



St. Clair County 4-H Program

# From the Forest to the Table Saturday, March 23, 2019



At 4 SQUARE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, 6777 Cline Rd., Grant Twp.

For Youth aged 8-19 years old

## Schedule of Activities

8 am to 8:30 am	Registration
9 am to 10:30 am	Game Animal Processing
10:30 am to 12:30 pm	Ethics, Shot Impact, Blood Trail, and Tree Stand Safety sessions
Noon to 1 pm	LUNCH BREAK –4 Square Concessions (sample game in outdoor cook tent)
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Afternoon sessions in various locations
3:30 pm to 4 pm	Silent Auction winners announced



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### Special points of interest

- \$5 for all youth
- Youth ages **8-19** years
- Participate in several different sessions
- Local and regional 4-H members welcome
- This workshop fills up so register early, **DEADLINE IS Friday, March 15, 2019**  
**FORMS AND PAYMENT**
- See video of event on this website  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

**WILD GAME PROCESSING**

**HUNTING=Ethics, Shot Impact,  
Blood Trail, Tree Stand Safety**

**TRAPPING**

**BASIC SURVIVAL SKILLS**

**OUTDOOR COOKING**

**NATIONAL WILD TURKEY  
FEDERATION**

**HUNTING DOGS**

**YOUTH MUZZLE LOADER GIVE  
AWAY**

## About the workshop

This workshop is presented by the St. Clair County 4-H From The Forest To The Table Committee with guidance from the MSU Extension Staff, and support from 4-H Leaders and Volunteers; also in partnership with MDNR and Four Square Sportsman's Club.

The event offers educational opportunities for youth in St. Clair County as well as other counties. Hands on sessions present a great learning environment for youth. Participants will gain knowledge and strengthen skills in safely harvesting and preparing game animals. You may choose from many different sessions rotate through the program to your different sessions.



*Teen Leadership in action*

## Environmental & Outdoor Education

**Love spending time outdoors?** Journey through field and forest to discover the wonders and mysteries of Michigan's natural environment. Through 4-H environmental and outdoor education projects you will learn about the interconnection of people and nature. You'll also develop respect and appreciation for and a sense of stewardship toward our natural resources.

### **Shooting Sports, get kids on target through the 4-H Shooting Sports Program!**

The Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program has been active for over 20 years. Youth in more than 70 counties participate in a variety of shooting sports areas every year! Members can learn safety and shooting techniques for shotgun, rifle, air gun, muzzle loading and archery. They learn how to handle **firearms responsibly for target practice and hunting and learn respect for the natural environment.** For more information about St. Clair County's Shooting Sports Program, contact Lori Warchuck, 4-H Program Coordinator at (810) 989-6935

### **Objectives**

The goal of all 4-H Youth Development programs is youth development. All project areas work toward developing skills youth need to be productive and positive adults in society. Decision making, teamwork, problem solving, being responsible and having high self-esteem are just a few of the many skills 4-H helps to develop.

### **Objectives specific to the 4-H Shooting Sports program are to:**

- ◆ Encourage participation in environmental and outdoor education programs by exposing youth to shooting, hunting and other related activities.
- ◆ Support youth in developing valuable conservation and natural resources related knowledge, skills and stewardship.
- ◆ Enhance development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting.
- ◆ Teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment.
- ◆ Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and conservation.
- ◆ Strengthen families through participation in lifelong recreational activities.
- ◆ Provide hands-on learning experiences.

## First Morning Sessions 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Game animal Processing** Participants will attend ONE of these hands-on sessions, make first and second choice

### A—Pheasant Processing:

This session is instructed by certified St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders. Youth work with a partner to learn the basics of cleaning and preparing a game bird from it's harvest to the table. This is a hands-on session and all youth participants are encouraged to take part in the cleaning. Safe knife handling and food safety issues are also addressed.



### B—Rabbit Processing:

This session is instructed by 4-H Leaders with extensive knowledge in game animal processing. Youth participants will work in groups to clean, and process rabbits for eating. This is a hands-on session and all youth are encouraged to take part. Safe knife handling and food safety issues are addressed. Participants will also learn and see that rabbit meat is low sodium, low in fats and is considered a “white” meat that is very healthy to consume.



### C—Deer Processing:

This demonstration is instructed by local 4-H Leaders with an enthusiasm for hunting and processing their own harvested deer. Youth will learn the skills and care needed when field-dressing deer. How to avoid contaminating the carcass with both animal waste and environmental contaminants will be addressed. This is not a hands-on on session for youth but a step by step demonstration and instruction.



## Second Morning Session 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- ◆ Shooting Sports is just one of many programs offered by Michigan 4-H Youth Development to help youth develop important life skills such as responsibility, decision making, and respect.
- ◆ This Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Program provides education to youth and their families on the safe and appropriate use of shooting sports for recreation and outdoor enjoyment.

### All will attend these 30 minute sessions



### Michigan Department of Natural Resources—Ethics =

- To provide instruction on hunting rules & regulations as enforced by MDNR Officers
- To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration.
- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and lifelong activities related to shooting sports.

It is important to have the proper **ATTITUDE**, develop the **SKILLS** and acquire the necessary **KNOWLEDGE** to be a safe shooter. Each shooter must be in control of his/her emotions and actions at all times.

### Shot Impact

Know your target and what is beyond. Remember that bullets can pass through game and continue on for some distance with deadly force.

