



MONROE COUNTY

4-H Family News

January 2019



Happy New Year to All!



May this be your best year yet!

-From the 4-H Office

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JANUARY 2019

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6	7 6PM YLB @ ELC 7PM 4-H COUN- CIL @ELC	8	9	10 6:30PM RAISIN- VILLE WRAN- GLERS @ AC	11	12
				4-H Staff Out of Office for MAFE Convention		
13 10AM TACK- SALE @ MBT EXPO BLDG 4PM HIPPOLOGY @AC 6PM FAB HOLI- DAY DINNER @ HARBOR INN	14 7PM HORSE & PONY BOARD @ AC	15 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @AC	16 7PM JLA @ ELC 7PM SHOOTING SPORTS @ AC	17 7PM FAIR ADVI- SORY BOARD @ ELC	18	19 2:30PM LEGACY 4-H @ AC
20	21 6PM CAT BOARD @ 6PM	22 6PM CSI @ AC 7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHODIST CHURCH	23 5:30PM EXPAN- SION & REVIEW @ ELC	24	25	26
27	28 7PM SAA @ ELC	29 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR 4-H DAY @ BRESLIN	30 7PM TA @ AC	31	1 FEBRUARY	2 8AM COUNCIL WORKBEE @ AC 10AM BEEF TAG- GING @ FAIR- GROUNDS

FEBRUARY 2019

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27	28 7PM SAA @ ELC	29 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR 4-H DAY @ BRESLIN	30 7PM TA @ AC	31	1 FEBRUARY	2 8AM COUNCIL WORKBEE@ AC 10AM BEEF TAGGING @ FAIR-GROUNDS
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10 4PM HIPPOLOGY @ AC	11 7PM HORSE & PONY BOARD @AC	12 5:30PM CLO-VERBUD CHEF SPIN CLUB @ ELC 6:30PM SPRING ACHIEVE. COMMITTEE @ ELC	13	14 6:30PM YOGA SPIN CLUB @ AC	15	16
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4-H State Awards



Members who are interested in being a part of the State Awards for 2019 need to plan on attending a workshop on **December 12 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.**

Members will be given copies of the forms and guidelines. We will discuss potential areas they may be interested in and have some hands on experience as we begin to work toward completion of the application.

Completed award forms will be due on February 1, 2019. Monroe County 4-H members who will be 13 as of January 1, 2018 and have not reached their 20th birthday before January 1, 2019 are eligible to apply.

Members who are 11 and 12 may compete for State Recognition in the Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. Two 4-H members will be chosen from Monroe County for this award. The criteria for this will also be discussed at the December meeting.

The following trainings are geared to 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program and will give an overview of the State Award Program as well as go over the application and deadlines. It will also be a way for members to ask questions and know what to expect throughout the process.

4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training- Thursday, January 10th at 6:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/483706952> Or join by phone: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 US Toll Meeting ID: 483 706 952

Scholarships for Exploration Days will be given to all Regional State Award winners .

General Information about State Awards can be found at:

[www.canr.msu.edu/4 h scholarships and recognition program/4 h awards and recognition program](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program)

SAVE THE DATE(S):

Exploring Expo: March 2nd, 2019

5-7 year olds can enjoy a fun filled Saturday of crafts, learning about 4-H project areas and more!

Mini Expo: March 9th, 2019

8-14 year olds can enjoy a Saturday learning about 4-H project areas and making crafts. Each participant will pick three of the available projects to complete.

Teen Expo: March 23rd, 2019

New this year!!! Members 15-19 will have the opportunity to pick several advanced projects being offered that day.

More information to come soon!



