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# 4-H Family News

Kalamazoo County



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## WE STARTED SOMETHING FUN!

EACH MONTH WE WILL BE GIVING YOU A CLUE TO SOMETHING HIDDEN IN THE NEWSLETTER. 😎 WHEN YOU FIND THE HIDDEN ITEM, SEND US AN EMAIL OR GIVE US A CALL AT THE COUNTY OFFICE (INFORMATION LISTED TO THE RIGHT) WITH THE IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION OF THE HIDDEN ITEM.

**CONGRATULATIONS KENDALL!!!!**

**SHE FOUND THE UMBRELLA IN JANUARYS  
NEWSLETTER!**

**CAN YOU FIND FEBRUARYS?**

**THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE IS TO FIND THIS EMOJI**



**HIDDEN IN THE NEWSLETTER !**



## Did you know that we have project leaders for the following projects?

- **Welding** – Dave Rutten
- **Archery** -Mike George
- **Food dehydration & food preservation** – Eileen Rutten
- **Photography** – Kim Berggren & Kristin Biehl
- **Maple syrup production** – Greg Baker
- **International studies (Japanese, French, German, Chinese)** – Justin Fragala
- **Fishing** – Kevin Thomason
- **Flower gardening/landscaping** – Landon Gilfillan, MSU Extension floriculture and greenhouse educator– Jeremy Jubenville
- **Crocheting** – Danielle Riemersma



If you are interested in any of these projects, please reach out to the 4-H staff. Volunteers need to have at least 2 youth presents to teach a session. When we have enough youth interested in participating in programs, we will share the contact information so the volunteers can set up some classes.

We are looking for gold level volunteers to either lead county wide projects or help with activities. If you are not a current gold level volunteer, you can start the process by completing the application at [Become a 4-H Volunteer \(msu.edu\)](https://msu.edu/become-a-4-h-volunteer)

- **Cloverbud specific programs** (this could be gold level volunteers or teens with a volunteer or staff person)
- **Cake decorating**
- **Sewing**
- **Candy making**
- **First Aid and CPR certification** (this needs to be someone who can teach and offer the certification)
- **Shooting sports** (other than archery and needs to go through MSU Extensions certification)
- **Vet Science**
- **Wood working**
- **Cooking** (specifically at an after school program at Gull Lake Middle School)



If you have questions, please reach out to Veronica or Sam.



There will be 4 YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) in 2024. This is a requirement for all youth bringing livestock to the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival in 2024. There are two options, one of 4 face-to-face sessions or an online session. The face-to-face sessions will be a minimum of 1 hour and the cost is \$3.00 per youth. The face-to-face version is meant to include all youth 8 years old – 18 years old. The online version is \$12.00 but the curriculum is age specific. This certification is good for one year.

The face-to-face sessions will be held starting at 6:30PM on the following dates

March 13, 2024

May 15, 2024

**Youth who would like to take the face-to-face session will need to do the following:**

- Parents will need to create a family profile on <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- Parents will need to add each child (if they are not already added) and chose the face-to-face training option.
- Pay the \$3.00 registration fee.
- Youth will need to complete the pre-test.
- Once the youth has taken the face-to-face session, staff will mark your session as complete.
- Youth will log back in and take the post test (found under the child's name and Their certificates are found under assigned certificates in the drop down ).
- Once the post test is complete the youth's certificate will be sent.

**Youth who would like to take the online session will need to do the following:**

- Parents will need to create a family profile on <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- Parents will need to add each child (if they are not already added) and chose the online training session.
- Pay the \$12.00 registration fee.
- Youth will then need to complete the course.

Once the youth have completed either the online session or the face-to-face session and receive their certificate, they will need to email it to [msue.kalamazoo@msu.edu](mailto:msue.kalamazoo@msu.edu) by **June 1, 2024.**

You can find helpful registration videos and documents at [https://yqcaprogram.org/local/resources\\_for\\_youth\\_parents.php](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/resources_for_youth_parents.php).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMIOc>

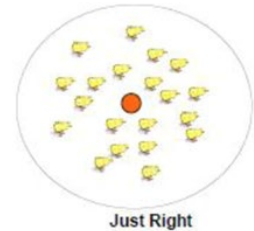
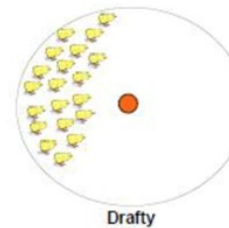
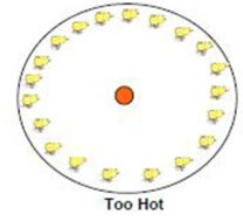
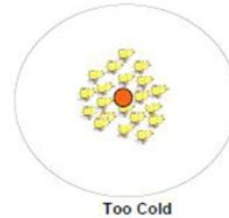


## Poultry Project News

As spring makes its way here, it is time to gear up for the arrival of poults and chicks! If you are in the market portion of the project, birds will be on their way here soon. Now is the time to prepare your brooder!

