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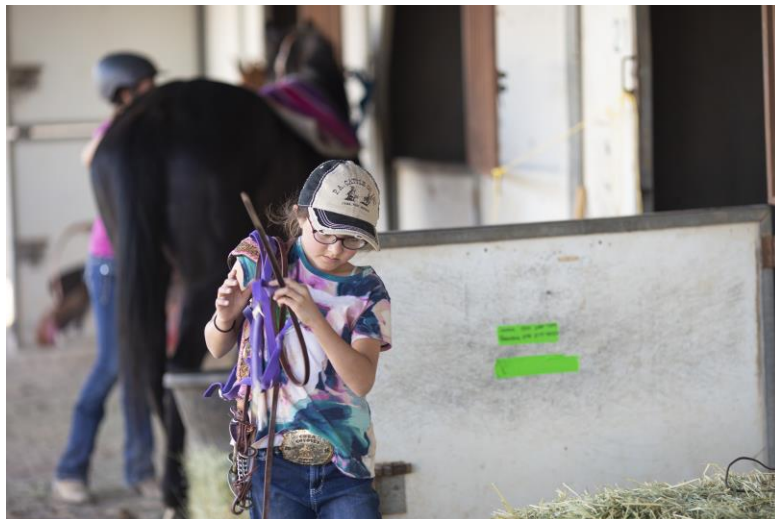
# 4-H Family News

Wayne County



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# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wayne County Fair .....	07.31
River Rouge Public Library Rhythm & Instruments 4-H SPIN Club .....	08.01
DPFLI Garden 4-H SPIN Club .....	08.02
Heritage Park Early Risers 4-H SPIN Club .....	08.05
Highland Park Recreation Department Make & Take 4-H SPIN Club .....	08.08
DPLFI Explore 4-H SPIN Club .....	08.09

You don't want to miss these fun opportunities!







# WAYNE COUNTY EVENTS

## 4-H at the Wayne County Fair



Join us at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne County Fair! A long-time staple of Wayne County, here you can find animals, food, rides, and of course, 4-H! Meet us to play fun games and participate in fun activities for the whole family. Parking \$10 per car.

For more information, contact Ashleigh Apel at [apelashl@msu.edu](mailto:apelashl@msu.edu) or visit <http://www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net/wayne-county-fair>

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

Dates: July 31 – August 5

## River Rouge Public Library Rhythm & Instruments 4-H SPIN Club

All together now! For those who love music and want to learn about creating their own, the River Rouge Public Library Rhythm & Instruments 4-H SPIN Club is a perfect way to spend time! Here, youth can learn more about a variety of musical instruments, how to use them, and the ins and outs of composing their very own music.

For more information, contact Kathy Henderson at [hende578@msu.edu](mailto:hende578@msu.edu).

Location: River Rouge Public Library, 221 Burke St, River Rouge, MI 48218

Date and time: Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

## DPFLI Garden 4-H SPIN Club



Are you interested in learning more about gardening? Would you like to contribute to a great community space? Join us at the Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, & Innovation (DPFLI) for the Garden 4-H SPIN Club! Participants will be able to take part in hands-on learning as they explore the ins and outs of plants, gardening, and their environment.

For more information, contact Kathy Henderson at [hende578@msu.edu](mailto:hende578@msu.edu).

Location: Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, & Innovation, 16745 Lamphere, Detroit, MI 48219

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM



# WAYNE COUNTY EVENTS

## Heritage Park Early Risers 4-H SPIN Club



For early risers, mornings are a time of great excitement, and an excellent way to start the day off right! If you're looking for a fun way to start your morning and spend time in your community, join Wayne County 4-H for the Heritage Park Early Risers 4-H SPIN Club! Participants will be able to explore Heritage Park, Goodwill Community Garden, Taylor Botanical Conservatory, and the Heritage Park Petting Farm.

For more information, contact Kathy Henderson at [hende578@msu.edu](mailto:hende578@msu.edu).

Location: Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Rd, Taylor, MI 48180

Date and time: Saturdays, 8:00 – 10:00 AM

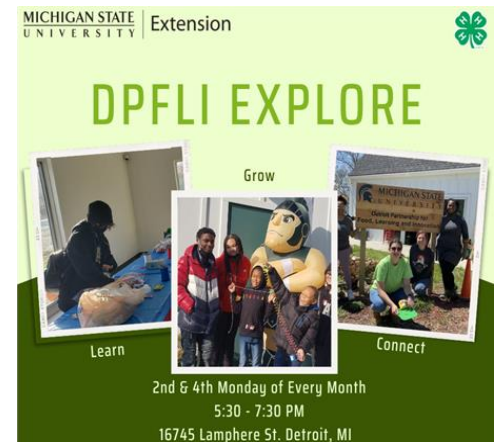
## DPLFI Explore 4-H Spin Club

If you want to explore a wide variety of fun and educational topics, join MSU Extension in the DPFLI Explore 4-H Club! Youth aged 8-13 can learn a wide range of topics, from leadership to money management, all while forming meaningful relationships with their peers. This month, youth can take part in Mental Health & Mindfulness, and Becoming a True Leader!