2019 Livestock Dates

Feb. 2nd 10am-2pm Beef Tagging @ Fairgrounds

April 4th 7pm Sheep Quality Assurance @ Activity Center

May 4th 9am-Noon Sheep & Pig Tagging @ Fairgrounds

May 14th 7pm Pig Quality Assurance @ Activity Center

June 10th 6pm All Species Fitting & Showing Clinic

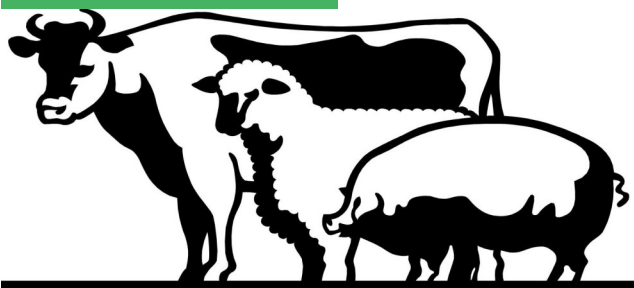
Swine 6pm-6:30pm

Sheep 6:30pm– 7pm

July 9th 6pm Barn Set-Up @ Fairgrounds

July 27th Animal Check-in

July 28th-August 3rd— Fair!



2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest for Michigan 4-H Members

4-H Youth develop entrepreneurial skills and earn cash prize through 4-H beekeeping essay contest!



Michigan 4-H youth can improve their science, knowledge, writing and research skills and win a cash prize by entering the [2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition](http://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays) (<http://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays>)

*“This year’s essay topic is *Honey Varietals, State to State*. Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower’s uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal. Please include a photo of the varietal’s flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal and a recipe that highlights the varietal.”*

The top three winners nationally will receive cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250, and winning essays will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. The three national winners and the top winner of each state will receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

Essay length should be 750 to 1000 words and will be judged on the scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness and logic development of the topic. Youth are encouraged to research the topic using a number of sources. [Download the complete rules](http://preservationofhoneybees.org/images/2019_4-H_Beekeeping_Essay_Competition_Call_for_Entries.pdf) (http://preservationofhoneybees.org/images/2019_4-H_Beekeeping_Essay_Competition_Call_for_Entries.pdf)before beginning the contest. This contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to preserve the practice and the profession of beekeeping through education and research, established by the American Beekeeping Federation.

All Michigan 4-H entries must be submitted electronically to Laura Quist at quistla1@msu.edu by February 15, 2019. A state winner will be selected and must be submitted to the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. by February 28, 2019 as Michigan’s entry in the National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition.





4-H GROWS HERE

Congratulations to the 2018 County Award Winners!

Older Teen Awards:

Elizabeth Brockman
Levi Couch
Amy Grummel
Kerrie Kraftchick
Karissa Lomas
Katrina Lomas
Katherine Sweet
Paige Sweet
Michael Valentine Jr
Hannah Vincent
Anna Hutchison
Jackson Sokel
Luke Stump
Tyrese Watkins
Alexandra Merrill
TJ Seldon
Aleigha Walters
Alivia Funchion
Ethan Harbaugh
Cheyenne Meyer

Sequoia Meyer
Rachele Cate
Mariena Lambrix
Olivia Lambrix

County Medal Awards:

Alana Aulph
Ephraim Brockman
Alexis Fisher
Kolton Lomas
Josh Marimpietri
Jewell Mason
Ian Nagle
Mason Magle
Aaron Ostrander
Camden Schmidt
Jaren Schmidt
Katlyn Shroyer
Liz Vincent
Katelyn Voyles
Nathan Voyles

Justin Yarger
Lily Stump
Jared Schmidt
Alanna Colpaert
Dominic Carmouche
Lillian Runyon
Gabby Flowers
Evan Harbaugh
Austin Arting

Congratulations to all County Award Winners!

Recipients were recognized on December 9th at the Youth Recognition and Leader Banquet. If you were not present to receive your award, awards are available for pick up at the 4-H Office.

Teen Ambassadors Pennies for Turkeys Service Project

TA members helped pick up 80 Turkeys from Kroger and moved them to the Independent Dairy's walk-in freezer.

From this location, the Turkeys will be distributed to families in need in Monroe County.

A big thank you to all the clubs and council that donated!



CAT CORNER

Welcome to a new and exciting year for Cat Club!!! We are happy to announce that our club has been growing with new members. Families and friends have been coming out to learn more about our little feline friends. If you or anyone is a cat lover, enjoy learning fun facts about cats, love spending time volunteering at shelters, and taking field trips, come join us!!!

