Animal Science Event Calendar

The Animal Science Youth Extension Office at MSU has now posted their calendar of events for 2008. This includes both 4-H events and others that may be of interest to 4-H members and leaders.

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MSU Spartan Woman’s Basketball Game for FREE  Once again the MSU Spartans will be offering an opportunity for 4-H members and leaders to attend a basketball game for FREE. The date will be Sunday, January 5, 2008 with tip off at noon. This will be a special kick off celebration for Michigan 4-H’s 100 birthday. Look for more details as to how to sign up for this free event (reservations required) in future Happenings or on the blog.

Thank you Ed Denhof and GM  Through the General Motor’s Foundation Volunteer PLUS program, a donation has been made to the Berlin 4-H Livestock Committee in an amount of $250. This represents their commitment to supporting employees who donate their time to non profit organizations. Ed Denhof donated over 200 hours to 4-H in the past year. Way to go and thank you for taking the time to submit your hours to GM.

4-H Winterfest for PreTeens  A special program overnight for pre teens in 4-H has been planned for February. It will be held at the Cranhill Ranch on February 2 to 3 and is designed for members ages 9 to 12. Registration is $35 and includes overnight stay and meals. Activities include shooting sports, global and cultural recreation, outdoor recreation, crafts, line dancing and stamping and scrapbooking. Sounds like a great time to connect with other 4-H friends and to learn a bit while experiencing overnight camp. Check out the flyer in this Happenings. All registration is due December 14, 2007.

 Scholarship Winners  Congratulations to those 4-H members who are the recipients of college scholarships through 4-H in Ottawa County. They are:
Amy VandenBrink – 4-H Council Scholarship
Missy Brower – Jack Ferwerda Memorial
Missy Brower – 4-H Dairy Committee
Bill Machiele – 4-H Dairy Committee
Amy VanDenBrink – 4-H Dairy Committee
Amy VanDenBrink – Berlin Livestock Committee
Kelsey Schoenborn – Berlin Livestock Committee

Teen Club Elects Officers  At the annual meeting of the 4-H Teen Club they elected their new officers. Big congratulations go to those taking on this big responsibility. They are:
Jessica Fuller – President
Ivana Klingenberg – Vice President
Erica Slagter – Secretary
Amber Haveman – Treasurer

The Teen Club meets the 2nd Thursday of the month in Allendale at the Library. The Roon Room is reserved and we have pizza each time. Please plan to join us if you are 13 by January 1st. We do community service projects, leadership projects and offer events for the teens in the county. It is a great time! Check us out.

Winter Beef Show  The 2007 Winter Beef Show at MSU will take place December 7 – 9 at the pavilion. Steer judge is Steve Reimer and heifer judge is Kevin Jensen. The deadline for entries is November 14 and the entry fee is $35 for each animal entered. Late entries will be taken ONLY on December 7 and they are $100 per head. Cattle must arrive between noon and 8:00 p.m. on Friday December 7th. Entry forms and complete rules and regulations are available from the 4-H office in Grand Haven or by going on line to:

www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids
Teen Leadership Conference
At the end of January there will be a teen leadership conference at Kettunen Center. This workshop will teach teens how to guide groups of people through brainstorming, decision making, goal setting and action planning. Participants will also learn group facilitation which will help them take a group from frustrated to motivated, ineffective to successful. There are also sessions on working with committees and councils and on doing community service groups. Teens can attend for a $10 fee. Adult chaperones are free. (from Ottawa County) You must be 14 (by January 1st) and up to participate. The workshop will be held January 26 to 27, 2008. To have a complete description of the workshop mailed to you, call the 4-H office.

E-Mail Sign Up for Happenings
____ Yes Please sign me up for alerts to the Happenings posted on the blog.