Here are the essentials to have in your brooder:

- Draft-free enclosure
- A safe heat source
- Absorbent bedding/litter
- Nutritious Feed
- Fresh Water



Before your birds arrive, take some time to research brooding. Familiarize yourself with what you should and shouldn't be doing. Above is a great graphic to get you started. It is showing how the chicks will group in response to differences in their heat source!

### MEETINGS

Please remember that there is a three-meeting minimum attendance requirement to be able to show at fair. Your time is running out to get those in! Join us at our next meeting **on**

**March 21 at 7 PM in room B of the Expo center.**

Information about meetings, and other project news, is regularly communicated through email and the Facebook page. If you have not been receiving poultry emails, please reach out to Veronica to see if you are actually enrolled in the project. To join the Facebook page, search "Kalamazoo County 4-H Poultry Group" and request to join.

We need your help! Before birds may enter the barn for fair, they must be pullorum tested. We are looking for one or two people that are willing to become certified testers. If this is something that you are interested in, please let Jackie or Cherie know.

### Remember!

**You must be available on the designated pick-up day at The Feed Bag in Richland to get your bird(s)!**

Turkey - March 26

Please contact Cherie Gilfillan if you have any questions about poultry orders:  
cheriegilfillan@gmail.com



## Welcome to the Swine Project!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our first swine meeting on 2/29. If you missed the meeting, please check your email for the project details we discussed, and also let us know how many county ear tags you need for your pigs. Each exhibitor can tag up to 5 pigs, and family tagging is allowed.



As a reminder all 4-H pigs must be in your possession by May 1st, and registration forms with photos of tagged pigs are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our next swine meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 29th**.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions.  
Thank you, Pam Acker and TJ Gibson

As a reminder you must attend at **least 2 of the 4 county-wide meetings** to show at fair.

The complete project guidelines will be sent out via email, but please remember that **YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) certification is required annually** (for all species). So please plan to attend one of the in-person training dates –

**March 13 and May 15 -**  
Both are at 6:30 PM at the Expo Center.

Pre-registration is required at the YQCA website prior to attending, and the registration fee is \$3.00. Further details can be found in the Kalamazoo County 4-H newsletter.

Thank you again for your interest in showing pigs! We're looking forward to a great year. Please let us know if you have any questions.



## Dairy Project News

We are going to have a dairy meetings at **6:30** at the Vlietstra Dairy Farm on:

**Monday, March 25**  
**Monday, April 22**



Dairy club members:

Please join the Kalamazoo County 4-H Dairy 4-H club Facebook page.

Contact Sara if you have questions.

Remember, if your club has a bank account:

It is required by campus that you turn in your

- Bank Statements
- Treasurers Reports
- Meeting Minutes

to the 4-H office **every month**.

If you do not meet every month, please make sure we have your written meeting schedule so we can note the months to exclude.

Thank you!



# Dairy Feeder Calf Project

We are excited for a new project year for the feeder calf club! We will be having a combined meeting with the Beef project on

Tuesday, March 26 at 7pm at:  
City Gate Church  
308 W. Milham Ave. Portage, MI 49024

A Reminder:

- 4-H dairy feeder steers can be born January 1 and February 28.
- Cloverbud dairy feeder steers can be born January 1 and March 31.
- Project requirements are posted on the Kalamazoo County 4-H webpage. [https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_1/Project-Guidelines/animal-1](https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/Project-Guidelines/animal-1)

Please join the Kalamazoo County 4-H Feeder Calf club page on Facebook - please note- only current Feeder Calf Club members and their immediate family can join the page.

