



# 4-H Family News

September 2023

Bay County



## Join Bay County 4-H!

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://www.msu.edu/bay-county-4-h)

### 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://www.msu.edu/4-h-online).
- 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://www.msu.edu/4-h-online).
- 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.

Contact [julianho@msu.edu](mailto:julianho@msu.edu) or call 989-895-4026 for more information on getting involved with 4-H!

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## Congratulations to the youth participating in the State Shoot and State Horse Show!

### 4-H State Shoot

Karly Schofield  
Hailey Ulman  
Brian Ulman – Archery Instructor

### State 4-H Horse Show

Joseph Miller  
Jenna Miller



## 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**.

We would like to congratulate all 4-H members who participated in the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition along with all the 4-H Youth Winners!

The Bay County MSU Extension now has support staff available on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The office is closed for lunch from 12 p.m.-1 p.m.



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H has grown true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth and 4-H alums to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the Meet Michigan 4-H's section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h).

### September 6: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

*Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing*

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

[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)

### September 16-17: 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

*Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso*

Adult and teen 4-H volunteers can learn about 4-H shooting sports' mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1)

### September 18: Adulting 101 - How to Tell Principals & Politicians They are Full of Poop While Being Polite

*Online*

This session will provide some skills and practice on how to influence people in power to make change in your community and world.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting1019-18-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting1019-18-23)

### September 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Spice up Your 4-H Experiences with 4-H Resources

*Online*

This session will explore a variety of resources that 4-H volunteers can use in meetings to support Michigan 4-H'ers.

**12-1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources)

**7-8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources7pm)

### September 29: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

*Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing*

Agenda items include 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting)

### October 4: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

*Heritage Hall, Lansing*

Education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## National 4-H Week: October 1-7, 2023

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 1-7, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "I ♡ 4-H." As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of you can celebrate 4-H and show all the ways you ♡ 4-H!

**Wear Your 4-H Gear** — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

**Shout-Out a 4-H'er** — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

**Storefront Displays/Information Booths** — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

**Become a 4-H Volunteer** — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

**Share Your 4-H Story** — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

**Have a 4-H Reunion** — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

**Send a 4-H 'Thank You'** — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

**Raise Awareness** — On October 4, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol).

**Give Back** — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/> that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>.





# HORSE COUNCIL MEETING

When: Wednesday, September 13,  
2023

Where: Canteen Building  
810 Livingston St. Bay City, MI 48708

Time: 6:30 p.m.

COME MEET  
YOUR FELLOW  
4-H MEMBERS



## ACTIVITIES:

- PROMOTE & SUPPORT INVOLVEMENT
- DEVELOP LEADERSHIP & SPORTSMANSHIP
- LEARN NEW SKILLS
- DEVELOP RESPONSIBILITY & EXPERIENCE



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# LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION MEETING



**WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**  
**WHERE: CANTEEN BUILDING**  
**810 LIVINGSTON ST. BAY CITY, MI 48708**  
**TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

## PROJECT AREAS:

**BEEF**  
**FEEDER CALVES**  
**GOATS**  
**POULTRY/WATERFOWL**  
**RABBITS**  
**SHEEP**  
**SWINE**



**COME MEET YOUR FELLOW  
4-H MEMBERS**

## ACTIVITIES:

- PROMOTE & SUPPORT INVOLVEMENT
- INCREASE & ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- ENCOURAGE & EDUCATE 4-H YOUTH
- CREATE POSITIVE CULTURE