



MARCH 2026

4-H Family News

Huron County



TEEN COUNSELORS NEEDED FOR 4-H CAMP

Thumb Area 4-H Camp is being planned for Monday-Wednesday, June 15-17, 2026, at Camp Stapleton in Lexington, and we NEED teen counselors. Thumb Area 4-H Camp is NOT possible without teen counselors!

Thumb Area 4-H Camp offers an opportunity for youth to share experiences in camping with activities including Great Lakes Ecology, swimming, archery, team building, skits, games, crafts, and so much more. 4-H teens who are interested in becoming 4-H Camp teen counselors for Thumb Area 4-H Camp, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949 and ask for a 4-H Camp Teen Counselor Application.

The April Teen Counselor Retreat is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, April 25-26, 2026, at Camp Cavell. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patti at 989-550-2971 or email errrpat@msu.edu; or Kari at 989-269-9949 or email verelle7@msu.edu.

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- Erica Karg
- Amanda Murray, Secretary
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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 will be Sunday, March 8, in the MSU Extension Office conference room after the 4-H Bowling Event.



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PREPARING YOUTH TO BE BEYOND READY



Beyond Ready

4-H's approach to readiness begins with participation in high-quality positive youth development programs.

4-H has historically helped young people prepare for work and life through the development of competencies, skills and tangible assets, resulting in youth who are healthy, productive and engaged.

The complex landscape youth face today calls us to go a step further in preparing them to navigate their readiness pathway during and after their 4-H experience.

Is your club intentionally preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for the changing world? Watch here for tips to use with your club.

#BeyondReady

March 5: Future Ready – Exploring College and Career Paths Workshop

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This workshop will feature an interactive panel discussion about the variety of opportunities available for high school graduates in college, trades and more. Ideal for youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-ready-exploring-college-and-career-paths-workshop

March 10: 4-H Give Green Day

Online

Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 10: 4-H Wild Spartans - The Lands Has a Story to Tell – But Are We Listening?

Online

Explore the stories that nature and humans weave with Zach Wilson, forest ecologist for the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Learn about his career and education, and ask questions via a live Q&A. Suited for youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-march

March 25: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Using AI Responsibly in 4-H

Online

Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the way we learn, work and interact. Learn what AI is, how it impacts youth development, and how to use it responsibly within 4-H. Explore MSU Extension guidance, discuss ethical considerations, and share tips for supporting youth navigating technology.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-from-sparks-to-skills-using-ai-responsibly-in-4-h

March 30- April 1: 4-H on the Move: Detroit Cultural Connection Camp

Detroit

An unforgettable spring break alternative! Build cultural awareness, empathy, and a deeper understanding of Detroit's diverse communities through guided tours, hands-on activities, and an opportunity to make a positive impact.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cultural-connection-camp

April 1: Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game

Everywhere

This fun money management scavenger hunt game is played on the Goosechase app and is open to youth 13-19 years old residing in Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

OPEN YOUR HOME TO A STUDENT WITH THE 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM!

Invite an international youth (ages 12-17 years) or adult chaperone into your home and share an American experience! Michigan 4-H is looking for host families interested in opening their homes and hearts this summer. Consider sharing the clover and giving a lucky Japanese youth and your family the experience of a lifetime!



The Japanese delegation will arrive in Grand Rapids mid-July and depart mid-August, meeting their hosts for a 3.5-week stay. A host family must complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (within three years of age) be Michigan 4-H adult Gold volunteers, and participate in an interview and home visit process.

Online applications to host can be found at: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>. For more information, contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program Coordinator Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu.

GET 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 Miami Marlins on Sunday, April 12. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game, as well as:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$33-54. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit

Tigers bucket hat (while supplies last). Hats can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a hat. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

4-H YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN

Apply now for the 2027 4-H Youth in Action Awards! This program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives who are making a difference in their communities. Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 14-19. The deadline to apply is April 13. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/>.



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pre-Registration Closes for 4-H Bowling Event	03/02/26
High School Senior Scholarships Due	03/02/26
4-H Bowling Event	03/08/26
4-H Council Meeting	03/08/26
Registration Opens for 4-H Exploration Days	03/12/26
Registration Deadline for 4-H Easter Egg Hunt	03/13/26
4-H Easter Egg Hunt	03/21/26
Registration Closes for Regional Camp Counselor Training	03/27/26
Registration Begins for Thumb Area 4-H Camp	04/01/26
Regional Camp Counselor Training	04/11/26
Michigan 4-H Day at Detroit Tigers	04/12/26
4-H Council Meeting	04/14/26
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
JLA Swine & Dairy Cattle Registration in FairEntry	05/16-31/26
MSU Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day	05/25/26
Registration Deadline for Thumb Area 4-H Camp	05/27/26

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

4-H BOWLING EVENT

4-H youth members are invited to a FREE and FUN afternoon of bowling on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at Long Shot Lanes in Bad Axe. Check-in will begin at 2:00 p.m. and bowling to start at 2:30 p.m.

