



APRIL 10, 2026

# 4-H Family News



## Ingham County



### SCHOLARSHIP

### OPPORTUNITIES



**DUE TUESDAY APRIL 15TH**  
**EARL THREADGOULD**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**



**DUE MONDAY JULY 28TH**  
**BILL WHEELER MEMORIAL**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**

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**Ingham County 4-H**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/Ingham4Hyou>

# YQCA

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## CERTIFICATION TRAINING DATES FOR 2026

6:30pm - 7:30 pm

Hilliard Building  
Conference Room A  
121 E. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854

Cost: \$3.00

Thursday, March 26

Monday, May 4

Monday, June 15

Thursday, June 18

Register online at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)



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# 2026

## STATE 4-H RABBIT AND CAVY SHOW RESULTS FOR INGHAM COUNTY



### RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP AGE GROUPS

9yr olds	9 <sup>th</sup>	Blayke Siple
10yr olds	9 <sup>th</sup>	Parker Morehouse
13yr olds	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emilia Schultz
13yr olds	8 <sup>th</sup>	Aubree Siple
Cloverbuds		Rose Rice

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Junior	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Azaleah Rice
Junior	6 <sup>th</sup>	Violet Rice
Intermediate	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emilia Schultz
Intermediate	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian Rice
Intermediate	9 <sup>th</sup>	Emilia Schultz
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kya Heinrich
Senior	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kya Heinrich
Senior	5 <sup>th</sup>	Kya Heinrich

### CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

<b>Best Overall Showmanship</b>		<b>Elizabeth Leibrand</b>
Junior	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parker Morehouse
Intermediate	5 <sup>th</sup>	Emilia Schultz
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Elizabeth Leibrand

### BREED IDENTIFICATION

11-13yr olds	9 <sup>th</sup>	Violet Rice
14-19yr olds	7 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Koppin

### EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

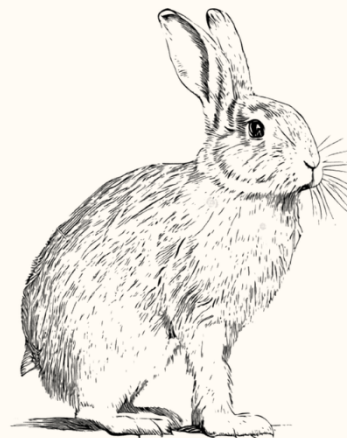
Junior	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Violet Rice
Intermediate	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian Rice

### CAVY SHOW RESULTS BREED HONORS

<b>Best in Show American</b>		<b>Elizabeth Leibrand</b>
Teddy Best Opposite of Sex		Emilia Schultz
Teddy Best Opposite of Variety Broken		Emilia Schultz
American Best of Breed		Elizabeth Leibrand
American Best of Variety Golden Solid		Elizabeth Leibrand
American Best of Variety Solid Silver		Elizabeth Leibrand
American Best Opposite of Variety Solid Silver		Elizabeth Leibrand

### RABBIT SHOW RESULTS BREED HONORS

Mini Satin Best of Variety Blue		Ellie Koppin
Mini Satin Best of Variety Himalayan		Ellie Koppin
Mini Satin Best of Variety Black		Ellie Koppin
Mini Satin Best of Breed		Ellie Koppin
Lionhead Best of Breed		Lillian Rice
Lionhead Best Fur		Lillian Rice
Lionhead Best of Variety Black		Lillian Rice
Lionhead Best of Variety Tort		Lillian Rice
Polish Best Fur		Violet Rice
Polish Best of Variety Black		Kya Heinrich
Polish Best Opposite of Variety Broken		Violet Rice
Polish Best Opposite of Variety Chocolate		Violet Rice
Polish Best of Variety Blue Eyed White		Emilia Schultz
New Zealand Best of Variety Black		Ellie Koppin
New Zealand Best of Variety Broken		Luke Koppin
Holland Lop Best Opposite Breed		Parker Morehouse
Holland Lop Best Opposite Broken		Parker Morehouse
French Lop Best of Breed		Parker Morehouse
English Spot Best Opposite Breed		Gabriel Rice
Britannia Petite Best of Variety Black		Gabriel Rice





