



APRIL 2026

# 4-H Family News

Huron County



## FAIRENTRY TO OPEN FOR JLA & SLA REGISTRATIONS

Registration will be open in FairEntry for Feeder Steers April 16-30, 2026, for Sheep May 1-15, 2026; for Swine and Dairy Cattle May 16-31, 2026; and Goats, Poultry & Rabbits June 1-15, 2026. Horses & Still Projects will open in FairEntry June 16-30, 2026. Go to <http://huroncommunity-fair.fairentry.com/> to register. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until the last minute to register, as it will overload the system.

4-H Online has been integrated into FairEntry meaning that all information for currently active 4-H youth should already be in FairEntry when you register. No need to create another profile. 4-H youth will register through FairEntry using the above link. After selecting "How do you want to participate," select 4-H Online and use your 4-H Online family profile login and password.

FFA members and independent exhibitors, if returning from 2025, can use their FairEntry family profile. All new FFA members and independent exhibitors will need to create a FairEntry family profile.

### 4-H COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Hannah Booms
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- Katrina Gentner
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- Rebecca Smalley
- Sandi Smith
- Vivian Thuemmel
- Jack Wasierski, 4-H Teen Representative
- Ashlynn Waugh, 4-H Teen Representative

The next 4-H Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, at 5:15 p.m. in the MSUE Office conference room.



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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## BUILDING AWARENESS IN 4-H EXPERIENCES



## Beyond Ready

Helping young people understand that they are part of 4-H and what that means is a key part of strengthening their overall experience. Awareness builds pride, connection and a sense of belonging. As volunteers, you play an essential role in helping youth and families recognize when they are participating in 4-H and how activities connect to the values and learning within the program.

Simple, intentional steps can make a big difference.

- Have the 4-H flag and recite the 4-H pledge.
- Use the 4-H clover on handouts and materials when possible.
- Make clear connections between activities and one of the four Hs.

These actions help youth see themselves as true 4-H members engaged in meaningful learning.

#BeyondReady

### **April 1-21: Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game**

*Online (Goosechase App)*

Join an interactive scavenger hunt game designed for youth to learn essential money management skills while having fun. Players age 13-19 complete creative missions, answer trivia and solve puzzles, all while earning points to climb the leaderboard.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions)

### **April 12: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers**

*Comerica Park, Detroit*

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at the ballpark as the Detroit Tigers take on the Miami Marlins on Sunday, April 12. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers)

### **April 13: Adulting 101 – Eat Smart: Meals on a Budget**

*Online*

Simple tips to plan meals that save money and taste great. Plus learn how to cook once and eat twice!

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

### **April 17 – May 3: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign**

*Tractor Supply Stores everywhere*

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

### **April 21: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters**

*Online*

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. Youth will learn practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-21](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-21)

### **April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Let's Talk it Out: Handling Conflict with Ease**

*Online*

Conflict happens—even to the best volunteer groups. Learn how to handle tough conversations without the stress. Pick up practical tips for turning disagreements into productive dialogue and keeping your volunteer experience positive and drama-free.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-let-s-talk-it-out-handling-conflict-with-ease](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-let-s-talk-it-out-handling-conflict-with-ease)

### **April 28: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Talk the Talk**

*Online*

Effective communication is key to successfully selling livestock. Learn tools and techniques to connect with buyers, convey product value and empower youth with tips for impactful auctions and markets.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-april-28](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-april-28)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Registration Open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 26 – August 1 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$550 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).



## Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! 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!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 24-26 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2026 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants. Registration is open and closes April 17. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/).

## Purple Up for Military Families!

April is the Month of the Military Child, an annual awareness campaign that recognizes the sacrifices made by military families and their children. In partnership with many others across the United States, Michigan 4-H Military Partnerships is participating in the annual "Purple Up!" Day event. To show your support of children whose parents are serving in the military, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H are asking residents throughout Michigan to Purple Up! on April 15.

The color purple is chosen as the signature color because it symbolizes all branches of the military. It is a combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. Michigan 4-H Military Partnerships hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate all of our state's young heroes strength and sacrifice as their parents serve. Let's show our military families how much we appreciate their service by encouraging everyone to Purple Up!