Send my e-mail alert to:
__________________________________________________________
(please print clearly)
Name: ____________________________________________________

____ Parent of 4-H Member
____ 4-H Leader
____ Other (specify) ________________________________

New Leader Applications Now Being Accepted If you are thinking about becoming a 4-H leader, now is the time to act! Applications are now being accepted in time for interviews in November. To become a leader you need to fill out an application which includes three references and a criminal history check. After applications are completed the potential leader is invited to an interview with a member of the 4-H Council and 4-H staff. Once the interview is complete, the next step is new leader training. Training will be offered in late November and early December. A second round of new leaders will be accepted starting in January. If you are interested, call Joan at the 4-H office.

Participation Fee 2008 For the 2008 program year, participation fees will be due before weigh-in of any market animal and by April 1st for any member participating in Spring Achievements. New this year 5 - 8 year olds will also be required to pay the participation fee in order to be 4-H members and show at the fairs. Details of the new requirements have been sent out to 4-H club administrative leaders.

Thanks to participation fees paid last year, each 4-H club in Ottawa County is receiving new educational materials. We are also offering a grant process where clubs and committees can apply for additional funds to purchase materials or to put on educational workshops. The grant application form has been sent to all clubs and committees.
Central Region 4-H Youth Programs present

4-H WINTERFEST

Saturday, February 2 and
Sunday, February 3, 2008

9-12 year olds

Cran Hill Ranch, Rodney, MI

Registration Cost: $35

Activities Include:

- Shooting Sports
- Global & Cultural Sessions
- Tubing & Outdoor Recreation
- Crafts
- Line Dancing
- Stamping & Scrapbooking

Contact Your MSU Extension Office by December 14!
18th ANNUAL TACK SALE

Saturday
March 1, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Clothing
Tack
Horse Trailers

Allendale Middle School
6561 Lake Michigan Drive (M-45)
Allendale, Michigan

RESERVATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2008
Because space is very limited, reservations are usually full before this deadline.

NAME:________________________________________ PHONE:_________________________

ADDRESS:________________________________________________________________________

CITY:________________________________ ZIP:________________________

NUMBER OF INDOOR SPACES WITH TABLES _____ ($20)
NUMBER OF INDOOR SPACES WITHOUT TABLES _______ ($20)
NUMBER OF TRAILER SPACES (OUTSIDE) _________($20)

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H
SEND TO: LYNN CROEL
1885 HAYES STREET
MARNE, MI 49435
**Plat Books Now on Sale**  
The Ottawa County 4-H Council is pleased to announce that they have a new plat book for sale. This new book was produced in conjunction with the Ottawa County GIS department and has up to date detailed land ownerships and maps. The cover features beautiful color photos taken by our own award winning 4-H photographer and leader Jill Oosterman. Makes a great gift for the hunter in the family or for anyone looking to purchase or lease land. The books cost $25 and of that $2 from each book goes to the 4-H Council. You can pick one up at the 4-H office or order one through the mail or on line at: [http://www.co.ottawa.mi.us/](http://www.co.ottawa.mi.us/)

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Grand Haven, MI 49417

*Enclosed is my remittance of $28.00 for one Ottawa County Plat Book  
(Includes shipping costs. Call 616-846-8250 for additional quantity pricing)*

NAME: ____________________________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________________ STATE: ___________________ ZIP: ____________________________
4-H BEEF DECLARATION
2007/2008

Circle One: Berlin Fair    Holland Fair    Hudsonville Fair

Name of Member: ____________________________________________________________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

Parents Home Phone: ___________________________    Work #: _______________________

Best Time to Call: _____________________________

Club: _____________________________    Back # _____________________________

Type of Steer (circle one)    Colored Steer    Dairy Steer

My child is planning to show and sell a market steer project at the fair listed above. I have read and agree to abide by the current 4-H Market Livestock Project Guidelines and the Ottawa County 4-H Code of Conduct. I understand that the MSUE participation fee of $10 must be paid before weigh-in.

_________________________________    ________________________________
Parent Signature                      Signature of Leader

DUE DECEMBER 1ST AT THE
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H OFFICE
333 CLINTON STREET
GRAND HAVEN, MI  49417

OR MAY BE FAXED TO: 616-846-0655