



4-H Family News

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Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on Saturday May 13!

Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families can enjoy a discounted \$18 ticket to the game and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.

To order your tickets, visit
<https://fevo.me/mi4h2023>.

We hope to see you there!



Kalamazoo County Leader's Council Scholarship

The Kalamazoo County 4-H [Leaders Council Senior Scholarship](#) and [Upperclassmen Scholarship](#) deadline is to have them at the 4-H office is:

May 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Applications should be emailed to bolhuisv@msu.edu. Interviews with those who apply will be scheduled after the application deadline.

The *senior scholarship* is for 4-H participants who are **2023 high school graduates**.

The *upper classman scholarship* is for youth who previously received the senior scholarship and will be entering their **junior or senior year of college** in the fall of 2023.

2023 Exploration Days Orientation

May 16, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Portage Public Library

Youth will get a short orientation of the expectations during Exploration Days, meet other youth who will be attending, sign up to ride the bus and for roommate requests. All youth and chaperones who are attending should attend this orientation.

If you have questions, please contact the 4-H office.





Would you like to learn Photography?

Join photographers Kristen & Kim as they teach 4-H kids about the basics of photography and composition in a two day Photography Exploration. This class is open to all 4-Hers in Kalamazoo County and is best for ages 8 and up. (Cloverbuds ages 6-7 are welcome but will likely need their grown-up's assistance.) **Bring** something to take notes with and the camera or device you plan to take photos with for your project and prepare to have fun learning photography!

Registration can be found here :

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qxz-WNfhrilruk_Dv7oYNm38EamfemEhB1tkBKw774k/viewform?edit_requested=true

Your participant may attend both days or only Day 1 but they may not attend Day 2 only. Classes are limited to 25 participants.

Day 1: In-Classroom Learning: We will review the history of photography, go over camera parts, and learn about elements of composition and tips for taking a great photograph.

Wednesday May 17th, 2023
St. Michael Lutheran School
7211 Oakland Dr, Portage, MI 49024
Classroom 120
6:30pm-8:00pm

Day 2: Field Experience: Students will practice taking photos with their grown-up, using the tips and rules of composition they learned the day before.

Thursday May 18th, 2023 (Weather Permitting: Saturday May 20th is our rain date)

Celery Flats
7335 Garden Lane, Portage, MI 49002
(Meeting at the Picnic Pavillion)
6:30pm-7:30pm

***Bring your camera or device for taking photos.**

All participants must have their grown-up with them to participate in Day 2.

Parents are responsible for their children and must remain with them as they explore Celery Flats to photograph.

To see more information about the 4-H Photography Project curriculum we will be basing our classes on, go to the MSU Extension office link https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/236/65880/MI-4-HPhotographySnapshot_AA.pdf

Please submit one registration per your individual 4-H participant, i.e.: 5 family members attending = 5 separate registrations.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Exploration

"Learn photography basics & then practice with professionals!"

Wed. May 17 6:30pm-8:00pm	Classroom learning +	Register to join us
Thurs. May 18 6:30pm-7:30pm	Photographing at Celery Flats	Class limited to 25 participants



Tentative 4-H Animal Show and Sale Schedule

https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/4h_participant_info.htm

Friday, July 28, 2023 < NEW Date!

7:00pm Dairy Show Vlietstra Dairy Farm – Kalamazoo, MI

Monday, July 31, 2023

6:00pm Carcass Program Live Animal Evaluation

Pease Packing – Scotts, MI

(Animals must arrive before 5:30pm)



Wednesday, August 2, 2023

10:00am Carcass Program Test and Results Announcements Pease Packing – Scotts, MI

Thursday Aug 3rd MANDATORY 4-H EXHIBITOR MEETING

Attendance is mandatory for all 4-H horse and livestock exhibitors

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

9:00am Horse Showmanship & English Performance Classes Horse Arenas

9:00am Swine Show Livestock Show Arena

2:00pm Rabbit Show Rabbit Barn

Cavies and Critters Show (following Rabbit Show) TBD location

Rabbit Showmanship

6:00pm Sheep Show Livestock Show Arena

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

9:00am Horse Western Performance & Trail Classes Horse Arenas

9:00am Poultry Show Livestock Show Arena

2:00pm Feeder Calf Show Livestock Show Arena

6:00pm Beef Show Livestock Show Arena

Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:00am Horse Dressage & Jumping Classes Horse Arenas

9:00am Goat Show Livestock Show Arena

Friday, August 11, 2023

9:00am Horse Versatility & Gymkhana Classes Horse Arenas

1:00pm Livestock Sale – small animals followed by large animals Livestock Show Arena

Saturday, August 12, 2023

9:30am Dog Show TBD location

6:00pm Master Showmanship Livestock Show Arena



As of this program year, youth are required to attend YQCA (Youth Quality Care for Animals) meetings and will receive a certification to show at the Kalamazoo County Fair and Family Festival.