Looking for more ways to celebrate Month of the Military Child? Visit [www.4-hmilitarypartnership.org/month-of-the-military-child.html](http://www.4-hmilitarypartnership.org/month-of-the-military-child.html). For more programs and resources available to military families through Michigan 4-H, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h\\_military\\_families](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h_military_families).



# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Regional Camp Counselor Training .....	04/11/26
Michigan 4-H Day at Detroit Tigers .....	04/12/26
4-H Council Meeting .....	04/14/26
Online Registration Begins for Thumb Area 4-H Camp .....	04/17/26
Registration Closes for 4-H Exploration Days .....	04/17/26
Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign Starts.....	04/17/26
SLA BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser .....	04/19/26
Registration Deadline for Joining Huron Co. Rifle Shooters 4-H Club .....	04/20/26
JLA Feeder & Beef Breeding Stock Registration in FairEntry .....	04/16-30/26
4-H Camp Teen Counselor Training Retreat .....	04/25-26/26
MSU Extension Office Closed for District 10 All Staff Meeting .....	04/29/26
JLA Sheep Registration in FairEntry .....	05/01-15/26
Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign Ends .....	05/03/26
4-H Council Meeting .....	05/12/26
JLA Swine & Dairy Cattle Registration in FairEntry .....	05/16-31/26
MSU Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day .....	05/25/26
Registration Closes for Thumb Area 4-H Camp .....	05/27/26
SLA Goats, Poultry & Rabbit Registration in FairEntry .....	06/01-15/26
Still Projects & Horse Registration in FairEntry .....	06/16-30/26
4-H Enrollment Deadline Prior to Fair .....	06/01/26
4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) .....	06/03/26
Deadline to Apply for 2026-27 4-H Ambassador Program .....	06/05/26
4-H Council Meeting .....	06/09/26

## 4-H Club Pledge:

“I pledge  
 My **HEAD**  
 To Clearer  
 Thinking,  
 My **HEART**  
 To Greater Loyalty,  
 My **HANDS**  
 To Larger Service,  
 My **HEALTH**  
 To Better Living  
 For  
 My Club,  
 My Community  
 My Country and  
 My World.”





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## MALE TEEN COUNSELORS STILL NEEDED FOR THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP

**A couple more MALE teens, ages 15-19, are still NEEDED to serve as 4-H Camp counselors.** Do you like to work with youth ages 9-14? Do you like exploring the outdoors? Do you want to have the best week of your summer?

If answered yes to be above questions, then becoming a teen camp counselor may be for you! Some of the benefits of being a teen camp counselor include - community service/volunteer hours; fun trainings; hands-on experience; leadership development; and building lifelong friendships.

Male 4-H teens who are interested in becoming teen counselors for the 2026 Thumb Area 4-H Camp, please contact the MSU Extension Office for an application. The April Training Retreat weekend is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, through Sunday, April 26 at Camp Cavell in Lexington. The final training is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 (day prior to Thumb Area 4-H Camp scheduled for Monday, June 15-Wednesday, June 17) at Camp Stapleton in Lexington.

Attendance for the remaining trainings is required to become a teen camp counselor. If you are unable to attend a training, it is your responsibility to let us know ahead of time.

Applications and registration forms are due Wednesday, April 15, to the Huron County MSU Extension Office, 690 N. Port Crescent, Bad Axe, MI 48413, or email to [verelle7@msu.edu](mailto:verelle7@msu.edu).

Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Patti Errer, 4-H Program Coordinator, at [errrpat@msu.edu](mailto:errrpat@msu.edu); or Kari VerEllen, 4-H Administrative Assistant, at 989-269-9949 or email [verelle7@msu.edu](mailto:verelle7@msu.edu).

## 2026-27 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

All currently active 4-H youth enrolled in 4-H Online are invited and encouraged to apply for a position in the Huron County 4-H Ambassador Program. Applications will be available soon via email and at the MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe for 4-H Cloverbuds (grades K-2), Intermediate (grades 3-5), Junior (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12) in the Fall of 2026.

