



JANUARY 2024

4-H Family News

Bay County



WELCOME BAY COUNTY 4-H

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and got to spend it with family and friends!

I'm so excited for the start to our 2024; 4-H year. There are a lot of great things being planned for our 4-Hers.

Please if you have any questions or need information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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4-H reminders and dates:

4-H day at the Breslin is February 24th,
Exploration days is set for June 19 - 21
at MSU Campus.

Contact Holly to be featured in the 4-H
Spotlight in an upcoming Newsletter!

4-H SPOTLIGHT-Emilie Ruple

Michigan State 4-H Youth
Leadership Council Update from Emilie:

We have gained 13 new members this year. We had 4-H spectaculathon at which we played some ice breakers, listened to a speech by Dr. Quentin Tyler's speech about drive, motivation and goals. We also volunteered our service to either a local park clean up or putting seed packets together for the Garden Project at the food pantry and then we had different lectures we signed up for.

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Join Bay County 4-H!



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Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year is OPEN! You do not need to own an animal or live on a farm to join 4-H!

Learn more about joining Bay 4-H at [Bay County 4-H - Bay County \(msu.edu\)](https://msu.edu)

Choose your OWN path to 4-H membership!

We have many 4-H experiences, programs, and clubs that focus on crafts, science, shooting sports, archery, outdoor education, sewing, baking, gardening, hiking, fishing, camping, and more!

PATHWAYS to join 4-H

4-H members can enroll in as many clubs and activities as they wish.

Join a 4-H Club

- 1) Look through the club directory.
- 2) Contact 4-H Program Coordinator to inquire about club-specific information.
- 3) Choose a primary club(s) to join. Youth can enroll in more than one 4-H Club.
- 4) Enroll in 4-H Online once you have spoken to the 4-H Program Coordinator.

Join as an Independent 4-H Member

Independent 4-H members participate in programs and events outside of a 4-H Club.

- 1) Enroll in [4-H Online](https://msu.edu).
- 2) Select the Bay County 4-H Club *(non-affiliate) as your primary club. Stay connected to select the 4-H experience you want to join. Sign up when available.

Join a 4-H Spin Club – Camp – Event

- 1) Enroll in [4-H Online](https://msu.edu).
- 2) Select the SPIN Club or Event you want to join. Events vary through the year.
- 3) Stay tuned for program details and meeting information from event organizers.



KEEP
CALM
AND
JOIN
4-H

Contact Holly at:
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call 989-895-4026 for
more
information on getting
involved with 4-H!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Spotlight!



Bay County 4-H youth and adults have grown true leaders for today and tomorrow. Young people and adults are impacting their clubs, community, country, and world.

We want to hear your story. To help share this impact with others, we're looking for 4-H member and/or adults to share their experiences from 4-H county events, or statewide events. We want to hear how it has impacted you or what you enjoyed the most from that experience.

If you are interested in sharing, please contact Holly Mueller at julianho@msu.edu and your story will be published.

Start a 4-H Club!!!

Interested in starting your own 4-H Club? Do you have youth you know that would like to be part of 4-H?

Here is your opportunity!

- 4-H Clubs can be started with as little as 5 youth from two different families and 1 Gold Volunteer

Join us in helping young people explore their interests through fun, engaging, and hands-on learning experiences.

For more information, please contact Holly Mueller: julianho@msu.edu

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



**Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will resume meeting again on Thursday, January 18, 2024.**

Bay County 4-H Livestock Association meets every month on the 3rd Thursday of that month (Except November and December) at 6:00 p.m.

During our meetings, we have discussed selling our Livestock equipment to the Bay County Fair Board. Fair board members have been present during our Bay County 4-H Livestock Association meetings (September and October) and have taken it to the Board. A proposed selling amount has been and will be, further discussed during our January Bay County 4-H Livestock Association Meeting; **Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

Please share with 4-H families that, the Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will be voting on this proposed amount at the January meeting; Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a detailed list of equipment discussed during this same meeting.

Also, during the January Livestock & Horse Meeting we will be voting on youth Officers and Adult Advisors.

In the past, Livestock & Horse meetings were run by the 4-H youth with some Adult Advisors to help guide them when needed. I would like to keep this tradition going. It is a great experience for the youth and gives them great public speaking skills along with creating that youth-adult partnership.