The next YQCA meetings will be held on

June 8 in Room B at  **YOUTH FOR QUALITY CARE FOR ANIMALS M.**
Food Safety - Animal Well Being - Character

Pre-registration is required at the [YQCA website](#) prior to attending. The registration fee is \$3.00.

There is a YQCA online version, if you prefer. The cost for the online class is \$12.00 per youth.

Attending this training will count toward your project meeting requirements.



A new fair challenge for our 4-H program and County fair participants!

Leaders Council is looking for submissions and suggestions on Guinness Book of World



records ideas to do during the Kalamazoo County Fair.

To submit your idea please filling in the link <https://forms.gle/9UJhU1D71uhMi3A47>.

Please email your questions to jstolsky@gmail.com or to the 4-H office. A sub committee will pick the winner(s) and submit the winning idea or ideas.

Ideas submissions can be new and novel or breaking a current record. There will be prizes given out for the top ideas.





Project Updates

Swine Project

Our next countywide swine meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 11th** at 7:00 pm at the Fairgrounds Expo Center. We will have doses of swine flu vaccine available at this meeting for \$2/dose, so **please let me know by May 1st how many doses you need.**

Reminder on project dates: all 4-H pigs must be in your possession by May 1st, and registration forms with photos of tagged pigs are due by May 31st. **If anyone still needs county ear tags please let us know ASAP.**

Poultry Project News

Fair 2023 is on the horizon and we chicken peeps have lots to do. The next Poultry Project meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at 7pm. Hopefully, the weather will be warmer and we can actually bring birds to the meeting to discuss conditioning and work on cleaning them up - Hands On! Come to the poultry Barn for this meeting and bring a bird that needs some work. We will also practice the showmanship routine.

Memorial weekend hosts the Saulk Trail Poultry show in Hillsdale. This is a GREAT opportunity to see the region's most beautiful poultry on display and talk to the breeders - and maybe buy that next special bird. Any questions? call Jackie at 629-9664

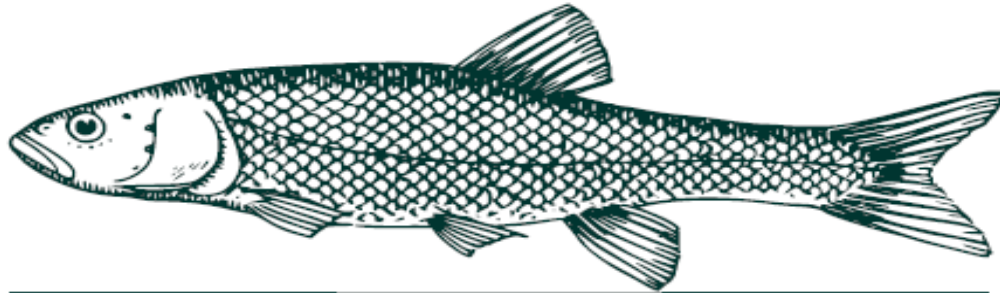
PS - Don't forget to pick up your ducklings and roaster chicks!!





Anglers in training

ESTD
2023



LOCATION: 2900 LAKE STREET KALAMAZOO, MI 49048

DATES AND TIME

4/26 6:00PM-7:30PM

5/3 6:00PM-7:30PM

5/10 6:00PM-7:30PM

5/17 6:00PM-7:30PM

5/24 6:00PM-7:30PM

6/3 11:00AM-12:00PM THEN A TOUR

At Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery!!



THIS IS A ENTRY LEVEL CLASS

LEARN THE DIFFERENT FISHING TECHNIQUES,

HOW TO TIE FISHING KNOTS,

HOW TO IDENTIFY FISH AND MORE!



Contact us at
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(269) 383 8830

Join us to become an Angler!

Learn how to identify native fish to Michigan, supplies needed for fishing, the three common ways to fish, and explore careers related to fish and fishing. Please join us by signing up at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up> then search for Anglers in training under clubs. I hope to see you there!

Please remember that participants 16 and under do not need a Michigan fishing license to fish in the state of Michigan but do need to be accompanied by an adult with a fishing license.