# CONGRATS TO LIAM L FOR WINNING THE 2026 CASH COMPETITION CONTEST FOR 12-14 YR OLDS



I, LIAM L., AM TWELVE YEARS OLD, AND I AM LEARNING HOW TO MAKE SMART FINANCIAL CHOICES. SCAMS AND FRAUD CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE, EVEN PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY ARE CAREFUL. I USE THE INTERNET AND ONLINE DEVICES FREQUENTLY, SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROTECT MY INFORMATION AND MONEY. TO STAY SAFE, I STOP AND THINK BEFORE RESPONDING TO EMAILS, TEXTS, OR MESSAGES THAT ASK FOR PRIVATE DETAILS. I CHECK WHO SENT THE MESSAGE AND AVOID CLICKING LINKS THAT I DON'T THINK ARE SAFE. I KNOW NEVER TO SHARE PASSWORDS, ADDRESSES, OR BANKING INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE I DON'T TRUST.

PEOPLE MY AGE CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES BY BEING CAREFUL ON SOCIAL MEDIA, GAMING APPS, AND ONLINE STORES. SCAMMERS OFTEN POSE AS FRIENDS, POPULAR INFLUENCERS, OR COMPANIES. ONE THING THAT COULD HELP PROTECT YOU IS TALKING TO A PARENT, TEACHER, OR TRUSTED ADULT BEFORE BUYING SOMETHING ONLINE OR SHARING INFORMATION. USING STRONG PASSWORDS, NOT REUSING THEM, AND TURNING ON TWO-STEP VERIFICATION CAN HELP PROTECT ACCOUNTS FROM BEING HACKED OR STOLEN.

THERE ARE WARNING SIGNS OF SCAMS. MESSAGES THAT RUSH YOU, PROMISE FREE MONEY, OR THREATEN ACCOUNT PROBLEMS ARE USUALLY SCAMS. EMAIL ADDRESSES AND REQUESTS TO KEEP SECRETS ARE ALSO RED FLAGS. SOMEONE I KNOW RECEIVED AN EMAIL SAYING THEY HAVE OVERDUE TOLLS AND SAID CLICK ON THE LINK TO SEE. THEY TEXTED SOMEONE THEY KNEW AND LEARNED IT WAS A SCAM.

PEOPLE FALL FOR SCAMS BECAUSE SCAMMERS USE FEAR AND EXCITEMENT TO MAKE PEOPLE ACT QUICKLY. EVEN SMART PEOPLE CAN BE TRICKED WHEN THEY ARE STRESSED OR DISTRACTED. LEARNING ABOUT SCAMS, ASKING QUESTIONS, AND TAKING TIME TO THINK CAN HELP KIDS, TEENS, AND ADULTS MAKE SAFER DECISIONS. KNOWING MISTAKES CAN HAPPEN MAKES IT EASIER TO SPEAK UP, REPORT SCAMS, AND HELP FRIENDS AVOID THE SAME PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.



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# EXPLORATION DAYS

June 24-26, 2026



Register Here:

[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)

HAVE FUN, PARTICIPATE IN 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS AND CONTRIBUTE TO POSITIVE YOUTH EXPERIENCE

# EXPLORATION DAYS

24-26  
JUNE



## CHAPERONES NEEDED

REGISTRATION FEE  
**\$150/ADULT**

FULL AND PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM OUR 4-H COUNCIL

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INGHAM COUNTY 4-H URBAN PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
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# INGHAM COUNTY 4-H HORSE CAMP



Registration Closes May 1st!

2-Day Riding  
Camp  
June 16-17,  
2026

1-Day  
Cloverbud Camp  
June 16,  
2026



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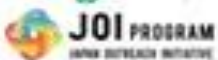
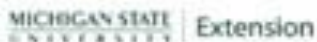
Register Today


To register, scan the QR code above or click this Link:  
<https://forms.gle/DVJdphGerIWgWub9>

