

APRIL 26, 2024 JOIN 4-H VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H

Week at a Glance:

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1	5/2	5/3	5/4
			Sewing Club meeting, Cadillac, 4:30-5:30 pm	Market Livestock Registration Due!	Spot On Shooting Club, 6:30 pm		Bake Sale at Tractor Supply: 11- 3Weigh-In, Fairgrounds, 1-3

There's still time to apply! Submit your resume by 11:59 pm tonight!

4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps Member

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Mental, Emotional, and Physical Health for Kids Wexford County MSU Extension Office, Cadillac, MI

Looking to make a meaningful impact and gain hands-on experience in youth development and community wellness? This part-time, temporary position requires 25-30 hours per week and will start June 10 and end September 13, 2024. 4–H HealthCorps is dedicated to promoting mental, emotional, and physical well-being among youth and families in our community. Your primary role will be to plan, organize, and lead clubs and workshops focused on healthy living topics.

Minimum Qualifications:

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Don't have employment experience with the roles, responsibilities, and preferred skills listed? That's ok! We're looking for someone with transferrable skills and experience who is eager to learn the rest.

- Passion and strong interest in mental health, emotional well-being, and physical health
- Experience working with diverse populations (multiple ages, ethnicities, religions, etc.)
- Strong interest or experience working with youth of all ages (5-19)
- Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident
- Must be at least 18 years of age (no maximum age limit)
- Must pass the following background checks: ICHAT, National Sex Offender Public Website,
- HireRight, FBI Fingerprinting, and any additional checks based upon State of Residence
- Must commit to serving 25–30 hrs per week for the entire term; June 10 – Sept. 13, 2024

Compensation & Benefits:

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- \$3,725 living stipend
- \$1,459.26 education award
- Qualified student loan forbearance
- Flexible schedule
- Continual professional development opportunities
- Opportunities to connect and network with MSU Extension, 4–H, and Michigan's AmeriCorps!

To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Kate King at Kingka26@msu.edu by April 26, 2024.

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Tractor Supply Fundraiser is Underway!

Wednesday kicked off our Spring Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Co. in Cadillac! Round up at the register to support growing the next generation of strong leaders in our community! Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H programs split the county portion of the proceeds and award youth scholarships to attend opportunities for leadership development. Don't miss the Wexford County 4-H "May the 4-H be with you" Bake Sale on May 4th, 11 am - 3pm at Tractor Supply! We are looking for 4-H youth to work the table and we will be accepting donations of baked goods from our 4-H families and supporters. (Donations should be packaged for sale and include ingredients list.) Funds raised from the bake sale support our club materials and youth and volunteer scholarships.

"May the 4-H be with You" Bake Sale on May 4th



Join us for a bake sale on May 4th at Tractor Supply from 11 am - 3 pm. We are looking for youth to work the table and are seeking baked goods donations. All baked goods should be packaged for individual sale (i.e. baggie with 2 cookies) and need to have a list of ingredients to help our friends with allergies. Homemade animal treats and enrichments are also welcome. Bonus kudos if goodies are 4-H or Star Wars themed! This bake sale overlaps with our Spring Clover Days fundraiser, so having youth at the table is very important and helps create a strong image of 4-H in our community!



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

Hit Me with Your Best Shot 4-H Photo Contest 4-H Day @ Detroit Tigers - 4/28



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



Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers is back! 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.

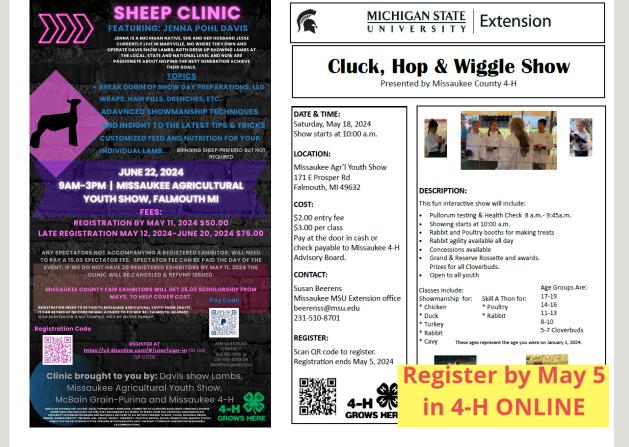
Baseball Details

Animal Project Opportunities



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:

- How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects
 (8 part series)
- Biosecurity for Dairy and Beef Cattle Farms
- <u>Remain Vigilant to Protect against HPAI</u>
- Avian Influenza





SESSION TOPICS

- Optimizing Calf Health Through the First Few Days of Life: Why Colostrum & Calf Nutrition are Important
- A Happy Cow is a Healthy Cow: Strategies to Evaluate Her Health
- Getting Them Started Right: Caring for Newborn Calves

Who: Any 4-H youth (ages 12-19 as of January 1st, 2024) & 4-H volunteers who are interested in dairy science!
What: An educational workshop that focuses on dairy cattle health When: Saturday, April 20th, 2024
Where: Anthony Hall 474 S. Shaw Lane East Lansing, MI 48824
Cost: \$35 per participant

Lunch & a t-shirt are included!