Shooting Sports dates for 2022-2023 – *more on the way!*

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshops:

- June 3, 2023, Escanaba: Featuring Archery and Rifle Certification ([Calendar event here](#); registration opens soon)
- *Additional 2023 workshops may be announced. Help provide your local program needs by contributing to [this needs assessment](#). (Deadline to participate March 23, 2023.)*

Events and Tournaments:

- June 11, 2023, [2023 SW Michigan 4-H Regional Tournament](#), Pawpaw
- July 15, 2023, [2nd Annual Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament](#), Cadillac
- August 13, 2023, [2023 Tri-CAT Event](#) (Tri-County Archery Tournament), Ypsilanti
- August 19, 2023, [2023 4-H State Shoot](#), Bellevue (Registration expected in late May-June)
- September 16, 2023, [Festival of the Pines Target and 3D Tournament](#), Lake City
- *Have an event open to members outside your county? Contact Laura for advertising support!*

2023 Re-certification process:

- October 15 – December 31: Recertifications accepted during this timeframe. Please await 2023 application prior to submission.
- December 31, 2023 – Final date Instructor Certifications expiring in 2023 may be used.

Ambassadors

- August 2023 – National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Leadership Institute

Questions?

Contact –

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Mike George – Archery Instructor Email: arch3rynut1@comcast.net

Visit us on our [website](#).

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports [Facebook page](#).



Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration event Saturday, May 20



Wyandotte, MI.—The Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Libra Marina 811 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte MI on the Detroit River. Check-in will start at 7:00 am and 20+ boats with Fishing Guides will take each of the families out on the Detroit River. The fishing will limited to the American waters of the Detroit River between the southern tip of Grosse Isle and the Ambassador Bridge. The event will wrap up with lunch at 1:00 and closing ceremonies at 2:00 p.m. The event, which is hosted by the Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization, provides a fishing outing for families with a member who has recently returned from or is currently serving overseas in the Military. Families can register by email at 110wg.fsf.amnfamilyreadiness@us.af.mil attention Jean Wixson.

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Military youth/family and communities through outdoor programming. For more Information Contact: Dan Myers (763)-837-8318

TSC Paper Clover

Spring: April 26, 2023 – May 7, 2023

Fall: Oct. 4, 2023- Oct 15, 2023



Show your Support!

4-H Grows Here yard signs are available for purchase from the 4-H office for \$5.00 each.

The Michigan State Fair Youth Council

ages 13 - 19

**For more info:**

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MSF Operations Liaison
riley@suburbanshowplace.com

What is the MSF Youth Council?

For any youth ages 13-19 (by January 1, 2022) interested in rural and urban agriculture. Must be available for monthly Zoom meetings and occasional in person activities and projects throughout the year.

The council is a youth led 4-H group with a mission to increase their knowledge of rural and urban agriculture, improve leadership skills, and share their experiences and knowledge with others.



Annual goals include:

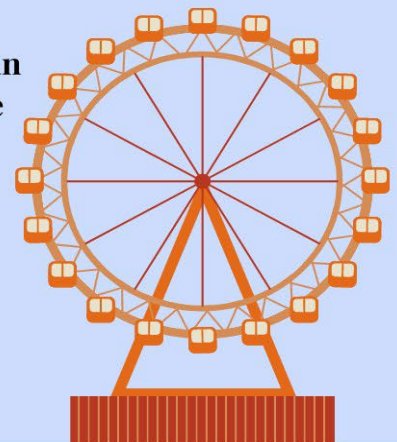
- Improving leadership skills via workshops and team activities
- State Fair planning, including Steering Committee meetings
- Connecting urban and rural youth with conversations about agriculture and food
- Enhancing personal growth in a fun and creative environment
- Creating opportunities for project coordination and hands-on learning

If you are interested in joining the Michigan State Fair Youth Council, please complete the application below.

Scan the QR code with your camera!



<https://suburbancollectionsshowplace.wufoo.com/forms/michigan-state-fair-youth-council-application/>



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

May 1: Explore 4-H Club at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation (DPFLI)

DPFLI, Detroit

Take part in an eight-week 4-H club to experience some of the many projects that 4-H has to offer! To enroll in this club, attend the 4-H Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to sign-up, meet leaders, and enjoy games, giveaways, refreshments and more. Fun for the whole family!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli

May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program

Lake Lansing, Haslett

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

Escanaba

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp

Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp





Statewide 4-H News

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle



Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community.

All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.