If you have questions, you can call or text either Greg or Sara





# TACK SALE

**SPONSORED BY KALAMAZOO COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS  
MONDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 5:00-9:00PM**

Location: Kalamazoo County Expo and Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI  
 \*\*\*40,000 SQUARE FEET full of items for everyone  
 \*\*\*Food Concessions and Dining Areas  
 \$2.00 per person admission donation for all attendees, including vendors  
 Children 5 and under FREE. **RESERVE EARLY! Spaces fill up fast**

**CUBES** 8ft wide X 8ft deep, includes a table that you are welcome to remove for your display.  
 (May be along an exterior wall or in the main section) Cube set up **ONLY** begins at 2pm  
 (Each person entering pays \$2 admission)

**INTERIOR SPACES** 8 ft. wide by table depth of 2 feet. Interior set up begins at 3:30pm  
 (Each person entering pays \$2 admission)

Email inquiries to [kalamazoo4horse@yahoo.com](mailto:kalamazoo4horse@yahoo.com)

No spaces held without payment in full prior to tack sale. Sorry, no refunds.

MAIL BOTTOM PORTION OF FORM BY March 4, 2024 for discounted rates

**Kalamazoo 4-H Tack Sale Registration form**

Individual/Vendor/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#Cubes (8' x8') \_\_\_\_\_ x\$35= \_\_\_\_\_ total (\$40 after 3/4/2024)

#Interior spaces (8'X2') \_\_\_\_\_ x\$20= \_\_\_\_\_ total (\$25 after 3/4/2024)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the bottom portion of this form with check payable to:  
 Kalamazoo County 4-H Horse Leaders Council  
 % Christina Chase, 7095 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> street, Richland, MI 49083

\*\*\*Our apologies we are unable to accept any form of electronic payment\*\*\*





# JOANN POS Campaign started March 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**From March 3 – May 4, 2024 you can support 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store and adding a donation to 4-H at the register.**

**JOANN stores are connecting more young people to experiences where they can learn by doing, creating & making. By providing local 4-H Clubs with resources and tools to run impactful programs, JOANN brings the 4-H experience to more kids in need. JOANN supports National 4-H Council through a combination of customer donations and year-round sales with the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and custom 4-H fabric.**

**All of the funds donated go back to 4-H with**

- **50 percent going directly back to local 4-H programming**
- **20 percent supporting Michigan 4-H, including 4-H workshops and 4-H participant fee sponsorships.**
- **30 percent goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.**





## Exploration days are fast approaching!



- Mid-February- Session listing available online - [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)
- March 25- Registration opens at 7pm (\$50 deposit due at registration)
- April 19- Registration closes for all youth participants at 5pm
- May 1- All adults (chaperones, instructors, staff) staying in overnight lodging must be registered; County Groups and Lead Chaperones are identified
- May 1- Cancellations through this date are fully refundable. (Pre-Payment is non-refundable for cancellations after May 1st)
- **May 9, Exploration Days Orientation Room B, Kalamazoo Expo Center**
- May 14 to May 24- Counties host local orientations
- May 25- All participants must be fully paid. All cancellations after May 25th will lose \$120 of their payment. Refunds for the amount paid beyond \$120 will be processed in July.
- June 15- All cancellations after this point are considered no show and refunds will not be given.
- June 19-21- 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University



MSU Extension 4-H has an exciting new line up of Adulthood 101 sessions coming up in 2024.

Join us monthly for free sessions to build life skills helpful in transitioning to "adulthood."

Learn more and sign up here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-2024>

Our March topic is **Keeping Your Money \$afe**

Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money.

In this 1-hour session, discover expert tips on:

- Researching and evaluating financial institutions
- Choosing between banks and credit unions
- Strategies for securing your financial future

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## Adulthood 101

Keeping Your Money Safe

March 19, 2024 6 - 7 PM E.T.



Coming soon in Adulthood 101:

**Cover Letter and Resume Writing - Wednesday, April 10 at 6 p.m. ET**

**Build and Protect Your Credit - Wednesday, May 15 at 5 p.m. ET**



## MICHIGAN 4-H Solar Eclipse Gathering

**DATE & TIME:**  
April 8th; 2:00pm -  
5:00pm

**LOCATION:**  
Bronson park

**COST:**  
Free!

**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
[https://  
www.facebook.com/  
profile.php?  
id=100057507535294](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057507535294)



### Solar Eclipse



Photo Credit: <https://www.nasa.gov/image-article/solar->

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

All are welcome to join.

