



2019 4-H GENERAL EDUCATION SESSIONS



January 14th (Monday) – 6:00pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

Species Spotlight – Presented by Northwest Michigan Livestock Council's Species Chairs – Make your way around the room to learn about the various species that are shown at the Northwestern Michigan Fair

February 4th (Monday) – 6:00pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

How To Read A Feed Card & General Nutritional Information – Presented by: Alden Gonder of Falmouth Co-op – Learn the basics about the what you are feeding your animals based on the information provided on the card attached to your feed bag

March 4th (Monday) – 6:00pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

Record Books – Presented by: Renee Hobbins – Stay organized, get ahead, and include the details. Learn what it takes to put together a spectacular record book.
Cloverbud Record Books – It is never too early to learn how to keep track of your project. We will help our Cloverbuds get started on their record books.

April 8th (Monday) – 6:00pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

Relating 4-H to the Future – Presented by: Former 4Hers and Teen Reps – How does 4-H help as you move forward with your schooling, career, and life? Ask our panel your questions and find out how 4-H is helping them succeed.
Inquiring Minds Training (parents/leaders) – Presented by: Tracy Trautner, MSU Educator – Working with our youngest participants; As leaders or mentors, what can we do to help them get the most from the Cloverbud experience?

May 6th (Monday) – 6:00pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

Buyers Letters – Presented by: Renee Hobbins – Learn about the letters that bring old and new buyers to the livestock auction and what you can do to get their support.

June 3rd (Monday) – 6:00pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

What Does It Take to Be a Champion – Presented by: Former Grand and Reserve Grand Champions – Share stories, learn tips and tricks, and ask former champions questions about their success.

TBD – Extra Sessions that will be offered...Dates & Times to be announced:

Animal First Aid – What to watch for and how to care for common medical problems your project may face.

Vet Science – A question and answer panel with MSU vet students and local vets. Ask questions about your projects or about a future in veterinary science.

Educational Requirements

All youth in ALL species (both market and/or showmanship) in the NW MI 4-H Livestock Council program participating at the fair, will be required to attend TWO educational learning opportunities. The educational requirements are as follows:

4-H Livestock Council General Education Sessions – Each month prior to our NW MI 4-H Livestock Council meetings, we will have an Educational learning session. Each 4-H youth must attend 1 GENERAL education session between January and June.

4-H Species-Specific Education Sessions – All 4-H youth must attend 1 species-specific learning opportunity for their market or primary show animal. Youth may attend local learning opportunities presented by the NW MI 4-H Livestock Council Species Chairs as well as other offerings presented by MSU (i.e. Kettunen Center Clinics, Expo shows, etc), or other shows around the state with prior approval from the NW MI 4-H Livestock Council Board or MSU Extension Staff.

Other Important Information:

- If a 4-H youth is unable to attend a General Education Session, they may choose to attend a second species-specific session from any animal. Appropriate participation in the educational session is expected even if the species is not one the youth will be showing.
- 4-H Cloverbuds are exempt from this requirement but encouraged to attend. Cloverbud learning opportunities will be presented at the same time as many of the general education sessions.
- Parents and families are welcome to attend any of the general education sessions presented by the NW MI Livestock Council. If parents or families wish to attend a species-specific educational session, please contact the presenter to verify space availability.
- If youth are bringing 2 animals to the fair, the species-specific requirement MUST be filled by an educational session for their MARKET or PRIMARY show only animal.
- Attendance will be tracked by sign in sheets with name, club, and market or primary show animal.
- Attendance at a species-specific educational clinic presented by someone other than the NW MI 4-H Livestock Council, will require a “4-H Educational Receipt” filled out and signed by the presenter. The “receipt” can be found on the NW MI 4-H Livestock Council website.