H E-mail Announcements for September 21, 2011

COUNTY EVENTS

*****Items Left at the Armada Fair*****

More items left at the Armada Fairgrounds have been dropped off at the 4-H office. Contact the 4-H staff at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov if any of these things belong to you:

- White shirt, size 10 – Left in Rabbit Barn
- Lab coat, name of John Sanders on the tag
- Pair of white or off-white Mudd brand tennis shoes
- Riding cap
- Display items from club (blue wire basket, straw hat with blue trim, toy horses, white mylar stars, green tablecloth)

*****Horse Council Meeting*****

Sept. 26th (Monday) is our Horse Council Meeting at Camp Rotary. Mini/Draft will meet at 6 p.m. The Horse Council will follow at 7 p.m. Please send an adult and two youth representatives from your 4-H horse program. The more representation we have the better our program will function. We need youth to be our officers, so please bring youth. See you there!

*****Horse 4-H Leaders -- Reminder To Nominate For These Awards*****

Leaders, your 4-H horse participants have worked hard! Remember to have at least one nominee for the Bill Collins or/and Jane Sylvester awards. Please fill out the forms that are on our website at <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/horses.html>. All forms are due the 1st Monday in November.

*****Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion September 21 – October 2*****

Romeo Tractor Supply and New Haven Tractor Supply would love to have 4-H clubs come to the store and promote 4-H during their Paper Clover sales. Customers are asked if they would like to donate \$1.00 to support local 4-H clubs at the register. Clubs that participate in this event will be put in a raffle to win a TSC gift card from the MSU Extension office. Bring in an animal, set up a display, car wash, bake sale... whatever it is that you would like to do. Let's show the community the positive effects of what 4-H can do! Romeo TSC, 586-752-5781, and New Haven TSC, 586-749-6162.

*****Macomb County 4-H Science Blast-October 6th*****

Children and their families throughout the metro Detroit area are invited to a 4-H Science Blast on Thursday, Oct. 6 starting at 6:30 p.m. This is a FREE event but registration is required by calling 586-469-6431 by Oct. 2.

4-H Science Blast is a youth-oriented event featuring fun, hands-on science experiments. At Macomb County's 4-H Science Blast, youth ages five to 19 will have the chance to engage in science activities in key subject areas such as environmental science, biology and plant science. In addition to the National experiment, "Wired for Wind," we plan to have 10 additional experiments for the youth to spark their interest in science. Two of the experiments offered will be "Fashion a Fish" and "What Genes Do." "Fashion a Fish" teaches youth how to identify and classify fish, how fish adapt to their environment and even how to become a better angler. "What Genes Do" helps students understand genetics, dominant and recessive genes, and how to compare and contrast inherited traits.

We are also looking for adult and teen leader volunteers to help facilitate some of the experiments. Please call the 4-H office at 586-469-6431 if you are interested in helping.

*****4-H Shooting Sports & Horse Program Banquets -- Hold the Dates*****

The 2010-11 Shooting Sports Potluck Banquet is Saturday, Oct. 8th from 12-2 p.m. It will be held at Black Tie Ranch, 6376 Marsh Rd., Marine City. RSVP required. Contact Stephen Sondey at 586-255-4660 to reserve your spot and let him know what dish you will be bringing.

The 2010-11 Horse Banquet is Sunday, Nov. 13th at Zuccaro's Banquet Hall (21 mile and Gratiot). More information is to be announced.

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

Annual Summary Financial Statement and Club Inventory Report forms were mailed to general leaders in August. 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@macombcountymi.gov or 586-469-6431 if you have questions.

*****Beef Blast – Hands on Basic Herdsmanship-Oct. 22, Huron Co. Fairgrounds*****

If you're interested in learning more about different aspects of the beef industry, learn advanced new skills in herdsmanship, and interacting with MSU veterinary staff and students, plan on attending..

Stations will include the following:

- Giving Injections
- Tie slipknots
- Measure hip height
- Ultra sound for pregnancy
- Treat pinkeye, and foot rot
- Lice and wart removal

RSVP for Beef Blast by Monday Oct. 17th, 2011 to Sanilac County MSU Extension by calling 810-648-2515 with your phone number, e-mail address, and names of people attending. An event flyer can be found on the Macomb County MSU Extension website at

<http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/livestock.html>

Cost is \$5.00/per youth. Upon completion of this class, a gift certificate of \$5 to Sullivan Supply Company or \$5 off your entry fee to the Thumb Jackpot Show will be given out.