#### DESCRIPTION:

Join 4-H in Bronson park as we create Pinhole Projectors to view the Eclipse. In addition to this 4-H will be providing Eclipse glasses and exciting Space themed experiments for youth ages 5-15. Looking forward to seeing you on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### HOW TO REGISTER

No registration needed.

#### CONTACT:

Email: [lawre353@msu.edu](mailto:lawre353@msu.edu)

Office Phone: (269) 383 8878

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## **Creative? Always drawing? Then this an opportunity for you!**

The Michigan 4-H State Horse Show Volunteer Committee would like to invite you to create some graphic designs for our Statewide events!

We have our State Horse Show T-shirt design picked but need more options for our program cover and keychain.

Any interested youth can submit their designs (JPG format) by March 29 to be considered for this year's events!

Submit your design here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ0bsK2pB7Z7AZCb4hkP8EmU-1snzHp0z31j2d3JQ5ExUNVA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ0bsK2pB7Z7AZCb4hkP8EmU-1snzHp0z31j2d3JQ5ExUNVA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Artists of the chosen designs will be notified!

**GRAPHIC  
DESIGN CONTEST**

**Submit a design for the 2024  
Graphic Design contest!**

**Winning designs will be used for  
Michigan 4-H Horse Program Event  
program covers!**

**\*Designs must be submitted by  
Friday March 29\***

Any further questions email David Lindsay, Youth Equine Educator at  
[lindsa75@msu.edu](mailto:lindsa75@msu.edu)



## 2024 4-H International Exchange Host Family Applications Open!

**What:** 2024 Inbound Host Family Applications have opened!

**Increase:** Due to the popularity of this exchange here in Michigan we have been approved to increase from only 13 participants this past year to 20 in 2024

**When:** Arrival (tentative) in Grand Rapids from July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**How:** A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and has a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age of incoming delegate), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

**Applications to host:** found at [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

**Questions:** contact Jan Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or Co-Coordinator John Wurm [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).

**Other Resources:**

- 1) [Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 2) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 3) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs website](#) or email: [exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org)

Thank you very much to all our families who annually open their homes to create 4-H international experiences across the globe.



**LABO Michigan Delegation 2023**



# States' 4-H International Exchange Programs 2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Taiwan · Argentina



Costa Rica



Japan



Norway



South Korea



Argentina



Taiwan

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries?  
Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most visitors rarely get to see.

### Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families\* and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

\*Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program

### 2024 Travel Dates\*

Japan 8-week:	June 12—August 9, 2024
Costa Rica:	June 20—July 19, 2024
Argentina:	June 20—July 15, 2024
Norway:	June 20—July 20, 2022
Japan 4-week:	July 10—August 9, 2024
South Korea:	July 16—August 15, 2024
Taiwan:	July 16—August 15, 2024

\*Program dates subject to slight change or modification

### Eligibility:

4-H ages 12—18 for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan, 12—17 for Korea, and 15—18 for Costa Rica, Norway, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

### Program Information:

- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States' 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States' 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

### Application Deadline & Program Fees:

Contact your 4-H State Coordinator for deadlines and to apply. Please note that program details are subject to change.

### For more information:

[www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

[QB@states4h.org](mailto:QB@states4h.org)

(206) 462-2200



<https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/>

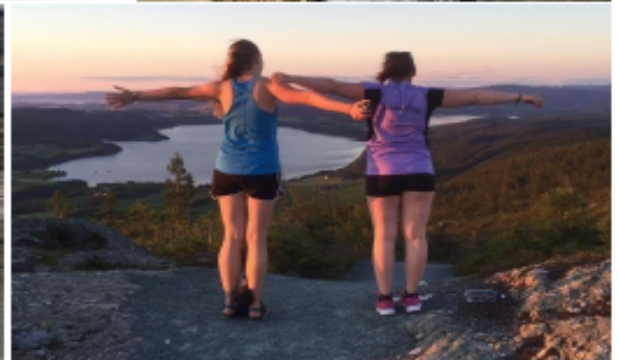
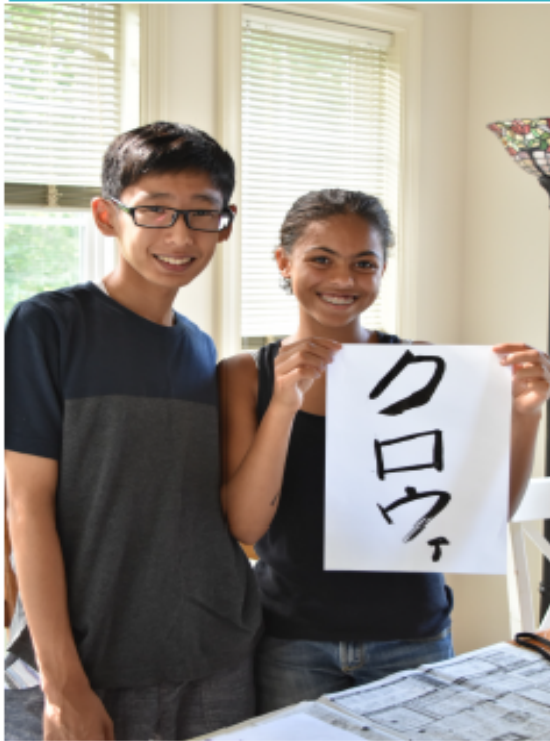