- To be eligible as an officer, a 4-H member must be at least 12 years of age and completed at least one year in the Bay County Livestock or Horse Project area. An adult treasurer will be nominated from the adult advisors to serve as assistant to the youth treasurer. Adult treasurer cannot be related to the youth treasurer.
- President- The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings, create agendas, appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed and in general carry out the usual duties of president.
- Vice-president- to preside in the absence of the president and as the president shall direct.
- Secretary- to keep the minutes of all meetings, return them to the Extension office for distribution with the notices of the next meeting or as is appropriate, and record all correspondence to the association.
- Treasurer- shall work with the adult treasurer in understanding the financial accountability of the association. Report at monthly board meetings the current financial state of the association.
- Adult Treasurer - shall keep record of income and disbursements, make deposits and have check writing authorization, distribute a monthly financial report at 4-H Livestock Association & Horse Council meetings and prepare and distribute an annual financial report. The adult treasurer serves as a signatory on the account, with two additional board members to serve as signatories as appointed by the association. They will follow the procedures outlined in the Michigan 4-H Financial Guidelines.



County 4-H News

Bay County 4-H Shooting Stars Archery Club:

- Schedule: Meeting times are 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - 1-27-2024
 - 2-3-2024
 - 2-10-2024
 - 2-17-2024
 - 2-24-2024
 - 3-2-2024
 - 4-13-2024
 - 4-20-2024



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Youth **MUST BE 9** as of January 1 of 2024 to participate in archery.

If you do not have gear, the club has free gear the youth can use—bows and arrows. Also, if you've never shot before, this is a perfect opportunity to learn and learn safety measures as well when shooting archery. We have skilled Archery Instructors who coach our 4-H youth.

You must be an enrolled 4-H member before you can shoot; here is the link to do so: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

If you or someone who will be attending with the child and want to help score, they will need to go through our volunteer selection process. Here is the link to become a GOLD Volunteer: https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login



4-H ADVENTURE CAMP

It's official! Saginaw and Bay Counties are teaming up and heading to summer camp this year! Are you ready for summer fun? Camp activities will include swimming, boating, fishing, biking, archery, arts and crafts, games, campfires, hiking, bouldering, and so much more!

Save the date – for 4-H Adventure Camp from June 23-25, 2024 at Camp Neyati in Clare, MI. Registration will open in March of 2024. Stay tuned for more information to be released in the upcoming weeks!

Camp is open to youth ages 9-14 (as of January 1st).

4-H Adventure Camp needs volunteers! June 23-25, 2024 at Camp Neyati in Clare, MI. Saginaw and Bay Counties are teaming up and heading to summer camp this year!

Camp could not happen without 4-H volunteers and we need your help! Busy schedule, you can help at camp for a few hours, for a day, or more. There are many different ways you can volunteer at camp.

- Chaperone (day or night or both)
- Health officer (prerequisites are required for this role)
- archery instructor
- boating/waterfront supervision
- Arts and crafts
- Sewing project
- Fishing
- Cooking classes
- Leading camp games and challenges
- Cook assistant
- General help
- Tye Dye T-shirt classes
- Field games
- More!

Fill out the volunteer interest form at <https://forms.gle/PBdi1nSPidbxZsj1A> and 4-H staff will reach out to you to discuss opportunities!

You can also contact gathstac@msu.edu (Saginaw 4-H) or julinho@msu.edu (Bay 4-H) to learn how you can help support this camp experience for 4-H youth!



2024 Adulthood 101

MSUE 4-H will be conducting a series of Adulthood 101 Zoom Sessions.

Bay County Shooting Stars 4-H Club will be hosting the first session - **Psychology of Spending & Saving**-- to be viewed at the Auburn Area Branch Library. 235 W Midland Rd, Auburn, MI 48611 Meeting in person will allow us to discuss and reflect on what we learned. All enrolled Bay County 4-H teens are invited to attend. If you are not an enrolled 4-H member, its FREE and easy to enroll. Here is the link: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> Please RSVP on the "Bay County Fair Registrants FaceBook page" so they know how many chairs to set up.

