



4-H Family News

Oakland County



2023 4-H Horse & Pony Programs & Events



The Oakland County 4-H Horse Council and 4-H staff are busy planning and coordinating several horse upcoming programs and events as listed below. If you are interested in any of the following programs, please contact Debbie Morgan at morga194@msu.edu.

- Spring Round Up & Horse Camp Info meeting, 3/14**, Fair Office Community Room
- Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp, 6/18-22/2023**, Springfield Oaks County Park
- Counselor-in-Training Program** for youth 16-19 at horse camp.
- Horse Protégé Program** – teen mentors needed to spend with cloverbuds and beginner horse enthusiasts. **Please contact Deb Morgan by 3/1 for more details.**
- Horse Shows at Springfield Oaks** – 5/12-13, 5/19-20, 6/2-3, 8/4-5, 8/11-16-7, 5/20-21, 6/3-4, 8/5-6, 8/11-12.
- Other leadership opportunities** for horse & pony project members and so much more!

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2023 4-H Livestock Novice/Mentor Program

The Livestock Novice/Mentor Program matches cloverbuds (age 5 to 7 as of January 1, 2023) OR 1st/2nd year project members with more experienced livestock project members. Program emphasis will be on education, participation, and the development of the youth. Participation in the program requires a large commitment by the novice, mentor, and their families.

Cloverbuds age 5-7 as of January 1, 2023 AND 1st or 2nd year (Novice) livestock project members/exhibitors will be eligible to show hogs, lambs, goats, prospect calves, beef/dairy calves in showmanship as beginner projects based on the following:

- Hogs, lambs and goats will be market animals owned and exhibited by an older 4-H teen member (intermediate or senior age division), who will serve as the Mentor to the Novice. When showing hogs, lambs, or goats the Mentor must accompany a cloverbud in the show ring to assist with the animal. Lambs must be on a halter or lead rope that the Novice has a consistent hold of. Novice youth cannot sell their exhibition animals in the auction.
- Calves may be owned by the Novice exhibitor or the Mentor. The mentor, adult leader or parent must assist cloverbuds in the show ring.

For more info and registration information – please contact Debbie Morgan at morga194@anr.msu.edu 248-347-3860, ext. 279 by April 1st.

SAVE THE DATE! April 29, 2023 - 4-H Discovery Day!

Saturday, 4/29, 10a-2p, Springfield Oaks Activity Center -

A family event open to the public providing hands on activities in a friendly atmosphere. Information will be available about joining Oakland County 4-H and exhibiting at the Oakland County Fair.

4-H Stewards Teen Leadership Program

Calling all teens 13-19! The MSU Tollgate Farm Camp Teen Steward (15-19 yrs) and Tollgate Steward-in-Training (13-14 yrs) positions are for teens interested in gaining experience working with campers in the farm setting. Tollgate Farm Stewards will: develop resiliency, gain life & leadership skills, form friendships, mentor youth, overcome challenges, and have fun!

For more information and to register: [MSU Tollgate Farm](https://www.msu.edu/extension/tollgate)



Fair Fiesta! Charity Auction! February 25, 2023



Admission: \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids 6-14, 5 and under are FREE!

Doors open @ 5 pm, Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 - All you can eat Taco Bar

Live Auction – 6:30 pm

Silent Auction bidding closes 7:00-8:00 pm

Proceeds will support the Fair award money for our exhibitors at the 2023 Oakland County Fair, July 7-16, 2023

Springfield Oaks County Park Activity Center

12451 Andersonville Rd, Davisburg, MI 48350

Auction preview, registration and bidding at OakFair.org – 248-634-8830





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Day at the Breslin & 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 12! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 4-H Day at the Breslin and cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball game as they take on Penn State.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

4-H alumni can also take part in a special pre-game event: the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception. Enjoy networking and fun with other 4-H alumni before the game. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

February 14: Wild Spartans Series – Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility, Management of a Threatened Species

Online

Meet Doug Larson, research assistant at the Black River Sturgeon Facility. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2023

February 25: 4-H Leader Meet

MSU Campus, East Lansing

Enjoy a variety of fun and interactive sessions, informative presentations, and useful tips for meetings. Open to adult and teen leaders in Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton and Ingham.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-leader-meet-2023

February 28: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

Online

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-the-value-of-your-4-h-club-7pm

March 3-5: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

This weekend workshop will focus on all things dairy cattle nutrition. MSU and MSU Extension faculty, industry partners, and MSU students will lead educational sessions. Open to MSU Extension Gold Volunteers and 4-H youth (ages 12-19). Register by Feb. 8.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-dairy-conference

March 4: 2023 Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop

MSU Campus, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens ages 12-19 and adult volunteers in the beef, sheep, goat and swine project areas.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-livestock-workshop

March 4: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Register by Feb. 15.

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 12-14, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as "amazing", "life-changing", and "an opportunity unlike any other".

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights, education, energy, environment and natural resources, health or law enforcement and corrections.

The cost to register in 2023 is \$365, which includes meals, material fees and lodging at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office.

Registration is open until February 13. To find out more, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due March 15!

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 11 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due March 15.