[@states4hinternational](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternational)



## 2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship; one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



### Program Fees Include:

Welcome packet; overnight national departure orientation; arrival orientation in host country; portion of chaperone fee; Accident & Sickness Medical Insurance; in-country transportation, lodging, and meals while on-program; country-specific activities as determined by international partner organizations; overnight national departure debriefing upon return.

### Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
  - \* No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

### FAQs:

**Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?**

**A: Yes!** Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

**Q: Do I need to speak another language?**

**A: No** prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

**Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?**

**A: States' 4-H** provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.





## Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct



The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Michigan 4-H program.

All 4-H youth participants must conduct themselves according to the following standards that apply to all Michigan 4-H programs, including virtual programs, and interactions such as social media and internet engagement:

- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H activities and programs with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- 3. Obey the Law.** Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and Michigan State University and Extension policies and guidelines. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco products, which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems. Do not attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. This includes dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or similar items.
- 4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others'.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with whom you interact as part of Michigan 4-H.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Be kind and compassionate toward others. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile behaviors, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual abuse. Abstain from sexual behavior and intimate physical/sexual contact in either public or private situations at an MSU Extension youth 4-H activity or event.
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge such as volunteers and staff. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
- 7. Humane Treatment of Animals.** Treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.
- 8. Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.

**Have fun!**



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Open



Apply now for the 2025 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 15-19. The deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

### March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

*Stores across Michigan*

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout. The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 10% supporting Michigan 4-H.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign)

### March 12: 4-H Give Green Day

*Online*

Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day)

### March 16: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

*East Lansing*

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024)

### March 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups

*Online*

Learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups7pm)

### March 19: Keeping Your Money Safe

*Online*

Join this session to gain insights on researching and evaluating financial institutions (banks and credit unions) to make the best choice for your financial future.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney)

### April 28: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

*Comerica Park, Detroit*

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals with other 4-H'ers! Michigan 4-H will be the Group Charity of the Game; discounted tickets available with a portion benefitting 4-H.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 28 - August 3 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

Campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn to fillet their catch.

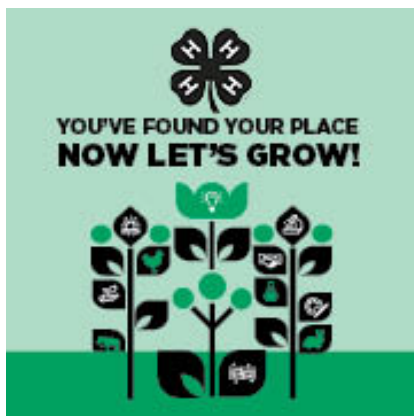


Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).

## 4-H Exploration Days registration coming soon!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth ages 12 –19 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days, scheduled for June 19-21, is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions.



With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they'll also have time for fun with free time activities such as skating, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open March 25. The cost for the 2024 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days).

## Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Making your summer plans? Consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program! Michigan will be hosting 18 Japanese youth and two chaperones. These visitors will quickly become a part of your family for their 3 ½ week stay (the last full week of July to the middle of August) and gain a fun American experience through your exceptional hospitality. In addition, your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Host families must complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match a host brother/sister (within three years of age), be a Michigan 4-H Gold-level volunteer, participate in a family interview as well as a home visit process. For more information contact Jan Brinn at [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or John Wurm at [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).