KODOMO NO HI  
JAPANESE GOLDEN  
WEEK

CHILDREN'S DAY  
CELEBRATION

Friday, May 5, 2023  
6:30-7:30pm EST/  
5:30-6:30 CST



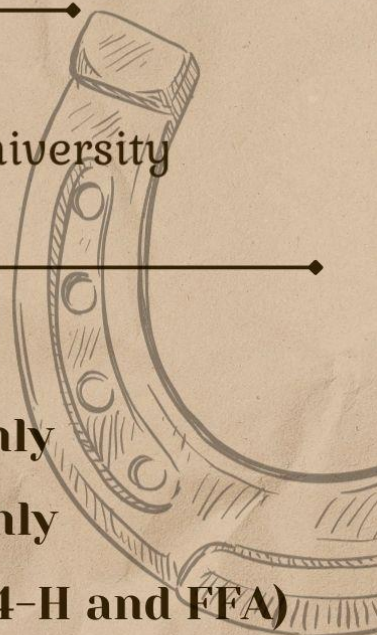


# 2026 Michigan 4-H and FFA State Horse Judging Contest

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Farm Bureau Pavilion at Michigan State University

Contest starts at 9:00 a.m.



## New Class Schedule

**Class #1: Performance – Place 4-H Only**

**Class #2: Performance – Place 4-H Only**

**Class #3: Performance – Place and Questions (4-H and FFA)**

**Class #4: Performance – Place and Reasons (All but Jr. Novice)**

**Class #5: Halter – Place and Questions (All but FFA)**

**Class #6: Halter – Place and Questions (ALL contestants)**

**Class #7: Halter – Place and Reasons (ALL contestants)**

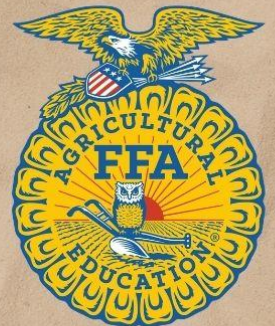
**Class #8: Halter – Place for all (Reasons for Sr. Regular Only)**



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Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HHORSEJUDGING26/>

Questions? Email David at [lindsa75@msu.edu](mailto:lindsa75@msu.edu)

# 2026 Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Farm Bureau Pavilion at Michigan State University

Contest starts at 9:00 a.m.

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## Contest Schedule

**8:00am: Check-In for Participants and Volunteers**

**9:00am: Orientation**

**9:30am: Judging Phase Begins**

**10am: Slide Test Phase**

**10:40am: Knowledge Test**

**11:10am: INSTRUCTIONS for next phase**

**11:20am: Begin Stations and Team Problem**

**3:00pm: Contest should conclude**

**Awards approximately 2 hours after contest concludes**

Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HHIPPOLOGY26/>

Questions? Email David at [lindsa75@msu.edu](mailto:lindsa75@msu.edu)



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April 11, 2026

# 2026 Ionia County Youth Bake-Off

5-7 year olds	Easy baking
8-11 year olds	Quick breads, 6 muffins or 6 baked cookies unfrosted cake squares (no box mixes)
12-14 year olds	Yeast products (rolls, bread, etc.), frosted cake, pastry pie
15-19 year olds	Baked fancy dessert, fancy pastry, tarts, tortes, or cheesecakes
9-19 year olds	Ethnic or International dish
9-19 year olds	Item made with real maple syrup

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Contest rules as follows:

1. Open to ALL youth between the ages of 5-19.
2. You **MUST** pre-register your entry before April 6th at:  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026\\_ionia\\_county\\_4h\\_bake\\_off/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026_ionia_county_4h_bake_off/)
3. Food entries **MUST** be prepared and baked exclusively by the youth. Youth should be supervised by an adult for safety reasons while preparing and baking their entry.
4. Bake your entry at home and bring it to the Ionia MSU Extension office, 50 E Sprague Rd. Ionia and drop off between 11 a.m. and Noon. on Saturday, April 11th.
5. Be prepared to talk to the judge and have a written copy of your recipe with you.
6. Return between 1:00-1:30 p.m. to pick up your entry. The winning entry in each category (except the 5-7 year olds) will receive an award. The 5-7 year olds – Easy baking will be awarded a participation certification only.
7. To register go on-line to [https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026\\_ionia\\_county\\_4h\\_bake\\_off/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026_ionia_county_4h_bake_off/) if you have any questions contact Shawn at the the Ionia MSU Extension office at 616-330-4453 or email at [heintze8@msu.edu](mailto:heintze8@msu.edu).

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The event is sponsored by the Ionia County 4-H Still Exhibit Committee.  
You **do NOT** need to be a 4-H member to participate in this event.



