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4-H Family News



Ingham County

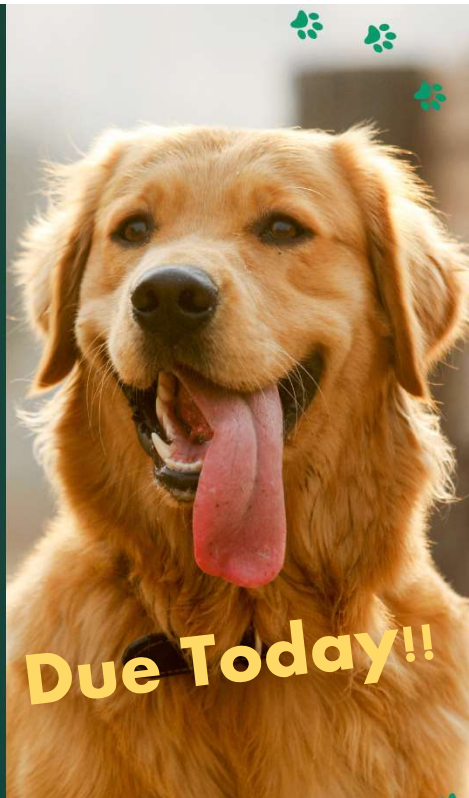
Ingham County 4-H Dog Project

Pre-Fair
Registration Form
Due May 1st, 2026!

If you are planning on participating in the 4-H Dog Project Area for the 2026 Ingham County Fair, please fill out the form linked below by May 1st, 2026.



<https://gqr.sh/xpUG>



Due Today!!

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YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

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

Monday, May 4

Monday, June 15

Thursday, June 18

Register online at yqcaprogram.org



2026 ADULTING 101



Adulting 101- Cooking with Confidence

May 18, 2026 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Zoom webinar

Contact: [Laurie Rivetto](mailto:laurie.rivetto@msu.edu), rivettoL@msu.edu



FREE ON ZOOM



INGHAM COUNTY FAIR

4-H STILL LIFE ENTRIES
DUE JUNE 15TH

JLA LIVESTOCK ENTRIES
DUE MAY 1ST



REGISTER AT:
<https://gqr.sh/3act>

2026 INGHAM COUNTY FAIR FAIR BOOTH SPACES

AIM HIGH WITH 4-H!



SCAN ME

- Deadline to sign up is June 20th

- Theme: Aim High With 4-H!

- Scan code or visit
<https://forms.gle/6WyqaH4xSE2YKk5s9>



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Beyond Ready

4-H

EXPLORATION DAYS

June 24-26, 2026



Register Here:

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

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FULL AND PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM OUR 4-H COUNCIL

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



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/HORSECAMPA4H](https://bit.ly/horsecamp4h)



Register Today

To register, scan the QR code above or click this Link:
<https://forms.gle/DVJdphTGerIWgWub9>

KODOMO NO HI
JAPANESE GOLDEN
WEEK
CHILDREN'S DAY
CELEBRATION

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





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

Creating Beyond-Ready Youth Through 4-H Project Learning



Beyond Ready

4-H prepares youth for the world of work by engaging them in high quality, hands-on learning grounded in meaningful project content. When young people apply skills, solve real problems and reflect on their learning, they build confidence and readiness for future careers.

4-H programs intentionally create these opportunities, helping youth practice communication, teamwork, decision making and technical skills that transfer to real world settings. Some ways to deepen project work could include: adding real life tasks, inviting youth to demonstrate mastery or guiding reflection that connects the activity to future workplace expectations. Every project meeting is a chance to help youth become Beyond Ready, capable, and confident.

#BeyondReady

May 4: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series – Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs and Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects

Online

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

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-supporting-youth-entrepreneurs-your-role-in-4-h-animal-projects

May 5: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

Online

Delve into the five Ps of marketing and explore strategies to elevate your outreach. Learn practical tools and techniques to promote projects successfully, enhance sales and build valuable industry connections.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-5

May 12: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

Online

Learn to keep track of what you spend and earn to make smart choices for market livestock projects. Equip youth with tools to track expenses, set goals and ensure projects are profitable and rewarding.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-12

May 14: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

A course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered each Thursday from May 14 – June 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-may-june-2026

May 18: Adulting 101 Webinar – Cooking with Confidence

Online

Increase your confidence in the kitchen. From reading recipes to mastering kitchen terms, explore simple ways to get creative with ingredients and make tasty meals without stress or waste.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking_with_confidence

May 19: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Pitch to Payment

Online

Communication and outreach are important methods to recruit buyers for market livestock projects. Discover how to use social media to promote your project, reach a wider audience and share progress.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-19

June 6: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H license plate celebrates first anniversary!

Last April, the Michigan 4-H community celebrated a milestone decades in the making: the launch of the Michigan 4-H license plate. One year later, Michigan 4-H continues to celebrate the plate's existence and the potential it holds for the program. Available through the Michigan Secretary of State, a portion of each 4-H license plate sold and renewed benefits Michigan 4-H Youth Development.

"The Michigan 4-H license plate has been a dream of our 4-H professionals and families for several decades," explained Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "So, when the plate was launched one year ago, it was a wish come true. But more than being a vision brought to life, the plate is an incredible asset – raising visibility of the 4-H clover while generating additional dollars to support our 4-H program and its emerging needs."



Like other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate costs \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee is also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting Michigan.gov/sos, by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks. Supporters do not need to wait until their plate renewal period to order the 4-H plate.

To learn more, visit extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate.

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2026-27 grant cycle

The Michigan 4-H Foundation has announced grant opportunities of up to \$2,000 to support local 4-H clubs and county programs for the 2026-2027 program year. 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff are encouraged to apply for these competitive funds. **All grant applications are due June 1, 2026.**

"Local 4-H programs are at the heart of our 4-H programs," says Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. "These mini-grants help 4-H youth, volunteers and staff create hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence and strengthen communities. We're grateful to support the innovative work happening across Michigan."

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H shooting sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H shooting sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$600.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **The M. Louise Palczewski Therapeutic Horseback Riding Grant of \$2,000.** This grant opportunity is to support the creation and/or operation of new or existing 4-H Proud Equestrian Programs (PEP) located in Michigan.



Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

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



REGISTER NOW!

Questions? Email 4H.ShootingSports@msu.edu

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

Make the Most of Your Livestock Project



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!**

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
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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>

4-H and FFA Meats Judging State Contest

May 6, 2026

MSU Meat Lab



WORLD FOOD PRIZE



MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE

AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

May 7, 2026



Make the Most of your Market Animal Project Webinar Series



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

FREE on Zoom at 6:30pm ET

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

MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM

Questions and Answers

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

QUESTIONS?

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

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



4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP

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July 6-7 and 8-9, 2026

Registration opens April 1 at noon



2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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January 24	4-H State Rabbit Show
Feb. 27- March 1	4-H Dairy Conference
March 7	4-H Spring Livestock Workshop
March 14	4-H Horse Communications Contest
March 21-22	Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show
March 21	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
March 22	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl
April 11	4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest
April 12	4-H Hippology State Contest
May 6	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
June 10-11	Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp
June 27	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
July 1	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest
July 6-7 & 8-9	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
July 13-16	4-H Youth Dairy Days
August 13-16	4-H State Horse Show
September 19	4-H State Dog Show



Scan me for more information about these programs!