

MARCH 22, 2024

JOIN 4-H

**VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H** 

#### Exploration Days Registration Opens Monday at 7 pm



 $\square$  Scholarship Applications due Tuesday by 4 pm  $\square$ 

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live like a college student and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

#### Five great reasons to attend!

- 1. Meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds. You will build relationships and make connections that will last a lifetime!
- 2. Develop and expand career and personal interests through fun, engaging learning sessions YOU choose. You can try things that aren't available in your county or community.
- 3. Live like an MSU student stay and eat in the residence

halls and attend your sessions in real lecture halls and campus facilities while enjoying the campus atmosphere and activities it has to offer!

- 4. Develop social and academic skills you'll need for a successful transition to college and life as an adult. Increase your responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time-management skills.
- 5. Have fun! Enjoy a wide range of free-time activities with friends old and new, including a dance!

The cost to attend is \$220 but first-time Wexford County participants can apply for a scholarship from the Wexford County Leaders Council to **reduce that cost to ONLY \$50**, including roundtrip transportation from Cadillac. This is open to any Wexford County youth ages 12-19 (or 26 with special needs, ages based on January 1, 2024).

Anyone that missed the info session can view the recording here: <a href="https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/t/1">https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/t/1</a> <a href="ed8prgu1">ed8prgu1</a>

Note: 4-H Exploration Days is open to all youth of appropriate age, regardless of their county of residence or 4-H affiliation. Scholarships mentioned here are specifically for Wexford County participants and will vary in other counties. Please contact Kate King, Wexford County 4-H Program Coordinator, with any questions: <a href="mailto:kingka26@msu.edu">kingka26@msu.edu</a> | 231-779-9480

Contact Kate during registration if you experience any issues to ensure you get the sessions you want.

Exploration Days Info + Session List

Hit Me with Your Best Shot 4-H Photo Contest

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a



multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13. In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo from the current 4-H year and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on May 1, 2024.

#### **Photo Contest Details**

#### **Spot On Shooting Club**



We are very excited to launch our new club in partnership with Missaukee County 4-H and the Cadillac Sportsman's Club! Spot on Shooting is intended to be a long-term club focusing on finding and exploring passions and interests and practicing the safe and responsible handling of equipment. We plan to grow this program to offer several disciplines and we will be looking for more volunteers to make it thrive.

**Spot On Shooting will begin with Air Rifles** with youth **ages 9-19** (as of Jan 1, 2024). Equipment will be provided, please do not bring your own. Cost: Free

Every other Thursday beginning 4/4, 6:30 PM | Cadillac Sportsman's Club Summer meetings will be determined later.

Email Kate for enrollment instructions and questions: Kingka26@msu.edu

## Youth Camp Councilors Needed



Great Lakes and Natural Resources camp is looking for youth counselors for camp week! Camp runs July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup> this year and there is a counselor orientation on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for youth ages 16-20 looking to get some leadership experience in a fun, fast-paced camp setting! Attached is a graphic you can use to promote this opportunity to youth in your counties who may be interested. Counselors attend camp for **FREE!** 

Please reach out to Laura at <a href="mailto:potterla@msu.edu">potterla@msu.edu</a> with any questions.

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





Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park as the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28! Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy exclusive gameday opportunities and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.

**Baseball Details** 

## **Deadlines This Week:**

### MI 4-H's Highest Honor



It is that time of year! So, grab your pen! Spark your imagination! Join us as we roll out the 4-H Mark of Excellence Contest. This year, youth can submit either a video submission or a short journal reflection focusing on the theme "Because of 4-H I can!"

The Mark of Excellence is exclusively for 11–12-year-olds. To enter, a 4-H member submits an entry (video or journal entry) on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ..." Entries are submitted to the local county MSU Extension office by April 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youths' entries as their representatives and submit those names and entries to the State 4-H Awards Committee.

## **Graphic Design Contest**



Creative? Always drawing? Boy is 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.

s an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution. Michigan State University Extension education programaterials are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender dentity, religion, e

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

Artists of the chosen designs will be notified!

Submit Design Here

Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge



The commitment you put into "Making Your Best Better" is significant. Through your 4-H experiences you are molding your future by growing your skills, becoming a leader, and serving your community. Your efforts are commendable and deserve to be recognized with a Michigan 4-H State Award, the highest honor bestowed on a 4-H member.

Applications and interviews are based on communicating your 4-H participation and learning experiences. Applicants are eligible to compete for cash prizes and be recognized for their 4-H involvement. 4-H members who meet the minimum application score are eligible for a \$50 scholarship toward their 4-H Exploration Days registration. The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Awards will be presented during the 4-H Exploration Days pep rally on June 19 at MSU.

Learn More about State
Awards



ATTEN-TION! The Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge returns April 7-20, 2024! Youth ages 5-19 complete life skills missions to learn more about military life, celebrate military children, and earn points for prizes using the GooseChase app. Participants do not need to be in 4-H or have any previous military knowledge or connection to play. The first 50 registrants will receive a free 4-H Build-a-Boat Activity Kit to use in the challenge. Check out the recap from last year: https://bit.ly/MOMC23VID

Register by March 29!

