



# 4-H News & Reviews

## GILDA'S DESK

### NOTES:

2008 4-H & YOUTH  
FAIR July 21-26th

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We are heading into crunch time as members are getting ready for fair. This is an exciting time and the excitement is contagious. The office is getting questions and I run into people who are not a part of the 4-H scene but are starting to think about fair and they are excited that it will be here soon also. As we get to fair I want to take a moment to share my thoughts: **Leaders:** thank you all for all the hard work and time you have taken from your busy schedules getting the kids ready. **Kids:** Hopefully you have listened well to what your leaders have said and you have practiced much in preparing for the final exhibit(s) of fair. Remember that if you are prepared and do your best then you need to be proud with your performance or exhibit. The judges decision is only one indicator of your final outcome and the judge is human. Learn from this experience. If you win, be humble and congratulate your other competitors for their hard work. If you don't win, congratulate the winner and take the comments that the judge gives you to be better the next time around. **Parents:** Be proud of your child(ren) and be supportive. You know their capabilities and whether or not they tried their best. Remember that this is your child's project and not yours. Regardless of the outcome, if your child is proud of what they have done, you need to be proud for them. Do not criticize the judge for his/her decision; you have not walked in their shoes. As a parent we tend to be partial in our feelings. It is the judge's job to be impartial, but they also have specific criteria that they are looking for in the winner. Your child may or may not have keyed in on it. Regardless, the process is part of their development.

Good Luck to everyone. Enjoy, have fun. Our next general newsletter will be out in September and will begin to showcase a new year of opportunities and events. Have a safe summer.

## DID YOU KNOW?..... 4-H FACTS

*Our club was going to do a fundraiser with a concession stand. Is it true that we need to get a food permit?*

That depends on a couple of variables. One variable is what you are selling. The other variable is the location of the food concession and whether or not you are preparing and serving from a licensed kitchen. When in question your best bet is to contact the Health Department, Environmental Health Division at 810-987-5306. They can give you the specific guidelines for what needs a temporary food permit and what does not. In addition they can advise you on proper food handling procedures and requirements. You also need to allow enough time in case you need to have a permit issued. Late requests will require a higher fee.



<http://msue.stclaircounty.org>  
MSU Extension  
website address

## Michigan State University

### 4-H Volunteer Training Workshop Schedule

### September 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009

| <b>DATE</b>  |     | <b>WORKSHOP OR CONFERENCE</b>  |
|--------------|-----|--|
| <u>2008</u>  |     |  |
| Aug. 14-15   |     | Yech!? What?s That??. Insect Identification Workshop, at MSU Dept of Entomology, for Master Gardener volunteers and 4-H Leaders<br>CONTACT: Howard Russell at (517) 353-9386 or bugman@msu.edu |
| Sept. 20-21  | 600 | #4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training   |
| Sept. 27-28  | 601 | *4-H Global and Cultural Education   |
| Oct. 4       | 602 | *Fall Galaxy for State 4-H Horse Event Committees  |
| Oct. 11-12   | 603 | *4-H Clothing and Textiles   |
| Oct. 18-19   | 604 | +4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update  |
| Oct. 24-26   | 605 | *4-H Goat Volunteer Leader Workshop  |
| Nov. 1-2     | 606 | *4-H Crafts, Visual Arts and Performing Arts Workshop  |
| Nov. 22-23   | 607 | *4-H Teen Horse Leaders' Conference  |
| <u>2009</u>  |     |  |
| Jan 9-11     | 608 | *4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference   |
| Jan. 16-18   | 609 | *The Future is You!  |
| Jan. 24-25   | 610 | *4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference   |
| Feb. 27-28   | 611 | *4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leader Workshop   |
| Feb 28-Mar 1 | 612 | *4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leader Workshop  |
| Mar. 14-15   | 613 | *Family Science 2009   |
| Mar. 21-22   | 614 | *4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Adult & Teen Leader Training  |
| Apr. 4-5     | 615 | *4-H Rabbit and Cavy Volunteer Workshop  |
| Apr. 17-19   | 616 | *2009 4-H Dairy Conference   |
| Apr. 24-26   | 617 | *4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop   |

- \* Workshops held at Kettunen Center
- + Workshops held at KBS
- # Workshop held at Ottawa Lake Sportsman's Club

#### Additional Dates

|                         |                    |                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| National 4-H Congress   | Nov 28-Dec 2, 2008 | Atlanta, Georgia  |
| National 4-H Conference | Mar 28-Apr 2, 2009 | Washington D.C.   |
| 4-H Capitol Experience  | Mar 22-25, 2009    | Lansing, MI       |
| 2009 Ag Expo            | Jul 14-16, 2009    | MSU – Lansing, MI |

#### **YOUTH POWER REPORT**, by Alex Kalisch, Classic Clovers

Every Wednesday our 4-H Club has a riding meeting. We work on pretty much everything from simple ground work, to dressage and jumping. We also work with patterns and trail. I always learn something new after every single meeting we have. There is so much knowledge my club members and I have gained from our parents and mostly our leader, it is unexplainable.

