



MAY 2023

4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



May 1st Forms Due Wednesday

This Wednesday is the deadline for May 1st forms! These forms are required if you are planning to show a horse/pony at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show or at State 4-H Horse Events this year. Exhibitors showing horses at the 4-H Youth Show are also asked to submit a registration fee which supports the cost of ribbons and other supplies, also due by May 1. The office will be open from 8 am – 5 pm on May 1st.

Horse leaders are encouraged to bring the completed forms to the **Horse Association Meeting tomorrow, April 30th, at 7 pm at the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office.** Stall requests must be presented at the Horse Association Meeting. You can find the May 1st form on our website here. If you have questions about these forms or horse projects, please contact Amy Harris.



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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Advisory Council Meeting

May 9th at 7 pm on Zoom

Spring Round Up

May 18th at 10 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

YQCA In Person Session

May 22nd at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Small Animal Committee Meeting

May 23rd at 6:00 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Horse Board & Association Meetings

May 28th at 6:30 and 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Registration Opens

Friday May 31st

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Junior Master Gardener Registration Open



We are excited to announce the registration for the Washtenaw County 4-H Junior Master Gardener Program is now available!

Register Now: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/washco4hjpg2024/>

The 4-H Junior Master Gardener (JMG) program is designed for youth ages 9 to 11 and provides an interactive, hands-on educational experience in gardening enabling them to achieve a Junior Master Gardener certificate. The youth will also have hands on experience in Gardening (planting, tending, and harvesting) in a garden plot. JMG is taught by adult volunteers who are both MSU Extension Master Gardeners and 4-H volunteers.

Classes and workdays are held at the Farm at Trinity Health in Ypsilanti, MI. This program is capped at 12 youth so sign up fast. If you have a youth out of this age range that would like to attend, please contact Jenny Speyer, at speyerje@msu.edu.

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Books Now Available

The Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show 2024 books are now available [digitally on our website](#) or you can purchase a paper copy from the MSU Extension Office for \$5 (cash or check). One 4-H Club leader per club and Superintendent can pick up their free copy from our office. Get ready to register in FairEntry next month by checking out all the fun ways to enter the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show.



Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Registration Opens May 31st



On May 31st registration in FairEntry opens for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Registration will close on June 14th at midnight. **Youth must be enrolled in [4-H Online](#) to register.** We will post the link to the registration on the [Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Page](#) and we will send out an email to 4-H members.

During the week of June 17th, 4-H club leaders and superintendents will have the chance to look over the entries. The Youth Show Book is also your best guide for what is required for all the different entries and available for \$5 in our office. Keep an eye out for an email from 4-H Online announcing the opening at the end of the month.



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Reduced MSU Extension Office Hours

We are currently without a secretary in the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office and therefore we have reduced hours. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 am – 2 pm. We are closed on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you need to pick something up or drop something off outside of these hours, please contact Amy or Jenny. **We will also be out of the office on May 6th-9th for an MSU Extension Conference.**



We recommend calling before coming in just to make sure we are available. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to resume our regular hours soon.

4-H Kitchen Coordinator Needed for Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show



We are in search of a 4-H Kitchen coordinator for the 4-H Kitchen for the 2024 Youth Show! This position could be split into multiple people but requires someone to be on site each day to monitor the kitchen. We would especially appreciate a volunteer(s) who have a background in food service and/or ServSafe certified. Check out the full position description [here](#). **Without a 4-H Kitchen Coordinator, we will be unable to open the 4-H Kitchen during the 2024 Youth Show. This is the only food option available at the Youth Show.** If you know anyone interested, please have them contact, Jenny Speyer, at speyerje@msu.edu or 734-436-1362.

Washtenaw County 4-H Spring Round Up Saturday May 18th at 10 am

Join the Washtenaw 4-H Horse Association for Spring Round Up on May 18th at 10:00 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. This event is open to youth 5-19 years old, ages 5-6 must have an adult with them and ages 7-8 may have a teen leader with them. Fees will be due day of the event and no pre-registration required. For more information please check out the full flyer [here](#).

Questions? Contact Amy Harris, harr1976@msu.edu.





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Thank you to our Project RED Volunteers



Once again, Project RED (Rural Education Days) on April 23-25th was a success because of the many volunteers that make this event possible. We appreciate all the hard work of our many 4-H club members, volunteers, and parents who participated. Through their hard work we taught almost 2,000 3rd graders from every school district in our county about the importance of agriculture and natural resources in the State of Michigan! Thank you and we look forward to working together on this again next year.

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Style Revue & Fun Classes



Washtenaw County 4-H Still Project Committee is planning to host a Style Revue at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show! A Style Revue is an opportunity for 4-H youth to display their creation on the runway! Any youth who is exhibiting needlework, leathercraft, textiles, decorated textiles, jewelry, buymanship, or any other projects that are wearable can participate. Start planning now for your item or outfit to display! We are still looking at a time to make this work but considering Tuesday afternoon or Friday after Ag Olympics.

If you are youth or adult volunteer interested in helping with the planning or volunteering to help with the Style Revue, please contact Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu.

We will also be hosting two fun classes at the Youth Show this year, a brownie class on Wednesday and plant class on Sunday! We encourage youth to sign up for these non-premium classes.



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Camping at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show

Washtenaw Farm Council will be handling camping registration for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show this year. Camping will cost \$40 a night and you can contact Kirk Poirier & Kyle Latta at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds at 734-429-3145 or by email at wfc5500@gmail.com. Please reserve your spot as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly for the number of spaces. Please do not contact the 4-H office about camping as we are not in charge of this process.