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2024 ADULTING 101



- THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING & SAVING - JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM
- FOSTERING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 12 AT 5 PM
- KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE - MARCH 19 AT 6 PM
- COVER LETTER AND RESUME WRITING - APRIL 10 AT 6 PM
- BUILD AND PROTECT YOUR CREDIT - MAY 15 AT 5 PM
- TRAVELING ON A BUDGET - JUNE 6 AT 6:30 PM
- COOKING BASICS - JULY 16 AT 4 PM
- SUMMER BERRIES: JAM AND JELLY - AUGUST 12 AT 4 P.M.
- CHANGING THE WORLD WITH YOUR VOTE - SEPTEMBER 16 AT 5 PM
- PAYING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - OCTOBER 16 AT 5 PM
- CRACKING THE CODE TO COLLEGE - NOVEMBER 19 AT 5 PM



<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulthood2024/>





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Reserve your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals! 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy discounted tickets. In addition, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers item (details to be released shortly).
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

Tickets are available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. To order your tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

January 9: 4-H Wild Spartans - Anishinaabe Perspectives in Natural Resources Management *Online*

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will delve into how tribes use traditional knowledge and values (giikendaasowin) in natural resources management. Meet Brad Silet, biologist with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024-jan

January 17: Adulting 101 - Psychology of Spending and Saving *Online*

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to reflect on your personal financial journey, your emotional connection to money, and gain budgeting resources to help you along the way.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/psychology

January 22: The Parent Talk System Webinar Series *Online*

The Parent Talk System is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-webinar-series-january-2024

January 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat *Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize a series of science lessons from MSU Extension that can be taught with no science background and household materials. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

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-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddley-squat
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddley-squat7pm

February 17: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest

MSU Campus, East Lansing

Interested in a career working with animals? Learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort of Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers. Registration closes Feb. 1.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2024





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2024 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

MSU Extension invites 4-H members, families, volunteers and staff members to join them Feb. 24 for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

The 18th annual event celebrates the 4-H and MSU Extension community. Attendance is free for MSU Extension friends, Michigan 4-H members and their families, MSU Extension and 4-H volunteers, as well as MSU Extension professionals. Make ticket reservations at extension.msu.edu/4HDayatBreslin2024.

"Our 4-H programs reach every county in the state and 4-H Day at the Breslin is a fun way to bring that community together for a day of comradery and celebration," said Julie Chapin, director of MSU Extension children and youth programs. "We can't wait to join with the youth, families, volunteers and staff that make these programs possible."

4-H Day at the Breslin participants are encouraged to come early to partake in MSU Extension games and activities throughout the concourse. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Visitors to Breslin Center events must comply with MSU's [clear bag policy](#). For more information on this event, contact your local MSU Extension office.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year.

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.





Do you have that hard to shop for family member? Or a loved one who is a MSU Alumni or 4-H Alumni?

Look no further than the Michigan 4-H pop-up shop! The store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and gifts with a percentage of all proceeds donated back to Michigan 4-H.

https://shop4-h.org/collections/msu-extension-collection?rfsn=871792.16dd0&utm_source=refersion&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=871792.16dd0%C2%A0

Or follow QR Code:



Do you know an outstanding Michigan 4-H alum? We want to hear about them!

We're currently accepting nominations for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society - Michigan 4-H's Hall of Fame! The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominate someone at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h.../4-h-emerald-clover-society/>.





Your Chance to WIN a \$100 Gift Card!

Enter the 2024 Cash Competition Contest.

About the Contest:

In support of Financial Literacy Month (April), Michigan State University Extension and 4-H are coordinating the Cash Composition Contest. Youth residing in Michigan, age 9-19 as of (January 1, 2024) are encouraged to answer this year's essay question (see below) with an essay of 300 words or less. This year, we have 2 age brackets for the contest; 9-13 and 14-19. The top 3 scoring essays in each age bracket will win \$100 gift card.

Cash Composition Topic:

What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?

Essays are scored on:

- Quality of Writing
- Organization and Information
- Grammar and Mechanics

Guidelines:

Participants must :

- Be between 9-19 years of age (as of Jan 1, 2024) living in the state of Michigan.
- Have knowledge of money management pillars of saving, spending, borrowing, and planning appropriate for age and grade level.

CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

Answer the following prompt in 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!

What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?

Open to ages 9-19
Essays due Feb 29, 2024

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To Apply:

- Youth under 18 must have parent or guardian permission to apply and participate.
- The application form must be completed by a parent/guardian unless over 18.
- Youth must write an essay (300 words or less) on the assigned topic above.
- Essays must be submitted on the contest registration page.