Registration for a brand new 4-H dairy program is live!

Join us on MSU's campus on Saturday, **April 20th**, 2024, for an educational event for any 4-H youth ages 12-19 as of January 1st, 2024, or 4-H volunteers who are interested in dairy science!

This day program will cover multiple topics about dairy health. Participants will select two of the three sessions. Lunch and t-shirts are provided! Participants will also participate in a GooseChase scavenger hunt!

The cost is \$35 per participant. Registration spots are limited to 60 spaces! Click the link below to get registered!"

Register Here

NORTHERN DISTRICT JAIR



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, 1-3 PM 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

Teen Topics



Exploration Days Orientation: May 18

Teens registered for Exploration Days should hold the afternoon of Saturday, May 18th on their calendars for in-person orientation in Cadillac. Details will be emailed early next week.

Starting this Summer! Wexford 4-H Teen Committee

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



https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/



Adulting 101: Build & **Protect Your Credit**

May 15 | 5 PM

Learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

Adulting 101



Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

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! 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

here to get money smart: Thank you to our generous sponsor, Michigan Credit Union League!

Enter by April 29.

Learn More

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

Volunteer Vault



Start a New Club: Babysitting

Wexford County 4-H has hosted several short-term babysitting training programs over the last few years. Many of these members would be interested in a club they can join after the training to keep learning as they start their babysitting businesses. Requires 6 meetings over the year on your schedule.

Take Over an Existing Club: Sewing Club

Wexford 4-H is seeking 2 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.

Start A Short-term Club: Self-Defense

Would you be interested in teaching teens about personal safety, situational awareness, self-defense, and mental and physical health? We have interest in a summer club geared towards teens that are going off to college. Requires 6-8 meetings on your schedule.

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

4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

Join Michigan 4-H on May 13th at Noon or 7pm to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events.

Upcoming sessions:

- Preparing for Fair, May 13
- Managing Risks, May 22

Each session is offered at noon and at 7 pm. Registration and recordings are available through the link below.

Webinar Series

4-H Foundation Opens 24-25 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.

Grant Application



Starting May 5th!

Get those walking shoes ready

Register soon for a chance to earn prizes for your county 4-H program!

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.

Learn More

County Calendar					
APR 30	Sewing Club Meeting 4:30 pm MSU Extension Office Members learn the ins and outs of sewing with Roxanne. Ages 9-19. Club is Full.				
MAY 2	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.				
MAY 4	Bake Sale at Tractor Supply 11 am - 3 pm Tractor Supply Co, Cadillac Help Wexford County 4-H Leaders Council raise funds for program supplies and scholarships! Donations of goods is appreciated.				
MAY 4	Goat/Sheep Weigh-In + Fairgrounds Clean Up 1 pm - 3 pm Fairgrounds in Cadillac Market goat and sheep must weigh in. Other animal project participants should attend to help <i>beautify</i> the fairgrounds by picking up trash and planting flowers!				
MAY 6-10	4-H Offices Closed 4-H Staff will be attending our annual institute staff meeting. Kate will not be available to assist you this week, but our MSU Extension office will still be open.				
MAY 8	Wild Ones Club Meeting 5:30 pm Carl T Johnson Center 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*				
MAY 13	Wexford Whatevers / The Grands Meeting 5 pm Wexford County Fair Grounds Join Makayla to learn how to raise, show, and sell animals. Ages 5-19				
MAY 16	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.				
	Exploration Days Orientation				

MAY 18	Afternoon TBD Details coming soon.
MAY 18	Missaukee Cluck, Hop, & Wiggle Show 10 AM Falmouth Details coming soon.
May 20- June 2	4-H Office Closed Kate will be attending the 4-H Military Partnership Conference in D.C. and taking a week's vacation before diving into summer programming. She will not be available to assist you, but our MSU Extension office will still be open.

Click Here for Full List of Statewide Events

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