Next Meeting: January 21st 6pm @ Activity Center

CAT FUN FACTS:

1. There are some cats that have survived a fall from over 32 stories high.
2. Cats have over 20 muscles that control their ear.
3. When cats grimace, that means they are "taste scenting." They have an extra organ that lets them have some breathing control allowing , cats to taste the air.
4. Cats cannot taste sweetness



Submitted By: Allen Brooks

Attention All 4-H Teens & Volunteers!

Your input is needed to help plan the 2019 4-H Leader Meet in Southeast MI.

Volunteer and Teen Input Needed for 4-H Leader Meet Survey

The 4-H Leader Meet is an opportunity for 4-H volunteers and older club members to swap programming ideas while developing their skills around club management, 4-H finances, youth-adult partnerships and more. In the past, this has been done at a day-long conference where attendees register for sessions that are of interest to them. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey linked below. Your answers will remain anonymous. If you have questions or are interested in helping to present or plan a leader meet session, please contact Mary Blumka at blumkama@msu.edu

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5sVeqQQFfTjPa6N

Monroe County New & Used Tack Sale

Sunday, January 13, 2019 10am—3pm

MBT Expo Center

3775 South Custer Rd., Monroe, MI 48161

\$3 Admission

Free Admission for Active Duty Military Personnel and Veterans
with valid ID.

Heated facility with
plenty of parking!

All Proceeds Benefit the
Monroe County 4-H
Horse and Pony Program!

Tons of Vendors!

Concessions!

Come out and support Monroe County 4-H
Horse & Pony Board!

If interested in becoming a vendor please contact Christin Gordon by email at christinnowland@gmail.com or at 734-430-5377. Vendor tables are available on a first come first serve basis.



4-H SPIN CLUBS

A new way to roll with 4-H!



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4-H Spin Clubs are a new thing we are trying this year. It's a like our regular clubs but with a different "spin" on it. 4-H SPIN Club stands for Special Interest Club.

Here's how they work:

- ⇒ **Spin Clubs last just 6 weeks (instead of being a year long club commitment)**
- ⇒ **They meet once a week for at least 1 hour**
- ⇒ **They can be on any topic as long as it can fit into one the 4 H's (Head, Heart, Hands, Health)**

Calling All Volunteers

We are looking for volunteer leaders to help with these SPIN clubs. Volunteers are the key to a successful program and are important role models for our youth. If you see one you are interested in or have ideas for another club please contact Sara or Ashley at the MSU Extension Office 734-240-3170.

Spin Club Ideas:

Yoga SPIN Club— COMING SOON!!

Babysitting 101– Learn the skills necessary to be a top notch babysitter

Art of Clowning– Bring laughter and joy to the world by learning the comedic art of clowning

Cloverbud Chefs– COMING SOON!

Coding & Computer Science– COMING SOON

Sewing Basics– Learn the basics of sewing, operating a sewing machine and dive into several beginner projects

Got a great idea?! Don't be afraid to share with the office-we want to know what YOU would participate in!! Want to help lead one of these clubs??!! Let us know!



DUNDEE DISTRICT PRESENTS

FIRST AID & CPR CERTIFICATION COURSE

February 9, 2019 @ 4-H Activity Center (3775 S. Custer Rd. Monroe, MI 48161)

Doors open at 8:30am Class begins promptly at 9am until 1pm

Cost: \$15 payable at the door

Open to 4-H Members 14- 20yrs old (Actual Age not 4-H Age)

Participants will receive an American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED course completion card that is valid for 2 years

Registration due no later than February 8th

To Register: follow the link below and search "Monroe, MI, USA". Once classes populate you can filter by date range for ease of finding the class. Select class (screenshot) and enter your reservation information.