# STATEWIDE 4-H EVENTS

## 2008

- July 15-17 Ag Expo, MSU, **VOLUNTEERS Needed** contact Natalie (517) 432-1555 ext 157 by May 30th  
July 16 Special Discount for Detroit Shock Women's Basketball see <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/member/cool.html> for promotional flyer
- July 21-25 MI Dairy Expo & 4-H Dairy Days, MSU Pavilion  
July 23 The Great Dairy Adventure, MSU Pavilion, information at MSU Extension Office  
TBA State 4-H Dog Show, MSU Pavilion  
Aug. 22-24 State 4-H Horse Show, MSU Pavilion  
TBA MI State Fair, Detroit  
TBA National Dairy Conference, Madison, WI  
Oct 4 4-H Young Bird Show (Pigeon), Bay City Young Bird Show  
\*Oct 4 4-H Family Reunion, celebrating 100 years of Michigan 4-H, volunteers needed call Julie Chapin at (517) 432-7608 or [chapin@msu.edu](mailto:chapin@msu.edu)

Entry information and entry forms available on the Animal Science Youth Programs web site.  
<http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/> Go to "Upcoming Events".

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## Entrepreneurs—A Youth Farm Stand Project—Meet Wednesday, July 16th

The St. Clair County 4-H Program is looking for youth ages 14-19 interested in becoming Entrepreneurs. Youth interested will become participants in a Youth Farm Stand project that will work in the Memphis area. As part of the program youth will learn how to develop a business plan, actively participate in marketing and get an understanding of the ins and outs of being a business owner. Orientation for the youth and parents will take place on Wednesday, July 16th from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the community center adjacent to the Memphis Library. Please contact Gilda Schott at 810-989-6935 or [gschott@stclaircounty.org](mailto:gschott@stclaircounty.org) to RSVP or for questions.

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## LOST & FOUND

**2008 4-H Exploration Days**—To claim, contact Pat Talbot at the State 4-H Office at 517-432-7616; [talbotp@msu.edu](mailto:talbotp@msu.edu)

### Clothes

- Dark green hoodless MSUE sweatshirt
- Long sleeve Detroit Lions shirt- gray with navy writing
- Plain black zip-up hooded sweatshirt
- Light blue wind jacket with white stripe down sleeves
- Black and red zip-up hooded sweatshirt with broken hearts & skull design
- Green zip-up puffy jacket with blue fleece interior
- Kids' size New Balance sweatshirt- gray with navy writing
- Khaki cargo shorts (with Whoppers candy and headphones) (E221 Akers or Holmes Hall: either Kent or Monroe County)
- Red "Elk Country Wyoming" t-shirt
- Navy blue "Trust me I'm Pefect" t-shirt, navy blue "To err is human" t-shirt, navy blue "chicks dig my ride" t-shirt, white gym shorts with silver stripe, royal blue gym shorts, pair of Joe Boxers, pair of white socks (all together) (E217 Akers or Holmes Hall: either Monroe or Washtenaw)

### Electronic

- Black (with blue striping) digital camera case w/ batteries
- Phone charger
- Phone charger & battery charger
- Remote control by ViewSonic (W470 Akers or Holmes Hall: either Belize or St. Clair)
- Black Kryocer cell phone (found outside of Wharton)
- Gray (with black) Sprint cell phone

### Miscellaneous

- Christmas wreath (from Hubbard)
- Light blue water bottle
- Small amount of cash found in restroom outside of HQ

**SCC AGRICULTURAL  
SOCIETY**

(Fair Board)  
Sponsors of the  
St. Clair County  
4-H & Youth Fair  
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[www.stclaircounty4hfair.org](http://www.stclaircounty4hfair.org)  
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Hi,

My name is Katy Christensen. I am the Volunteer Coordinator Intern at the Michigan Nature Association (MNA) in Williamston, MI. I am currently trying to recruit volunteers for the projects that we have in the St. Clair county area. I was wondering if you knew of any 4H or Master Gardener groups who would be interested in helping to remove invasive plants and garbage from our sanctuaries. Some of the upcoming volunteer dates are:

**Saturdays**, August 23 from 10 to 2pm \* September 6 from 10 to 2pm \* October 1 \* December 6 \*

These volunteer dates will take place at one of the 12 nature sanctuaries that MNA has in St. Clair county. Please spread the word about these volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions about volunteering or MNA in general, or would like to register for any of the volunteer dates, please contact Natalie Kent at 517-655-5655 or reply to this email. Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Katy Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator Intern

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**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL**

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