



Ingham County MSU Extension
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How To Approach a Buyer Program, FREE GAS CERTIFICATE

Mason Elevator Company, The Leslie Farm Center, GreenStone Farm Credit Services and Jeff Oesterle Farms are sponsoring a **How To Approach a Buyer Program** for all 4-H Livestock exhibitors. The goal of the program is to get more parents involved with the 4-H program and to gain new buyers for the auction. We will give you tips and suggestions on how to get better sale results.

Write your letters of introduction to friends, family, and business asking them for their support at the Ingham County Livestock Auction. Place your letters in addressed envelopes and bring them to the program. *Mason Elevator will collect the envelopes, stamp and mail them for you.* The exhibitor with the most envelopes prepared that day will receive a \$100.00 Gift Certificate to the Store of their choice along with a \$100.00 gas card for Mom and Dad. There will also be a second and third place prize, each consisting of a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the store of their choice and a \$50.00 gas card.

How To Approach a Buyer Program

Wednesday, July 9, 2008
Anytime between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Mason Elevator Company
104 S Lansing St, Mason MI 48854

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and Punch will be provided.

For further information contact:
Mason Elevator Company @ 517-676-1016

A drawing will be held to break all ties. Winners will be notified by phone.

Ingham County 4-H Club and Committee Mini Grant Opportunities

Next Deadline: September 1

The Ingham County Participation Fee Committee is pleased to introduce 4-H Club and Committee Mini Grant opportunities. Proposals are now being accepted to fund innovative and updated 4-H programming. The 12-month grants will support new or expanded programming, new and updated curriculum purchases, club start-up/formation costs and taking programs to new audiences. Funds can not be used to support salaries, cover the cost of youth show expenses, pay the insurance fee for participants and participation fee scholarships. Proposals will be accepted on a quarterly basis with application periods and deadlines as follows:

October-December 1, January-March 1, April-June 1, and July-September 1.

Contact Akia at 676-7301 for proposal guidelines and application.

Is your email address up to date?

Due to the rising costs of postage, the 4-H office will utilize email to disseminate information to our 4-H families more than ever. Limited correspondences will be sent via postal mail. If you wish to continue to receive 4-H announcements, newsletters, event information and reminders, please keep your email up to date with the 4-H office. *It is also important to be certain your projects are up to date for project specific announcements.*

4-H Food Booth Workers Needed for 2008 Fair!

All clubs must sign up for at least one three hour shift. Incentives for Clubs and Members: To get your preferred time, sign up for your shift(s) **NOW!** Contact Nancy McCowan anytime to sign up. Her email is scotandnancy@sbcglobal.net or call 517- 676-5266.

Club Incentive: The first nine clubs to sign up for at least one 3 hour shift with 6 youth and 2 adults will receive a \$25 check for use in their club. Clubs have to fulfill the whole shift to receive their award which will be mailed after the Fair.

Youth Incentive: For each 3 hour shift a youth completes, he/she can enter their name for \$25 check drawings. There will be six winners selected. Checks for \$25 will be mailed out after the fair.

Shift times:

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



Celebrating 100 Years of 4-H...Ingham County S.O.S.

We need your help to celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Michigan by displaying your club history in your club booth at the Ingham County fair this year!

You know 4-H is more than just ribbons! And this year especially we would like your 4-H club booths to reflect past projects and memories (pictures, ribbons or stories, etc.) of members then and now. This is a time to share “the way it used to be” along with the latest and greatest exhibits of today.

If you do not have enough room in your booth for all your displays contact Ginger (517) 676-7290 or Debbie Miller (517) 676-3038

Male Chaperon Needed for Exploration Days

Ingham County needs an extra male chaperon to assist with Exploration Days. 4-H Council will pay the \$165 registration cost for the chaperon to attend. Exploration Days is June 18-20. The chaperon will need to stay Wednesday and Thursday night at the MSU campus with the male youth. A chaperon must be at least 21 years old. If you know of someone that is interested, please have them call Stephanie Cluley at 676-7300.



2008 Horticulture and Entomology Contest
Contest Date: Friday, July 11, 2008
County Deadline for Entries: Friday June 30, 2008

The Horticulture Contest is a one day event training program that teaches individuals to recognize and judge the quality of some of the most important horticulture crops produced and or consumed in North America. You may compete in as many contests as you choose.

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