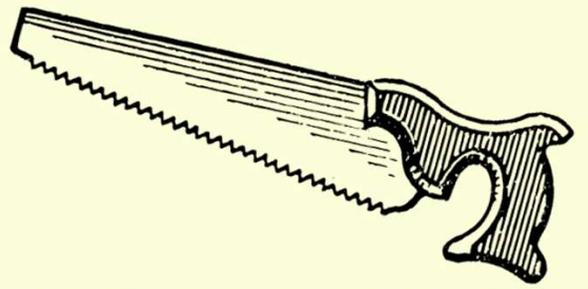
Timeline:

February 29, 2024:

Essay Submission due by 11:59 p.m.

April 1, 2024: Winners Announced

ATTENTION

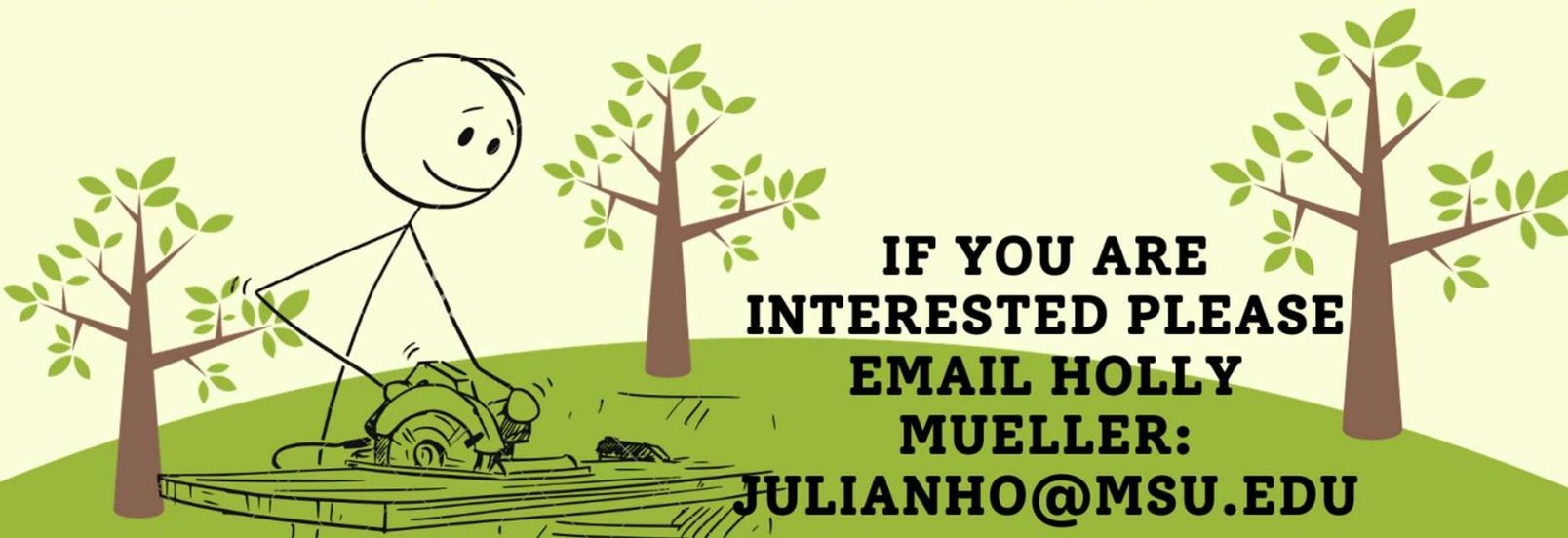


ATTENTION

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
YOUTH WHO ARE
INTERESTED OR CURIOUS
ABOUT WOODWORKING**



**WE ARE CREATING A WOODWORKING
SPIN CLUB
YOU WILL BE VISITING A 4-H VOLUNTEERS
WOODSHOP TO CREATE BEGINNER
WOODWORKING PROJECTS
LOOK FOR UPCOMING DATES IN 2024**



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January Bucket List

- GO SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING
- MAKE A NEW RECIPE
- TRY A NEW WORKOUT
- PLAY BOARD GAMES
- EAT A BAGEL
- GO TO A HOCKEY GAME
- HAVE A SPA DAY
- GO BOWLING
- EAT PIE
- GO TO AN ARCADE





Check the

CALENDAR
today!

Bay County 4-H Calendar of Events January 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 MSU Extension CLOSED	2 MSU Extension CLOSED	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Horse Council 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13
14	15 MSU Extension CLOSED	16	17	18 Livestock Association 6:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Advisory Council 6:00 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30	31			