Completed applications MUST be turned in to the MSU Extension Office, 690 N. Port Crescent Street in Bad Axe or emailed to [verelle7@msu.edu](mailto:verelle7@msu.edu) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

An interview/dinner for all 4-H Ambassador candidates is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Induction of the 2026-2027 4-H Ambassadors will take place on Sunday, August 9, at 6 p.m. as part of the 4-H Club Explosion in the Hagen Show/Sale Barn during the Huron Community Fair.

This is an excellent opportunity for young people to gain interviewing experience and to participate in a fun activity, as well as show support for our great Huron County 4-H Community!

## THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 15-17, 2026

Thumb Area 4-H Camp is scheduled for Monday, June 15, through Wednesday, June 17, at Camp Stapleton, Lexington. This year's theme is Wagons West: A Frontier Camp Adventure.

The online registration link will open mid-April through the 4-H Online system. If you need assistance with the online registration, please stop by or contact the MSU Extension Office, 690 N. Port Crescent Street in Bad Axe.

Cost to attend Thumb Area 4-H Camp is \$150 per camper. The Huron County 4-H Council will provide a \$100 scholarship for currently enrolled Huron County 4-H youth members who complete and turn in the 4-H Trip Scholarship application by Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Please contact the MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe for the scholarship application.

Deadline to register for Thumb Area 4-H Camp is Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted! Youth MUST be currently enrolled in 4-H Online and ages 9 to 14 as of 1/1/2026, to attend. Not enrolled? Joining 4-H is FREE at <https://v2.4honline.com>, select Huron County and Thumb Area 4-H Camp.

## SUPPORT 4-H WITH THE SPRING TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign begins Friday, April 17, and run through Sunday, May 3, 2026. Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will once again have an opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com). Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit [www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cma/4h](http://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cma/4h).

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# 4-H Family News

## Huron County



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## Huron Co. Rifle Shooters 4-H Club

### PROGRAM BEGINS:

Saturday, May 2, 2026, with tentative schedule to follow.

### MEETS HELD AT:

Thumb Sportsmans Club  
1121 Minnick Road  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

### 4-H YOUTH MEMBERS ONLY

Youth **MUST** be enrolled and approved in the 4-H Online System. **Not currently enrolled?**

Enrolling is **FREE**, just go to <https://v2.4honline.com> Please make sure all authorizations are signed prior to submitting.

### REGISTRATION

#### DEADLINE:

Monday, April 20, 2026, before 4 p.m.



In the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program, members can learn safety and shooting techniques for shotgun, rifle, air pistol, muzzle loading and archery. They also learn how to handle firearms responsibly for target practice and hunting.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- ◆ 4-H youth members ages 12 to 19 are eligible. Youth **MUST** be enrolled and approved in 4-H Online for the 2026 program year. No exceptions!
- ◆ Not currently enrolled, go to <https://v2.4honline.com> and select Huron Co. Rifle Shooters 4-H Club.
- ◆ Space is limited to 10 youth.



### PROGRAM DETAILS:

- ◆ All equipment, rifles, and ammunition are provided by Huron County 4-H and Thumb Sportsmans Club.
- ◆ Program will begin May 2, 2026, and run through the end of July 2026, with tentative schedule to follow.
- ◆ High schoolers may be eligible for participation credit towards graduation requirements.

### TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949 before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026. Space is limited.

### FOR QUESTIONS:

Please contact Ryan McIntosh, Administrative Leader, at 989-553-4409.



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Huron County Small Livestock Association

**BBQ CHICKEN**

**DINNER**

Huron Community Fairgrounds  
155 Fair St, Bad Axe, MI 48413

April 19, 2026 12PM-until sold out

**\$20 per person**

Only 175 dinners available!

Take Out Only

Call Al Kuhn 989-550-2991 or Jaclyn Morrell 989-551-9315

This take-out dinner is being made possible thanks to the Ken & Donna Murawski Family

This fundraiser is to support the Huron County Small Livestock Association new Goat Barn!

Dinner Includes:  
BBQ Chicken Leg Quarter  
Mashed Potatos & Gravy  
Stuffing  
Baked Beans  
Roll  
Dessert