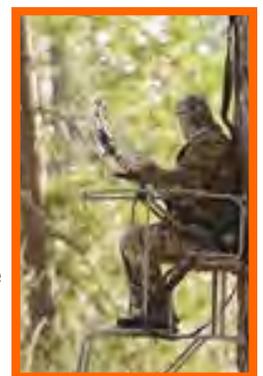
### Blood Trail, Shoot or Don't Shoot?

First, make the best shot you can to ensure a quick kill, and second, be ready to put every effort into recovering the deer if it does not go down in sight. Blood-trailing deer is always easier when the blood-trail is short and the deer dies quickly. You can ensure short blood-trails by practicing with your bow or firearm and taking only ethical shots within your proficiency range. Self-control is an essential aspect of hunter safety. Only shoot when you know the target is legal game and that no people, domestic animals, buildings, or equipment are in the zone-of-fire.

*GOLDEN RULE = Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.*

### Tree Stand Safety

Falls from a tree stand can happen at any time after you leave the ground. No matter what type of tree stand you are hunting from, every hunter should practice tree stand safety by wearing a safety harness with a lifeline from the time they leave the ground until they return.



*Tree Stand Safety*

**Hunting is a privilege and can be taken away if hunters fail to act responsibly.**

## Full Afternoon Session 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Participants will attend one full session or 2 half sessions, choose 1st and 2nd choice

### 1— Hunting Dog training by *Lucas Dewey, Springfield Kennel & Brockdorff Labradors:*



Do you have a retriever or pointing dog, or are planning to get one? Come see how trained dogs can assist the hunter in bringing the harvested bird to the table. Both Labrador Retrievers and Pointers will be used to demonstrate. Watching a dog do what he was bred to do is very exciting. Dogs will be advanced, intermediate and beginner levels. We will share some basic obedience training drills that will get you on the right path training your dog.



## First Afternoon 1/2 Session 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Participants will attend ONE of these sessions, choose 1st and 2nd choice

**2—Trapping Education,** Learn the basics of trapping local animals including rules and regulations specific to each species. Skinning and mounting will also be discussed.

**3—Outdoor Cooking:** Make your own individual recipe and learn the basics of cooking outdoors. Kids will learn fun new recipes and campfire cooking techniques.

**4—National Wild Turkey Federation presented by: “Cass River Gobblers”** Participants will learn about the reintroduction of the Eastern Turkey in Michigan, turkey habits and tendencies, scouting, making them gobble, calling with box, slate, yelper, and diaphragm calls, shot patterning your gun, and what to do with your trophy.

**5—Basic Survival Skills:** What would you do if weather or another emergency left you stranded in the woods. Learn shelter building and fire starting techniques essential to being a prepared hunter.

## Second Afternoon 1/2 Session 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Participants will attend ONE of these sessions, choose 1st and 2nd choice

6—**Trapping Education:** (see above description)

7—**Outdoor Cooking:** (see above description)

8—**National Wild Turkey Federation “Cass River Gobblers”** (see above description).

9—**Basic Survival Skills:** (see above description)



## OTHER FUN THINGS GOING ON

### SILENT AUCTION

Help support this great program by purchasing tickets for the silent auction. Do you have any new or gently used items to donate, please bring it for the auction. This helps to provide funding to continue this great workshop and we appreciate your support. WINNERS will be announced at the end of the day, around 4 p.m.



### WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY:

- ◇ St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders & Volunteers
- ◇ MSU Extension 4-H Program Staff
- ◇ Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- ◇ Four Square Sportsman's Club

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# HOW TO REGISTER

**This event fills quickly, get your registration in ASAP**

1. Pre-registration forms and payment due no later than Friday, March 15, 2019 to the MSU Extension Office at 200 Grand River Avenue Suite 102, Port Huron MI 48060. Make check payable to 4-H Council and mail registration forms and check to register, or walk-in to register, opened 8 am to 4:30 pm closed for lunch noon to 1 pm
2. This is a **HARD** deadline, not a “post marked by” deadline, allow time for mailing, faxes not accepted, payment needs to be included to be registered for this event.
3. For youth 8-19 years old.
4. COST is \$5 for all youth.
5. LOCATION=Four Square Sportsman’s Club, 6779 Cline Rd., Grant Twp., MI 48032
6. All youth must have an adult with them on the day of the event.
7. **Dress for the weather this is an all-day outdoor event.**
8. Make multiple choices to insure you get a session, all effort will be made to give you your first choice, but this workshop fills up. Not making multiple choices will delay your registration. **Send with Parental Permission, and Media/Medical release forms.**

**Pre-registration forms and payment due (postmarks will not be accepted for this event) FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Game Processing 9-10:30 a.m. CIRCLE two choices, Deer, Pheasant, Rabbit  
You will attend one session Which Choice? 1st or 2nd 1st or 2nd 1st or 2nd

**Full AFTERNOON SESSION HUNTING DOG TRAINING** 1:30-3:30 participants will only attend this session (circle 1st or 2nd choice)

**OR**

First Afternoon 1/2 Session 1:30-2:30 pm— Trapping Cooking NWTF Survival  
You will attend one session (Circle 1st/2nd choice) 1st or 2nd 1st or 2nd 1st or 2nd 1st or 2nd

Second Afternoon 1/2 Session 2:30-3:30 pm—Trapping Cooking NWTF Survival  
You will attend one session (Circle 1st & 2nd choice) 1st or 2nd 1st or 2nd 1st or 2nd 1st or 2nd

**You will get one full session or 2 half sessions based on your choices**

**\* Slots filled on a first come first served basis**

*Bringing Knowledge to Life!*



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3 videos about this event can be found here

<http://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/msue/4H/ShootingSports.aspx>

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