Make checks out to MSU Extension and mail registrations to MSU Extension – Sanilac County, Attn: Beef Blast, 37 Austin St., Sandusky MI 48471.

*****Community Service Opportunity*****

The Capuchin Soup kitchen is looking for volunteers to help serve food from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 22.

***** 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.

We are hoping to transition to on-line enrollment only by next year . This year clubs will also be able to enroll the old-fashioned way by scheduling a meeting with a staff person. Club leaders/representatives,

please call the office 586-469-6431 to schedule an enrollment meeting for one of the dates/locations listed if you do not plan to have your club enroll online:

Thursday, Oct. 20, 4-8 p.m., Camp Rotary

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 4-8 p.m., Grange Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 4-8 p.m., Wolcott Farm

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Macomb County MSU Extension

Please NOTE: In order to show in the 2012 Armada Fair, returning 4-H members must be registered by NOVEMBER 1, 2011.

*****JCPenney-Roseville 4-H Fundraiser*****

From Oct.12-25, JCPenney Roseville will be inviting its customers to turn small change into "Pennies from Heaven". By simply rounding up their purchases and donating the difference to Macomb County 4-H, customers can help make a big difference for kids in our community. 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.

Your club can benefit from these funds by volunteering to help at the "Pennies from Heaven" fundraiser. If your club wants to earn \$100, you can volunteer for the next fundraiser on Oct. 15,16,21 or 22. You and your club members will greet customers with a treat during a six-hour shift (10 a.m-4 p.m., 11 a.m-5 p.m., or 12-6 p.m.). You must work the six hours in order to receive the \$100. For your efforts, your club will receive \$100 -- with a tiny string attached -- just need a paragraph of how your club spent the money and a picture of the event! Contact Jan Gwozdz at 586-469-7619 or jan.gwozdz@macombcountymi.gov.

***** Help Blake's Orchard, Earn Community Service Points & Cash for Your Club ****

Blake's Orchard is looking for six 4-H members ages 12 and up to volunteer for the petting farm at their Armada Center and North Avenue locations in Armada. Members will help the public with the animals and answer animal-related questions. Volunteers should wear a 4-H shirt or Blakes Orchard will supply a sweatshirt. Help is needed from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sept. 1 and 2, and Oct. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16.

Volunteers will receive a gallon of apple cider and a dozen donuts, and Blake's Orchard will make a \$50 donation to their 4-H club. Please call Jennifer Miller at 586-623-0087 for more information or to volunteer.

*****Be a Friend on FB*****

Check out our own Macomb County 4-H on Facebook. This is a great opportunity for you and your club to advertise club activities and events that you would like others to know about. It is also the perfect site to search other 4-H pages and be friends to them as well. Post something, receive something, and keep updated with Facebook! www.facebook.com/Macomb4H

*****OER, Shooting Sports Pictures Requested for Traveling Poster*****

Anyone with shooting sports or outdoor education and recreation (OER) pictures from the 2010-11 4-H program year is asked to send pictures to Stephen Sondey, sondey@provide.net. The Macomb County 4-H Outdoor Education & Recreation Program Committee is making a traveling poster to be displayed at the Romeo Whitetails banquet in March. The Romeo Whitetails is a chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, a national non-profit conservation organization committed to caring for natural renewable resources.

*****County Offices Closed*****

Macomb County offices will be closed Oct. 11, Nov. 11, 23-25, and Dec. 23, 26-27, and 30.

STATE EVENTS

*****4-H Fall Horse Galaxy Meeting for State 4-H Horse Event Planning Committee***
October 8, 2011 – Kettunen Center**

This workshop is available to current state 4-H Horse Event Planning Committee members. It provides volunteers an opportunity to learn the availability of new resources, collaborate with representatives from different counties, plan upcoming state 4-H horse events, discuss guidelines for the state 4-H Horse Program, and gain leadership and youth development skills. Open only to horse event planning committee members (primarily adult, some youth). The cost is \$23.75 per person. Register through the county Extension office. For more information please view the [W Program Announcement](#) for this event, call 586-469-6431 or e-mail Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov.

*****4-H Healthy Living = Healthy U Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop*****

October 14-16, 2011 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is for youth, adults, and volunteers that work with youth. You will learn how to incorporate "healthy living," one of 4-H mission mandates, into your club, community and life. This workshop will teach you some exciting ways to get started and introduce you to opportunities and curriculum that is available to sustain healthy living. You will also get a head start on the new Moving Michigan challenge. Youth can learn how to become a healthy living ambassador. Learn how adult volunteers and youth can work together through a \$5,000 grant to address how to lessen nutritional deficiencies and healthy food choices in under-served populations. Health is one of the four "H's" in 4-H, so come learn what it is all about and how to stay active in your club and community and in the world. Scholarships are available to adult volunteers and youth to attend this workshop. Open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 14 and up. For more information please view the program announcement for this event, online at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule. The cost for this workshop is \$71.50 per person. Register through the county Extension office no later than Sept. 30, 2011.