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# 2026 Money Smart Mission GooseChase Game



**Who:** Michigan residents aged 13-19

**What:** Fun online missions to show your money smarts and learn about finances and entrepreneurship!

**When:** 4/1/26 - 4/21/26

**How:** Register online to access contest



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# Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



tickets  
available

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**April 12**

**4-H ADULTING 101**

**EAT SMART:  
MEALS ON A BUDGET**

**MONDAY, APRIL 13TH  
5PM ET  
FREE ON ZOOM**

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Chispa 4-H

## ¡Cafecito con pan!

Webinar

Entre Pensamientos y Emociones - Herramientas Prácticas  
(Sesión 1 - Ten a la mano papel y lapiz/colores)

**Invitada especial: Los Psicólogos Javier Sebastian Daza Lopez - Lina Maria Perez Rojas**



**Día:** miércoles 15 de Abril, 2026

Hora Michigan: 6 pm

Hora COL: 5 pm

Hora CDMX: 4 pm

Hora ESA: 4pm



Via ZOOM: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94220989074>

## Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar: Let's Talk It Out: Handling Conflict with Ease

April 22, 2026 12:00PM - 1:00PM  
Zoom

Contact: Christine Heverly  
sisungch@msu.edu

Conflict happens—even to the best volunteer groups. This laid-back session is all about learning how to handle tough conversations without the stress. We'll chat about simple ways to stay cool, listen well, and speak up when things get tense. You'll pick up practical tips for turning disagreements into productive dialogue and keeping your volunteer experience positive and drama-free.

To Register: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-let-s-talk-it-out-handling-conflict-with-ease>

## CALLING ALL FROG LOVERS!

JOIN US FOR AN  
EVENING FILLED WITH  
CROAKS, TRILLS, AND  
SPLASHES FROM OUR  
FAVORITE FROG  
FRIENDS



## TWO FREE EVENTS

APRIL 9 | 8:00 - 9:30 PM

MSU COREY MARSH ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER  
LAINGSBURG, MI

APRIL 23 | 8:00 - 9:30 PM

BENGEI WILDLIFE CENTER  
BATH, MI

**FORMULA OF**   
**CHAMPIONS**<sup>®</sup>  
**SHOW FEED**

**SHOW FEED  
CLINIC**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 6 PM**

**WEBBERVILLE FEED**

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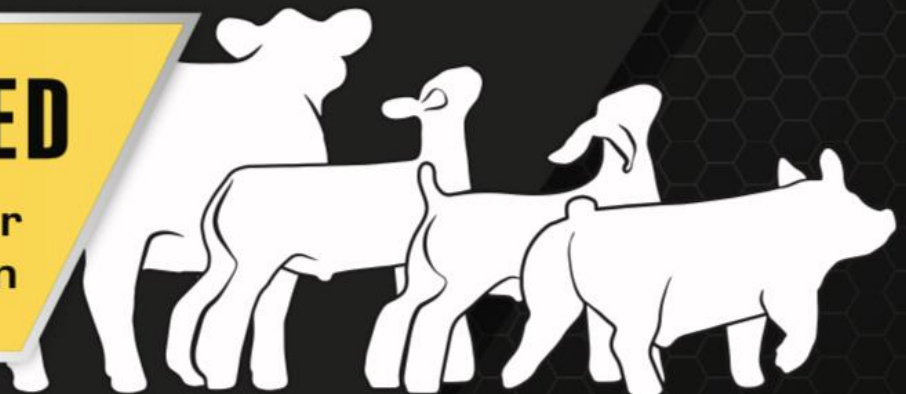
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[webbervillefeed@gmail.com](mailto:webbervillefeed@gmail.com)





## Make the Most of Your Livestock Project

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**Dates:** April 21 - May 19, 2026  
**Time:** Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Where:** On Zoom  
**Register:** <https://pears.io/events/msuext/4293/>

Youth ages 8-19 join us for this engaging webinar series to help you succeed at livestock auctions. From marketing and communication to record keeping, goal setting, and understanding break-even points, each session will provide strategies for success.  
**Attend one, attend all, the choice is yours!**



## Make the Most of your Market Animal Project Webinar Series

FREE on Zoom at 6:30pm ET

**Registration Link:** <https://pears.io/events/msuext/4293/>



Goal- Getters	April 21
Talk the Talk	April 28
Marketing Mastery	May 5
Records to Riches	May 12
From Pitch to Payment	May 19