Still Projects Committee Clerks and Runners Sign Up and Judges Needed



Every club with member(s) participating in Still Projects of any type (Dept 60 and higher) is **required** to provide at least one full shift clerk or runner or at least two half shift clerks or runners to assist with judging. Remember, the 4-H Youth Show can't happen without YOU! Clerks and runners are needed Sunday, July 21st, 12:30 PM-4:30 PM in Building B (Open Pavilion). Clerk Orientation **MUST** be completed prior to this time either in person at the Youth Show or with our Still Project Superintendents before hand. Clerks and runners can be **anyone** who meets the age requirements— 4-H members, parents, leaders, alumni, grandparents, friends, etc. Check out the [Sign Up Form](#) for more information on the roles and age requirements. These forms can be returned to Jenny at speyerje@msu.edu or returned to the MSU Extension Office. We are also looking for Still Project Judges who are flexible and have expertise in various Still Project Areas. If you know someone interested, please contact Jean Martin, jmmartin@umich.edu.

Become a Washtenaw County 4-H Silver Volunteer!

Are you planning to volunteer in the 4-H Kitchen or Project RED in the future? Become a Silver volunteer today! Once you have applied and been approved as a Silver level volunteer, you will be in our system moving forward. Silver volunteers are volunteers who work at one time events. Silver Volunteers need to apply online (this takes about 15-20 minutes) and consent to a background check. Silver Volunteers are NOT required to do an interview, trainings, or provide references. You can apply [here](#).

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer but have questions, please contact Amy or Jenny.





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Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show YQCA Information



All market beef and swine exhibitors are required to have an updated YQCA certification before marketing animals at the 4-H Youth Show auction. This certification can be obtained by participating in an online or in-person training. Thanks to a grant from Bayer, this training is provided free of charge to Washtenaw 4-H exhibitors. Please follow the steps below to complete a certification.

1. Contact the MSU Extension Office to obtain a coupon code (optional) to receive the training for free- you will need to specify if you need an online or in-person code.
2. Register through www.yqcaprogram.org – this step is required whether you attend in-person or online!
3. Sign up for your in-person training on the site and/or complete the online training.
4. Be sure to complete the pre-test before you attend an in-person training.

We are offering one opportunity for in-person training at the Washtenaw MSU Extension Office on May 22nd at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office. More information will be coming soon! Washtenaw exhibitors are also welcome to attend YQCA trainings in neighboring counties. Those opportunities will be shared as they become available.

Need help registering? Check out this [YQCA Family Guide](#) to help walk you through the registration process.

Sign Up Now for Washtenaw County 4-H Open Arena Riding Practice

Washtenaw County 4-H will have open arena practices at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, 48103, in the main and practice arenas on May 5th and June 29th. Each time block has one available slot for a 4-H club to sign up. If you are independent, please contact Amy Harris. Each club should not take more than one main arena slot per day.

4-H'ers **MUST** be enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2023-24 program year prior to attending riding practices!

Sign up now:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA9A82BAAF4C43-48239620-washtenaw#/>





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

BOTH Washtenaw County Hippology Teams Qualified for Nationals!

The 2024 State Hippology contest took place at MSU on March 16th, with over 70 participants from roughly 10 counties. Washtenaw County had the largest team participating with 20 members (ages 7-18), including 3 Cloverbuds and 6 in the "Novice" category, which means they've never been to Hippology before. Both of our returning Senior teams qualified for NATIONALS with a Grand Champion and 3rd place finish! The participants tested their horse knowledge with a picture slide test, a written test, video horse judging, individual skills tests, and a team problem solving section. We represented Washtenaw County with pride and took home many ribbons, trophies, medals, prizes, and smiles.



Individuals - Overall High Point

- 8th place overall, Ellie Karczynski (Sr) and Dallis Rasthabanh (Jr)
- 7th place overall, Baylor Adashek (Jr)
- 6th place overall, Mackley Griffis (Jr)
- 5th place overall, Maria P. (Sr)
- 3rd place overall, Julia Lorch (Sr)
- Reserve Champion overall, Alison Oakman (Sr) and Bethany Pyle (Jr)



Teams - Overall High Point

- Jr. Novice 3rd place: Izzy Kharsa, Katie Ashman, Parker Adashek
- Jr. Regular Grand Champions: Bethany Pyle, Mackley Griffis, Dallis Rasthabanh, Bella Nazarro
- Sr. Regular 3rd place: Cece Vincent, Siena Paskvan, Alex White, and Aamenah Jamil
- Sr. Regular Grand Champions: Alison Oakman, Noelle Licari, Julia Lorch, Ellie Karczynski



The Washtenaw County Hippology team was coached by Angela Oakman (Hooves and Paws 4-H Club). Teams form in January and get together for multiple (optional) study sessions for all county participants. We'd love to see more 4H'ers join in the fun next year! If interested, please contact Angela Oakman at angela_oakman@yahoo.com.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Livestock and poultry owners encouraged to heighten biosecurity



Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity
- www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms
- www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza
- www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/

April 24 – May 5: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your Local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

May 5 – June 1

Across the state

All Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to compete in a virtual walking challenge! Get active, stay healthy, and win prizes for you and your county 4-H program!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge

May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Preparing 4-H'ers for Fairs and Showcases

Online

Attend this online session to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events. 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-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm

May 15: Adulting 101 Series - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

By attending this workshop, you can learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit

May 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Managing Risk for Volunteers

Online

One step in keeping 4-H'ers safe is reviewing the media and medical authorization forms for members engaged in your club. Attend this session to learn how to access, review and keep this information safe while serving as a 4-H volunteer. 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-managing-risk-for-volunteers
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2024-2025 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. Isolate or separate new animals for a minimum of 14 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the isolation period. If after 14 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.