<https://ahainstructornetwork.americanheart.org/AHAecc/classConnector.jsp?pid=ahaecc.classconnector.home&coursename=skillssession&coursestyle=online&language=1001>

Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED (99528065)

4-h activity center
3775 S. Custer, Monroe, MI 48161

In English

🕒 09 Feb 2019, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

👤 Matthew Ruehs

✉️ ruehs7@aol.com

👥 30 Seats Available

📞 4194671716

📍 3.5 mi ▶ Directions

Details

4-H SPIN CLUB

YOGA BASICS

LEARN & EMBRACE THE 4TH-H FOR HEALTH THROUGH YOGA!

DATES & TIME:

THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM
FEBRUARY 7TH
FEBRUARY 14TH
FEBRUARY 21ST
FEBRUARY 28TH
MARCH 7TH
MARCH 14TH (Alt. Location)
MARCH 21ST
MARCH 28TH

LOCATION: 4-H ACTIVITY CENTER 3775
S. CUSTER RD MONROE, MI 48161 (ENTER
THROUGH D GATE)

COST: \$20 CURRENT 4-H MEMBERS/
\$40 NON-4-H MEMBERS

THINGS TO BRING: PARTICIPANTS WILL
NEED TO BRING A YOGA MAT, YOGA
BLOCK AND STRAP.

WHO SHOULD JOIN YOGA BASICS?:

Youth ages 9-19 who want to
learn about yoga, mindfulness and healthy
lifestyles should consider joining us for this
short term 4-H Club. Youth will:

- Learn the basics of yoga from a certified
yoga instructor
- Learn to incorporate healthier choices into
their daily lives
- Learn skills such as stress management
and mindfulness

REGISTRATION: CURRENT 4-H
MEMBERS: ENROLL THROUGH 4-
HONLINE, SELECT YOGA BASICS AS
ADDITIONAL CLUB
NEW 4-H MEMBERS: VISIT
4HONLINE.COM, CREATE FREE PROFILE
USING PROMPTS, COMPLETE ALL
REQUIRED INFO, SELECT YOGA BASICS

CONTACT:

LAURIE NAGLE 419-297-1331
ASHLEY FRYE 734-240-3188



Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience March 17-20, 2019

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing current issue areas (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

Choose Your Issue Area

Participants will choose their top three issue areas and will learn about one. They will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue and will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices include:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Environmental Quality/
Natural Resources
- Health
- Human Services
- Government Reform &
Transparency
- Jobs & the Economy
- Law Enforcement
- Technology

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Location, Registration & Cost

The Okemos Conference Center provides lodging for the program and also serves as the program headquarters. Tours and agency visits take place at the State Capitol, Michigan Supreme Court, and surrounding areas.

\$360 4-H members

\$380 Non members

Contact your local MSU Extension or Farm Bureau office to inquire about scholarship opportunities.

The registration fee includes most meals, lodging and material fees.

Registration deadline: February 10, 2019
Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/>

For more information visit:
msue.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience



Michigan 4-H Day



at the

Breslin Center



February 24, 2019

What: Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Michigan Wolverines.

When: February 24, 2019. Southwest Harrison Gate will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at 12:30 p.m. Game time is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

Cost: Tickets are FREE for the guests listed above.
Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: FREE for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
- Take photos with Sparty.

Get in the game!

Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>.

Contact your county MSU Extension office or email Jane Love at lovejan@anr.msu.edu



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To reserve your tickets call Ashley at 734-240-3188 or email at fryeashl@msu.edu. Tickets must be ordered by January 29th and will be available for pick up at the 4-H Office (usually the 2nd week of February).



Come out to Van Andel Arena for an exciting night of hockey with the Grand Rapids Griffins!

Saturday, February 16th

Purchase your exclusive ticket for Star Wars Night soon - as it's always a guaranteed sold out game!

A portion of each ticket will go towards supporting the Michigan 4-H Organization

Special Discounted Pricing

Upper level faceoff - \$15

Upper level center ice - \$18

Lower level faceoff - \$21

Lower level center ice - \$25

(A savings of \$4 per ticket – plus no taxes or service fees.)

PURCHASING TICKETS ONLINE IS EASY!