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# 2026 4-H OUTDOOR EDUCATION Workshop

April 25-26, 2026  
at Camp Newaygo




This workshop is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation

## SPRING 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP



May 2-3, 2026

**John A. Halter Shooting Sports**  
 Education Center  
 4390 Bankers Road  
 Hillsdale, MI

Offering all Disciplines:

- Archery
- Muzzle Loader
- Rifle
- Hunting and Wildlife
- Shotgun
- Coordinator
- Pistol

**REGISTER NOW!**



Questions? Email [4H.ShootingSports@msu.edu](mailto:4H.ShootingSports@msu.edu)

This workshop is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation

## Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar: Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs: Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects

May 4, 2026 12:00PM – 1:00PM  
Zoom

Contact: Christine Heverly  
[sisungch@msu.edu](mailto:sisungch@msu.edu)

Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's curriculum Youth Business Guide to Success. Discover how you can mentor youth in goal setting, budgeting, marketing, and record-keeping for real-world skills.

To Register: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-let-s-talk-it-out-handling-conflict-with-ease>

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South Side Community Coalition

BRINGING CHANGE TO OUR CITY



# Health is Wealth:

Food Security and Healthy Living Fair

JOIN US FOR

Family Activities | Sports Physical\*  
Health Screenings | Gardening  
Giveaways | Community Resources  
Free Food & Refreshments

**FREE EVENT**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

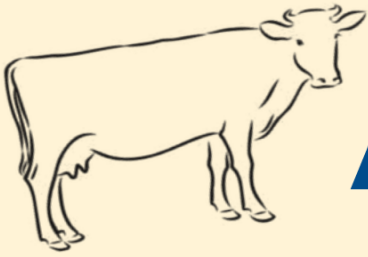
**2101 W Holmes Rd, Lansing, MI 48910**



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*\*Sports physicals by appointment only. To schedule, contact Mrs. Yolanda: (517) 394-3138.*

# MICHIGAN 4-H DAIRY PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE APPLICATION



The Michigan 4-H Dairy Programming Committee works to educate young people about the dairy industry and help provide opportunities to enhance learning opportunities for youth interested in dairy science.

DOWNLOAD THE FULL APPLICATION FILE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/RESOURCES/MICHIGAN-4-H-DAIRY-PROGRAMMING-COMMITTEE-APPLICATION](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-dairy-programming-committee-application)

APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 30TH, 2026



Contact:

Kendra Van Order | [vanorde4@msu.edu](mailto:vanorde4@msu.edu)



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PRIZE**



**MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE**

**AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

*May 7, 2026*



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**4-H  
and  
FFA  
Meats  
Judging  
State  
Contest**

May 6, 2026

MSU Meat Lab



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**CERTIFICATION CLASS 2026**

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**CERTIFICATION CLASS 2026**

**Thursday, June 18**

**6:30pm - 7:30 pm**

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**4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY®**

**July 6-7 and 8-9, 2026**

**Registration opens April 1 at noon**



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP**

July 26-August 1, 2026 - Camp Chickagami - Presque Isle, MI



**MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM**

**Questions and Answers**

-  **What is this program:**
  - o Recognize youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.
-  **Who Can Participate:**
  - o Any youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project member in Michigan.
-  **What are the requirements to log my hours:**
  - o Trail location, date, hours ridden, miles, type of ride
  - o Trail type classes or arena riding do not count towards these hours
  - o Miles will accrue from August 1<sup>st</sup> thru the following July 31<sup>st</sup>.
-  **Recognition:**
  - o Top five Junior and Senior participants awarded at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show.
-  **How do I Record my Rides:**
  - o Use this link to record your rides:  
[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bOyn5zWO RdTsyfY](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOyn5zWO RdTsyfY)

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# MICHIGAN YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

**JUNE 16-17, 2026**  
**MICHIGAN STATE CAMPUS**

Co-hosted by Michigan 4-H and the  
MSU Collegiate Livestock Judging Team



## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Reasons training from MSU team members
  - One-on-one coaching in swine, small ruminants, and cattle
  - Numerous Practice Classes
  - Open to ages 12-19
- Registration closes May 15  
(or when all spots are full)

**Scan to Register!**



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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.

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### 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).