



TO: Ingham County 4-H members

FROM: Eric Dobbrastine, 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator

DATE: February 28, 2018

RE: 4-H Exploration Days

4-H Exploration Days offers youth from across Michigan an opportunity each summer to choose from over 200 fun-filled, hands-on sessions while trying out the college experience by staying on the Michigan State University campus for three days. Youth may choose from sessions ranging across the spectrum of everything 4-H has to offer, whether you are looking to sharpen your skills in your favorite project area or try on something new. In addition to learning and staying in the dorms, youth also have the opportunity to partake in several other leisure activities including dancing, swimming, sports, checking out some of the many unique attractions of Michigan State University.



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- Exploration Days will be held **June 20-22, 2018 at MSU**
- 4-H and non-4-H members welcome, as well as 4-H volunteers
- Ages 11-19 on January 1, 2018
- Registration due to county office **April 27, 2018**; sessions filled on first come basis, beginning on **March 13, 2018**
- Registration is \$165, with \$80 deposit due with registration forms (non-4-H members must pay \$20 participation fee in addition at registration)

Registration procedure (please be sure that all forms are legible and 100% complete to ensure accurate and efficient processing; incomplete forms will be returned):

- 1a. Return the 4-H Exploration Days Registration Form (enclosed, found in the program catalogue or on the website) to the 4-H office; include 8 session choice combinations as some sessions fill quickly
- 1b. Return Authorization Form (2 pages); this form contains 5 parent signatures and 1 youth signature (missing signatures will delay your registration)
- 1c. Remit \$80 deposit or \$100 deposit for non 4-H members with your registration form.
- 1d. Submit local scholarship request form with registration
2. Our office will contact you with registration confirmation and other updates; please provide your email address if possible
- 3a. Complete 4-H Exploration Days Personal Data Sheet (with current photo) before attending orientation meeting. This will be mailed to each participant in April.
- 3b. Pay remaining balance owed by orientation date
- 3c. Pre-event orientation - TBD; on-site county huddle upon arrival at event (participants are required to attend both orientation sessions)

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Extension programs and  
materials are open to all without  
regard to race, color, national  
origin, gender, religion, age,  
disability, political beliefs,  
sexual orientation, marital  
status or family status.

Michigan State University, U.S.  
Department of Agriculture and  
counties cooperating.

MSU is an affirmative-action  
equal-opportunity institution.

Participants will have the opportunity to choose 1-full session or 2-half sessions to attend during the event. The registration book, including all session information and registration forms can be downloaded online at: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_exploration_days). Hardcopies of the book can be obtained from the Ingham County MSU Extension office at 121 East Maple Street, Mason. The registration fee includes housing, meals, and most session enrollments (please note in the session description any additional fees for individual sessions). Participants will receive an invoice for their balance due by the orientation date.

Exploration Days is a qualifying MSU pre-college experience; youths entering 8-10 grades in the fall who attend this program will have the opportunity to compete for a \$2,000 MSU scholarship in the fall. [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards\\_scholarships/4-h\\_scholarships#pre-college](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_scholarships#pre-college)

## Important Information

There are a few scholarship opportunities available for Ingham County 4-H participants for this event. Please note that the scholarship request procedure has changed from previous years. All participants requesting scholarship assistance for the event will need to complete and submit the attached request form. Further note, that **Ingham County event participation policy has been revised to state that participants that receive scholarship funding and fail to fully participate in the sponsored event will be asked to repay scholarship funds provided.** This includes attending pre-event orientation, all county huddles scheduled during the event, and attending the sessions that the participant has been assigned for the event. A participant may only be excused from their assigned session to attend the “back-up” session that is offered during the event by the head county chaperone (CCA). Participants found skipping their assigned session will not be credited for their scholarships and will be invoiced for the resulting balance for registration.

Available scholarships are as follows:

- State Awards Delegates--\$45 automatically applied
- Financial Hardship Scholarship--\$40 assigned by staff upon request
- New Audience Participation Scholarship--\$40 assigned by staff upon request; 1<sup>st</sup> time participants only
- 4-H Council and Transportation Committee Scholarships—total \$32, first 50 Ingham County qualifying participants. **NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COUNCIL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.** This includes working food booth at fair or working a shift at the TSC Clover Campaign.

**Ingham County 4-H  
Exploration Days Scholarship Request form**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club or affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Years attending 4-H Exploration Days: \_\_\_\_\_

Which scholarships are you requesting for 2018 Exploration Days:

- State Awards Delegate
- Financial Hardship
- New Audience
- 4-H Council and Transportation Committee

**Please explain how you have contributed to the Ingham County 4-H program** (leadership and community service) **and/or how you have assisted in 4-H fundraising efforts** (TSC promotion, 4-H Food Booth, other efforts).

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Ingham County 4-H program strongly encourages members and volunteers/leaders to attend 4-H trainings and events beyond their club involvement including leadership trainings and workshops at Kettunen Center and Volunteer Forum; 4-H Exploration Days; Capitol Experience and National Congress; and exchange experiences. To support members and volunteers participation in these activities, 4-H Council annually allocates funding in their budget to provide scholarships. 4-H Transportation Committee also allocates funding toward scholarships; in addition project area committees or individual 4-H clubs may also choose to contribute toward members and leaders attending trainings. A copy of the annual 4-H Council budget can be found on their website to determine budgeted scholarships:  
<http://ce.ingham.org/4H/4HCouncilsandCommittees/4HCouncil.aspx>

Ingham County 4-H event participation policy has been revised to state that participants who receive scholarship funding from any of the above sources and fail to fully participate in the sponsored event will be asked to repay scholarship funds provided. In addition, there are a number of opportunities throughout the year when 4-H Council seeks volunteers to serve in leadership roles or to help with fundraising efforts in return for receiving scholarship funds; **it is an expectation that the participant requesting funds has contributed to the county 4-H program through one of these opportunities prior to requesting funds.**

I have read and understand the conditions of receiving scholarships for this event.

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_