1. Log on to griffinshockey.com/promocode
2. Enter promo code: **MI4H**
3. Select your game date, seats, and make your purchase

If you have any questions regarding the offer, please contact

Bre'onna Raymo - 616.774.4585 ext. 3017 or braymo@griffinshockey.com

@GRIFFINSHOCKEY



MSU CANR STEM-FEE Scholars Program

Learn about growing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers in the areas of food, energy and the environment (FEE) that offer good pay and help make the world a better place.

The Michigan State University (MSU) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) encourages student interest and involvement in STEM-FEE. These applied STEM disciplines are vital to our national and global security and economy, but graduate too few students to meet current and projected workforce demands. The MSU CANR STEM-FEE opportunity helps address this important national need. It was made possible as part of a federally funded grant through the National Science Foundation. Students interested in pursuing a career in one of the seven disciplines have the opportunity to apply for scholarships and gain exposure to MSU.

Apply now to be considered for a scholarship!

Open to students who demonstrate financial need and are incoming freshmen, currently undecided or changing majors at MSU, or transferring to MSU from a community college or two-year institution

Up to \$25,000 in scholarships are available to each eligible student. Applications must be completed by **January 15, 2019.**



FEATURED DISCIPLINES

- Animal Science
- Crop and Soil Sciences
- Entomology
- Fisheries and Wildlife
- Food Science
- Forestry
- Horticulture

For additional information about the MSU CANR STEM-FEE Scholars Program, contact Dr. Eunice Foster at fosteref@msu.edu or 517-353-0135.

Find more information, including how to apply, at canr.msu.edu/stem-fee-scholars.



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Save the date
for the 4-H
Alumni Tip-Off
Reception!**



On Feb. 24, Michigan 4-H alumni will gather to celebrate 4-H with other alums from across the state at the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception!

Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and drinks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before enjoying a women's basketball game at the Breslin Center.

Organized by Michigan 4-H and the Michigan 4-H Foundation, the Tip-Off event takes place before 4-H Day at the Breslin, for which free tickets are available.

More information about the Alumni Tip-Off event is available at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>. For free tickets to the 4-H Day at the Breslin, contact your local MSU Extension office.

4-H Events and Workshops

January 10 : 4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training

Online Webinar

This training is geared toward 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4>

January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--washtenaw_county

January 18-19: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference

Crowne Plaza, Lansing

This networking event builds show management skills and fulfills the yearly seminar requirement for Michigan 4-H horse judges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-managers-conference>

January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--ingham_county

January 26: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19 by Jan. 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and spectators are welcome!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019_state_4-h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

February 1-2: Michigan 4-H Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants will have the opportunity to judge high quality Quarter Horses and deliver a set of reasons after learning more about evaluating horses from Extension experts.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_horse_judging_workshop_practice_contest

February 1: 4-H State Award Deadline

Online

Submit your State Award application on time for careful review by the selection committee. The application may take several weeks to finalize, so be sure to get an early start.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_state_awards

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension. Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



**Save the date
for the Michigan
4-H Robotics
Leaders
Workshop!**



Enhance your engineering skills at the hands-on, 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop, March 16-17, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin!

The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 13 and up interested in developing and growing a 4-H robotics club.

Participants will be introduced to and learn basic robotic skills, as well as explore different types of robotic projects within LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, LEGO Wedo and Junk Drawer Robotics.

Learn more at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_robotics_leaders_workshop_2019.

Citizenship Washington Focus registration available

Registration for the 2019 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program, taking place June 22-29, is now available. Program participants learn about the nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring historical sites in Washington, D.C. The cost of the 2019 4-H CWF program is \$1,500 and includes all meals (except seven meals in transit), lodging and transportation. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWF2019/> to register.



2018 Capitol Experience participants interacting with resource people.

Now recruiting for 4-H Capitol Experience 2019

4-H Capitol Experience is now recruiting for 2019 participants! This annual statewide program, occurring March 17-20, helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy.

More than 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

Attendees will leave the program having a great understanding of the responsibilities of a citizen, be able to identify different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities, and know potential careers in public policy.

Cost for this event is \$360 and includes most meals, lodging and materials. For more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.