For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli> or contact Ashleigh Apel [apelashl@msu.edu](mailto:apelashl@msu.edu)

Location: Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, & Innovation, 16745 Lamphere, Detroit, MI 48219

Date and Time: August 9 & 23, 5:30 – 6:30 PM



## Highland Park Recreation Department Make & Take 4-H SPIN Club

Arts & crafts are an excellent way to spend time learning a new skill or honing existing abilities- join 4-H as we make fun projects! Participants will make their own piece of art and learn more about the process of creation, the steps to take, and how to put their own flair on their work.

For more information, contact Kathy Henderson at [hende578@msu.edu](mailto:hende578@msu.edu).

Location: Highland Park Recreation Department, Ernest T. Ford Field House, 10 Pitkin St, Highland Park, MI 48203

Date and time: Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:30 PM





# WAYNE COUNTY NEWS

## VOLUNTEER!

### Want to be a part of 4-H?

Volunteering is an excellent way to give back to our vibrant community. Through 4-H, you can reach Wayne County youth as they grow to be the next generation of movers, shakers, and changemakers. From chaperoning to club leading, YOU can make a difference!

To get started, contact Program Coordinator LaToya Jones at [cainjone@msu.edu](mailto:cainjone@msu.edu).



## Wayne County 4-H at Brilliant Detroit

Wayne County 4-H has partnered with Brilliant Detroit, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing holistic services for youth success. Across Detroit, from Brightmoor to Chandler Park, the Wayne County 4-H team has been teaching and having lots of fun with our community's youth! Participants have had the opportunity to learn about arts & crafts, mindfulness, bees & pollination, money management, and will continue to learn so much more. During these beautiful summer months, we are dedicated to working with and having fun with our community's youth!







# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

**Are you a current or former 4-H'er?**  
Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

**Sept. 6**  
5:30 - 7 p.m.

North lawn outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture

#TrueLeaders

4-H SPICE grows here

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension # 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the sixth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 6.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the grassy area on the north side of the Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception).

### August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

As we explore the wonderful world of bubbles we will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day)

### August 11: 4-H Children's Garden 30th Birthday Party

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

We will celebrate the garden's pearl birthday with activities and games. We will open the time capsule, eat cake and much more!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-30th-birthday-party](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-30th-birthday-party)

### August 13: Bee Palooza

*Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing*

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the insect pollinators around you? Join us for prizes, vendors, a bee petting zoo, face painting and more!

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

### August 13: Tri-County Archery Tournament

*Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, Ypsilanti Township*

Archers to the line! 4-H archers aged 9 and up are welcome to meet fellow competitors and test their skill. Registration is due Aug. 6.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/tri-county-archery-tournament](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tri-county-archery-tournament)

### August 15: Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

*Paddles and Pedals, Bellaire*

Learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h)

### August 16: Adulting 101 – Eating Healthy on a Budget

*Online*

Preparing healthy food and staying within your budget does not have to be a challenge. Planning, preparing, and purchasing strategies will be shared so you can stretch your food dollars further.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-8-16](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-8-16)

### September 16: Festival of the Pines Archery Tournament

*Maple Grove Park, Lake City*

Archers to the line! 4-H members are invited to meet fellow competitors and test their skill

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/festival-of-the-pines-archery-tournament](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/festival-of-the-pines-archery-tournament)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## 2023 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 22. At the event, honorees had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow 4-H Exploration Days participants.

A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 22 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

"All of our 4-H'ers across the state are amazing but the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished," said Julie Chapin, state 4-H leader for Michigan and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "They have demonstrated their dedication to improving themselves and their communities through 4-H, service and more."



Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 20 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2023 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Caleb Souva of Branch County (junior division) and Bridget Paidl of Menominee County (senior division)
- **Birds & Poultry Science:** Makayla King of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Career Development:** Avery Stallman of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Stellamia Aerts of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Katie Miller of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Dori Stuever of Huron County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Makayla Chew of Midland County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Morgan Bliesener of Ingham County (senior division)
- **Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Peter Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Joseph Endres of Isabella County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (senior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.