The Huron County 4-H Council will cover the admission fee for all currently enrolled and approved 4-H youth. This includes 2 games, shoe rental and a pitcher of pop per lane. Concessions will be at your own expense.

All youth MUST be aged 5 and older by January 1, 2026, and currently enrolled & approved in 4HOnline to attend this event. Not enrolled in 4-H, please go to <https://v2.4honline.com> and get enrolled...it's FREE to join!

All youth MUST be pre-registered by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, for a head count prior to this event. To pre-register, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday or email verelle7@msu.edu.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR 2026 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS AT MSU!

With 4-H Exploration Days registration set to open at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026, the Huron County 4-H Council will provide full \$250 scholarships to the first five (5) currently active Huron County 4-H members enrolled and approved in 4HOnline who register for 4-H Exploration Days. All other registrants will receive a partial \$160 scholarship.

To be eligible for the scholarship, 4-H members MUST complete the 4-H Trip Scholarship application and return it to the MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, AND attend the event.

All registration fees for 4-H Exploration Days are to be paid in full by the participant. Payment can be made during registration using a credit/debit card. Only after participants attend the event, will they receive their scholarships.

Transportation to campus and back is the responsibility of the parents. If you have any further questions regarding this pre-college program or would like a 4-H trip scholarship application, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949.

REGIONAL CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING

A Regional Camp Counselor Training is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, in Frankenmuth, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free training is for 4-H camp counselors ages 12 to 19 and adult volunteers. Please bring a sack lunch.

Training topics include (see detailed flyer in this newsletter for more info):

- Staying Cool When Things Get Serious
- Calming the Chaos and Setting the Tone
- Bringing the Hype

Youth can register for this training in 4-H Online. Registration deadline is Friday, March 27, 2026. Any questions, please contact Patti Errorr at 989-550-2971 or email errerrpat@msu.edu.

JLA & SLA ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS IN FAIRENTRY

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 & Rabbit June 1-15, 2026. Go to <http://huroncommunity-fair.fairentry.com/> to register. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until the last minute to register.

Once again, 4-H Online will be 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 at <http://huroncommunity-fair.fairentry.com/>. 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 the FairEntry family profile when registering at <http://huroncommunity-fair.fairentry.com/>. All new FFA members and independent exhibitors will need to create a FairEntry family profile.

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. Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cma/4h.



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4-H Easter Egg Hunt



DATE & TIME:

Saturday, March 21,
2026, check-in at
11 a.m.

LOCATION:

Huron Expo Center
170 W. Soper Road
Bad Axe, MI 48413

COST:

This event is **FREE** for
currently active 4-H
families!

Dress accordingly for
weather. If inclement
weather occurs, please
listen to WLEW for
cancellation.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Prior to 4 p.m. on
Friday, March 13, 2026



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- ◆ Only 4-H families with currently active 4-H youth members (ages 0 to 11) enrolled in the 4-H Online system.
- ◆ All youth must be accompanied by an adult (parent/guardian/grandparent/etc.)

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

- ◆ **Please bring your own Easter basket/bucket.**
- ◆ Candy and prizes will be awarded for age groups - (ages 0-4), (ages 5-8), and (ages 9-11)
- ◆ Happy Gals & Guys 4-H Club, in partnership with the Huron County 4-H Council is hosting this event.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

By contacting the MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe at 989-269-9949 or email verelle7@msu.edu prior to 4 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026, with the names and ages of each participant.





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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St. Clair, and Tuscola County 4-H Programs

REGIONAL CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING

Dare to Level Up!



For 4-H Camp Counselors
12-19 Years Old
and Adult Volunteers!

April 11, 2026

9am - 3pm

Free!

Bring a Sack Lunch.

Training Topics

• Staying Cool When Things Get Serious

- CPR & First Aid*
- Basic Camp Safety
- Emergency Procedures
- Incident Reporting

• Bringing the Hype

- Games, Songs, & Activities
- Camp & Cabin Themes
- Craft Ideas

• Calming the Chaos and Setting the Tone

- De-escalation & Conflict Resolution
- Redirection & Leading by Example
- Building Trust & A Sense of Belonging



Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center
3375 S. Reese Rd. Frankenmuth, MI 48734

*There is a \$20 fee to receive a CPR/First Aid Certification Card.

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Register by March 27 in
4-Online



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