Join the Challenge!

## **Animal Project Opportunities**







## Cluck, Hop & Wiggle Show

Presented by Missaukee County 4-H

#### DATE & TIME:

Saturday, May 18, 2024 Show starts at 10:00 a.m.

#### LOCATION:

Missaukee Agr'l Youth Show 171 E Prosper Rd Falmouth, MI 49632

#### COST:

\$2.00 entry fee \$3.00 per class Pay at the door in cash or check payable to Missaukee 4-H Advisory Board.

#### CONTACT:

Susan Beerens Missaukee MSU Extension office beerenss@msu.edu 231-510-8701

#### REGISTER:

Scan QR code to register. Registration ends May 5, 2024











#### DESCRIPTION:

This fun interactive show will include:

- Pullorum testing & Health Check 8 a.m.- 9:45a.m.
- Showing starts at 10:00 a.m.
  Rabbit and Poultry booths for making treats
  Rabbit agility available all day
- Concessions available Grand & Reserve Rossette and awards.
- Prizes for all Cloverbuds. Open to all youth

Age Groups Are: 17-19 14-16 11-13

Classes include:
Showmanship for:
Chicken

Poultry
Rabbit \* Duck \* Turkey 8-10 5-7 Cloverbuds Rabbit

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# 2024 JOHNSTON ELEVATOR YOUTH STOCK SHOW WORKSHOP

SPEAKERS

APRIL 6TH AT "THE VENUE" IN DOWNTOWN CLARE, MI
SESSIONS RUN FROM 10AM TO 2PM

SPEAKERS

APRIL 6 | FREE | CLARE

# FEATURED SPEAKERS SHANNA SMITH

HOGS (10AM - 11AM)
Shanna Smith has spent most of her life in and out of the show ring in some capacity. Whether it be exhibiting, judging, or serving as Gratiot County's Swine Superintendent, Shanna is passionate about teaching youth the importance of the livestock industry.



## **KENDRA VAN ORDER**

BEEF & DAIRY (11AM - 12PM)

Kendra Van Order is the 4-H Dairy Science Extension Educator for Michigan State University Extension. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Animal Science. Kendra spends much of her free time attending livestock shows across the state and country.



## **JENNA POHL DAVIS**

LAMBS (12PM - 1PM)

Jenna is the 2003 graduate from Clare High School, she and her husband Jesse currently reside in Maryville, Missouri where they own and operate Davis Show Lambs. Both grew up showing sheep at the local, state and national level and now enjoy helping the next generation achieve their goals by raising highly competitive lambs that have been sold across the US



#### **DVM. JAN POL**

BASICS OF LARGE ANIMAL CARE & WELFARE (1PM - 2PM)

Jan Pol is Central Michigan's most well known veterinarian starring in the Incredible Dr. Pol series. He will be discussing topics related to basic animal needs, how to detect signs of illness, preform basic first aid, worming and parasite control, medications and transportation considerations.





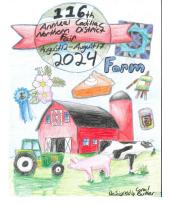
THIS EVENT IS FREE TO YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWMEN FROM ANY AREA. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL 989 386-7271 FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE VENUE IS LOCATED AT 501 N. MCEWAN, CLARE MI 48617



#### COVER DESIGN CONTEST WINNER: CORAL BUTLER

Congratulations to Wexford County 4-H's very own *Coral Butler* for being selected as the winning artist for this year's Northern District Fair Book Cover Contest.

This year's contest was sponsored by *Cookies and Canvas*, the youth program from Cadillac's new <u>Wine and Canvas</u> art event studio. Coral will enjoy a \$100 gift certificate to participate in multiple classes and learn some new techniques!



Thank you to all of the youth who entered and to parents and teachers for encouraging their artist development! All entries to this year's contest will be displayed with the still exhibits during the fair.

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR REMINDERS:

- All market projects are required to complete a record book while raising the animal. This can
  include photos and weights from day 1, so be sure to look at your record books now: <u>NDF</u>
  <u>Record Books</u>
- Most animals should be in your possession by May 1 exceptions: market poultry and rabbits
- All market projects must be declared with the Youth Livestock Market Registration Form by May

   All Swine (pig) projects must go to auction and will not be weighed in until Sunday of the
   fair. Instead, you must submit several photos of your pig with the Youth Livestock Market
   Registration Form as specified on the form: NDF Youth
- All market goats and sheep must be weighed in at the Northern District Fairgrounds on May
   4th
- Please plan to attend Weigh in on May 4th for fairground clean up / work bee.
- Expect meetings to shift to the fairgrounds in May and to increase to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
- Market Broiler/Cornish Orders are due by May 10
- Rabbit meat pens and single fryer breeding date: May 2nd, Due date: June 2nd. You must own the breeding pair.
- 4-H fitting and showmanship guides explain the steps to showing the animal for judging and are available on our website for those looking to practice: <u>About Wexford 4-H - Wexford County</u> (msu.edu)

NDF Youth Department



Wexford 4-H Teen Committee Interest Meeting

Wexford 4-H Members ages 13-19 are invited to join the new teen committee of the Leaders Council!