*****4-H Clothing & Textiles Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader 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 beginning 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. For more information please view the program announcement for this event, online at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule. The cost for this workshop is \$56 per person. Register through the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office no later than Sept. 30, 2011. Please note that this workshop fills quickly. The earlier you register, the more likely you will be to get the sessions you want.

*****4-H Proud Equestrian Program New Instructor Training Instructor Update*****

October 22-23, 2011 – Kellogg Biological Station

This conference provides continuing education for current 4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) certified instructors. Attendance is required at either the fall 2011 or fall 2012 Instructor Update to maintain 4-H PEP Instructor status. The program is also open to PATH (formerly NARHA) certified instructors and those interested in therapeutic riding. Sessions include topics related to instructing therapeutic riding, working with youth with special needs, and horse management and care. Open to 4-H Proud Equestrian Program instructors, instructors in training. The program is also open to NARHA certified instructors and those with an interest in therapeutic riding. *This workshop is presented with support from the **Accident Fund Holdings**.* For more information please view the program announcement for this event, online at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule. The cost for this workshop is \$63 per person. Register through the county Extension office no later than Oct. 7, 2011.

*****4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop*****

November 18-20, 2011 – Kettunen Center

Participants in this exciting training opportunity will gain new ideas and information about the rabbit and cavy project areas. Participants will choose from a variety of topics including management, health, nutrition, breeding, animal evaluation, crafts, games, showmanship and fun 4-H club activities. The workshop will provide adult and teen leaders, 13 and up, the opportunity to exchange ideas, make new friends and explore new areas with other individuals who are interested in rabbits and cavies. Participants are encouraged to develop plans for sharing the learning experiences back to their local

counties. For more information please view the [W Program Announcement](#) for this event. The cost for this workshop is \$79.50 per person. Register by Nov. 4, 2011 at the county Extension office.

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***** Great Lakes Equine Classic & Tack Swap *****

The Great Lakes Equine Classic Expo is fast approaching! The Expo will be held on February 10-12, 2012 in Birch Run, MI and this year's headliner is Chris Cox, 3-time winner of Road to the Horse. A discounted ticket is being offered to all 4-H clubs and members at \$5.00 if purchased in advance. There is also a weekend pass available at a discounted price of \$14.00. There will be something for everyone at this year's expo: A fashion show featuring the latest trends, demonstrations from the judge's perspective on showmanship, rail and pattern classes and much, much more. Please visit the Great Lakes Equine Classic website for additional information at www.greatlakesequineclassic.com.

A tack swap will be held at the Birch Run Expo Center on November 19, 2011. A 10x10 spot is only \$25.00 and there will be new and used vendors there. It's a great opportunity to sell your used tack and clothing at the end of the season and shop around for next year's new look.

To purchase tickets for the Great Lakes Equine Classic Expo or to reserve a spot at the tack swap at the Birch Run Expo Center or for more information about either event, contact TAC Promotions at 810-639-0193 or tkequine@hotmail.com.

*****Ray Township Trunk-or-Treat Event*****

Ray Township Recreation is hosting its 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Event on Friday, Oct. 28, 2012 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Ray Township Park. They are looking for families that would like to participate in the event, which entails registering a car to park and pass out candy (that you supply) to children in the Ray Township community. Ray Township residents attend free of charge. Non-residents pay a \$5 per vehicle entry fee. To "trick-or-treat" for candy, you MUST have a car registered to pass out candy.

Volunteers in costume are also needed to roam around the park during this event to enhance the Halloween atmosphere. Volunteers need to supply their own costumes. If you are interested or want more information, please contact **Joyce Oliver at 586-749-5171**.

*****Master Gardener Pumpkin Raffle*****

Macomb County Master Gardeners recently returned from a trip to Wisconsin with a large, very white pumpkin, aptly named "Polar Bear". It was a gift from the University of Wisconsin Agricultural Research Station and is not yet commercially available.

MSU Extension is raffling off the pumpkin to benefit the Master Gardener Program. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5 and are available at the MSUE office, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Twp., MI 48036. you can see the pumpkin in the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden outside the VerKuijen Building near entrance E.