



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Summer Camp – Science Blast!

Summer Camp will once again be held at the Gratiot County Fair for Youth Fairgrounds and Reed Park July 11 and 12th. This year's theme is all about science – become a scientist and get ready to explore, experience and explode! You can find complete registration forms and information on our [website!](#) Cost is \$30 and campers will receive a t-shirt, draw string bag, meals and supplies.

We're also looking for

- Camp Counselors (15 years and older)
- Adult Chaperones (at least one MALE!)
- Two Lifeguards (this is a paid position)

*"Like" Gratiot County 4-H on [Facebook](#) and check us out on our [website!](#)*

### Clover Climber Camp

Five and eight year olds will be experiencing some major science blast projects at the 2011 Clover Climber Camp Monday, July 25 at the GCFFY Fairgrounds! Registration forms can be found on the [county 4-H website](#). Cost is \$20 and includes a t-shirt, draw string bag, meals and supplies!

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### Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award

The Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award [Nomination Packet](#) is now available with nominations due by Friday, July 1, 2011 to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of Michigan 4-H volunteers or groups that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of:

- Beef cattle
- Dairy cattle
- Goats
- Horses
- Horticulture, crops and soils
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science

The \$1,000 volunteer tribute grant, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Endowment Fund, can be used for 4-H volunteer training, to purchase supplies and curriculum materials, or to enhance 4-H agricultural programming locally or statewide.

## **ANIMAL PROJECTS:**

### **Dog Project Information**

Pups-R-Us, a club for all 4-H'ers with a dog project, meets every Monday evening at 6 p.m. the Redbird Training Center. For more information email Katie at [mccuneka@anr.msu.edu](mailto:mccuneka@anr.msu.edu)

### **State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest**

The contest will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. Entry deadline is July 1, 2011. For full details please pick up a packet at the MSUE Office or email Katie at [mccuneka@anr.msu.edu](mailto:mccuneka@anr.msu.edu)

### **State 4-H Events**

For registration information please email Katie at [mccuneka@anr.msu.edu](mailto:mccuneka@anr.msu.edu)

- State 4H Judging Contest – July 15. Registration postmarked by July 1.
- MI 4-H Dairy Days Entry Information and MI Dairy Expo premium book. All cattle entries and Dairy Days event registration are due June 24, 2011

## **Additional Upcoming Events**

- MI 4-H DOG SHOW: August 20th. [Show Catalog](#)
- INGHAM 4-H HOSTS HORSE SHOWS: [Show bills](#) for the 2011 Ingham County 4-H summer horse show circuit.

*GCFFY DUE  
DATES:*

*June 15-  
Fair  
Registrations  
Due*

## **GRATIOT COUNTY FAIR FOR YOUTH**

### **Fairbooks Available On-line & at the MSUE Office**

Stop in the MSUE Office to pick up a hardcopy of the fairbook. Or click [here](#) to look at the fairbook and access all registration forms online. Please remember registration forms are not in the fairbook. They are online or available in hard copy at the MSUE Office.

### **Fair Entry Forms – DUE JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>!!**

Anyone planning to exhibit in the Gratiot County Fair for Youth must complete a Fair Entry Form. Many exhibitors have or will complete a preregistration livestock form. These exhibitors must also sign up on the Fair Entry Form. Forms are available on-line at [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org) or by pick up at our office. Fair Entry Forms correspond with our annual fair book. Exhibitors need to look for the classes they want to exhibit and put in the department, division, section, and class of all the classes they plan to exhibit or show. Livestock Exhibitors must sign up for at least their market class and the species showmanship class for their age group. Anyone selling in an auction sale will need to pay special attention to the parent's name section in the Fair Entry Form. This information will be put into the fair's database and will be used for sale programs. Be sure to NEATLY list the names you want printed for the public. If for some reason an exhibitor does not want his/her parent/guardian's name listed, please contact the fair office.

### **Parking Passes**

Parking Passes are available for presale this year at a reduced rate from those purchased from the gate. Weekly passes purchased from the fair at the MSU Extension Office are \$12.00. and will be available early June. At the gate they cost \$15.00. Daily passes will still be available and can be purchased for \$5.00 at the MSU Extension Office or upon entry to the fairgrounds.

### **Fair Royalty Information**

Senior and Junior court applications are due by June 15. Applications are available on the <http://www.gcffy.org> website and in the MSUE Office. The Senior Court will consist of a King, and his runner-up, and a Queen, and her runner-up. The Junior Court will consist of a Prince, a runner-up, and a court member, and a Princess, her runner-up, and a court member. The King and Queen will represent the GCFFY at various activities and receive a scholarship towards school or a 4-H/FFA/Fair activity.

### **Livestock Insurance**

All exhibitors will automatically have livestock insurance on their market animals and horses. Market livestock exhibitors will have a small amount deducted from their fair checks (\$2.50 for beef/feeder and \$1.50 for goats, sheep, swine, and per small animal lot). Horse exhibitors will be covered through the Gratiot County Horse Developmental Committee. This insurance will cover the exhibitor starting with the loading of the animal into the trailer and will proceed through the end of fair or until the sale of the animal (at which time the insurance benefit will transfer to the buyer). Anyone with a possible claim must contact the fair office as soon as possible and should document their situation.

### **Road Auction Set**

The road auction offers the right to place your name on a road sign for the upcoming fair. The auction will be Thursday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fields Golf Course in Ithaca, following the Fire Cracker Open. Please call (989) 875-5292 to RSVP.

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# Gratiot County Fair for Youth

*Firecracker Open  
Golf Outing*



**Thursday, June 16, 2011  
The Fields Golf Course**

11:00 a.m. Registration  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Hamburger & Hot Dogs)  
12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
Chicken & Pork  
6:00 p.m. Road Sign Auction

- Registration is \$200 for a four member team and includes eighteen holes of golf with cart, lunch and diner.
- Awards, and prizes available including a chance to win a four wheeler at a hole in one sponsored by Lakeside Motor Sports.

To register your team, download an entry form with instructions at the fair website, [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org) under upcoming events or contact the fair office at (989) 875-5292.