What teens will do:

- plan fun events for 4-H families to meet each other
- help the 4-H leaders understand what teens in our communities want
- learn how groups work together to make decisions and keep records
- help direct the 4-H program into the future, like ideas for fundraisers
- act as role models for younger 4-H'ers to look up to
- represent 4-H at community, statewide, and national events

#### **Email Kate to Join**



#### **Money Smarts Contest**

The Show Your Money Smarts Contest is back for its sixth year!! Young people, 13-19, learn how to keep your money safe and compete with other youth across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a financial institution that works for you! Learn more and sign up here to get money smart: Thank you to our generous sponsor, Michigan Credit Union League!

\*The next program listed is to help prepare you for this contest\*

Learn More



## Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe

Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? 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. Join us to discover tips on

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

This topic is so important, we're offering it two more times:

March 25 | 7 pm April 3 | 5 pm

Adulting 101



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY® July 8-9 and 10-11, 2024

Registration opens April 1st at noon

## **Great Lakes & Natural Resources** Camp

MICHIGAN STATE Extension

Registration is now open! 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp! htt

#### Registration Open!July 28- August 3 | Presque **Isle County**

Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! Camp will be held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, on the shores of Lake Esau. This year's camper fee is \$500 per camper and includes 6 nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt, and experiential learning. Camper age is 13-15 and they do not need to be a 4-H'er to attend. \*Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.

**Learn More** 

## Michigan 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp

#### July 8-9 or 10-11, 2024

Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is for youth who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science related projects and activities. Participants must be ages 13 to 17 as of January 1 of the current programming year.New for 2024 - shorter event with 2 dates. Despite doubling capacity, this is expected to fill very quickly. Registration opens April 1.

Learn More

## **Volunteer Vault**



Your time and talents can make a big impact!



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Help Wanted: Shooting **Sports** 

Help Wanted: Sewing Club

Help Wanted: Wild Ones Club

Wexford and Missaukee County

Wexford 4-H is seeking 2

Wild Ones is a year-round club

4-H Programs are partnering to start a new shooting sports club to meet at the Cadillac Sportsmans Club. We are looking for volunteers to assist at meetings and possibly attend training this spring to become instructors for shotgun, rifle, and archery, as well as the other disciplines.

volunteers with sewing experience to assist and/or lead sewing club meetings in the coming year. Our club is very popular and could expand in the near future. We have many supplies waiting to be used, a class set of machines, and many resources available to support volunteers.

focusing on outdoor recreation and nature. The club is looking for 2 or more leaders to help youth develop a passion for nature and conservation. We have a significant number of supplies to help facilitate your ideas and adventures.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate: Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480



#### **4-H Volunteer Webinar Series**

## Group Management For 4-H Groups View the recording below

Working with a group of youth with a variety of ages can mean different energies during meetings and events. 4-H volunteers need strong behavior guiding strategies to help maintain the group focus and energy. Attend this session to learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement.

**Webinar Series** 







## 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge

Starting May 5th, MSU Extension will host another 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program! Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Walking Registration

## 2024 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 to August 16 **How:** A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

Applications to host: www.states4hexchange.org

Questions: contact Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

## County Calendar

**Exploration Days Registration Opens** 

7 pm | Online

**MAR 25** Sessions are chosen during registration and are first come first serve.

We are the Dinosaurs SPIN Club

3-5 pm | Carl T Johnson Center, Cadillac

MAR 25-28 Spend Spring Break as a Dinosaur with 4-H Leader Josie!

Open to CloverBuds ages 5-7 as of Jan 1.

**Leaders Council Meeting** 

5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

**MAR 26** Come see how caring adults in the community help youth thrive!

Spot On Shooting Club Meeting

6:30 pm | Cadillac Sportsman's Club

APR 4 Learn how to handle air rifles with Wexford and Missaukee 4-H. Ages 9-19.

Livestock Clubs Meeting

5 pm | Wexford County Annex Building

APR 8 Join Makayla to learn how to raise, show, and sell animals. Ages 5-19

> Wild Ones Club Meeting 5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

**APR 10** Join Kate on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for fun hands-on adventures and activities relating to nature. Ages 5-19. \*Seeking New Leader\*

Northern District Fair Board Meeting

6 pm | Fair Office (199 E 13th St. Cadillac)

Volunteers are needed to make the fair a success. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm.

Spot On Shooting Club Meeting

6:30 pm | Cadillac Sportsman's Club

Learn how to handle air rifles with Wexford and Missaukee 4-H. Ages 9-19.

Click Here for Full List of Statewide Events

**APR 18** 

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