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4-H Family News

Ingham County



Beyond Ready

National 4-H Week
October 7-12



Ready then.
Ready now.
Ready for anything.

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CLUB YEAR-END PAPERWORK

Due By
September 30th

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

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

National 4-H Week October 6-12

Horse Committee Meeting Wednesday, Oct 9th, 6:30 pm Hilliard Bldg

MSUE Office Closed for Employee Civil Rights Training Thursday, October 10

4-H Council Committee Meeting Wednesday, Oct 16, 6:30 pm Hilliard Bldg

Shooting Sports Committee Meeting Monday, Oct. 28, 6:30 pm Hilliard Bldg Conf Rm A

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4-H
G A M E
Night
Every 4th
Tuesday at
7pm

AN EVENT FOR ALL TO ENJOY. JUST CHILL PEOPLE HANGING OUT

Register to attend:
<https://forms.gle/gV5yaKdPxb3Yc4uA7>

Paper Clover

Nov. 29 – Dec. 15

Funds support 4-H camp, scholarships & leadership activities.

Two Locations!!

Williamston

3001 N. Williamston Rd, 48895

Stockbridge

4569 South M52, 49285

HELP GUIDE YOUR
LOCAL LEADER MEET

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Adult and teen leaders from across Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties are invited to re-energize through networking, learning and fun! Now coming to local counties!

Take our survey! >>>





Join Us Online
WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

FROM THE DESERT TO THE DEEP-SEA

WITH BRENDAN TALWAR, POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR
AT THE SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY AT UC SAN DIEGO
& THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

October 8 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:
https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25

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4-H GROWS HERE

2024 ADULTING 101



Free on Zoom

- PAYING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - OCTOBER 9 AT 5 PM
- CRACKING THE CODE TO COLLEGE - NOVEMBER 19 AT 5 PM

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/>




Michigan 4-H

Animal Science
Sportsperson of the Year Award

Nominations due October 15

Join

4-H FUTURE SQUAD

A virtual 4-H club for youth 12-19 years old focused on life skills for the future

Kickoff Event
Monday, October 21, 7:00-8:00 pm

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SAVE THE DATE!

SPECTACULAR!
YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

EAST LANSING, MI
DECEMBER 6-8, 2024

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Michigan Fair and Exhibition Industry Offers Scholarships

For immediate release

Community volunteers and youth have always been the backbone of Michigan fairs and festivals. In addition to youth involved with fairs, there are a number of partners such as carnivals, concessionaires and entertainers that support the Michigan fair industry. Beyond the annual fair event, there are insurance providers, equipment providers and multitude of companies that provide support to fairs, festivals and exhibitions throughout the state. The Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) is a member organizations of these fairs, festivals and industry partners founded in 1885.

MAFE is excited to announce that scholarships for youth involved with a MAFE member fair, festival or associate will be offered this year and presented at the annual convention banquet on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. Up to six \$1000 scholarships will be awarded based on an application due November 2. The MAFE scholarships are a coveted award with over 100 applicants annually. Applications are available on the MAFE website. The applications are reviewed by a committee of industry volunteers with winners notified in December.

"Supporting the next generation of fair leaders through scholarships and post-secondary education is vital to our industry's sustainability," shared Joh Schut, MAFE Executive Director. "In addition to leadership and growth opportunities at the annual convention, Michigan youth are also able to network with leaders in the fair and exhibition industry." MAFE was established in 1885 and is a voice for the Michigan Fair and festival industry. MAFE member fairs and festivals serve all 83 Michigan counties.

Michigan agricultural fairs are an economic and social asset to their communities and the state. They are the ultimate showcases of Michigan agriculture. With a normal attendance of nearly 4.5 million attendees, which is roughly half the population of the state, people of all ages come to enjoy the fun, food and entertainment they provide of the state, people of all ages come to enjoy the fun, food and entertainment they provide.

For more information please contact the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions office at 517-317-4544 or mifairs@gmail.com

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

Overview

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp (Ages 14+)
4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice (Ages 11-13)

- **Registration Deadline: Dec 1, 2024**
- **Arrive:** Fly or Drive.
- **Depart:** Fly or Drive Home.

The world's largest zoological organization partners with Missouri 4-H to offer 4-H youth an opportunity to discover, learn, laugh and experience one-of-a-kind adventures with animals from around the world.

Learn-by-doing has long been a 4-H motto. Now 4-Hers will experience this Busch Gardens 335-acre African-themed living classroom by attending the 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 14+ or by attending 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 11-13.

Youth in attendance will become amateur zookeepers and discover firsthand what it takes to care for animals from around the world. Assist zoo staff behind the scenes and observe animal care sessions.

Youth in attendance will be living inside Busch Gardens. They will investigate the mysteries of the animal kingdom, getting up-close to animals they have never seen before. And in between life changing moments, participants will enjoy World Class Entertainment in our nation's fourth most popular amusement park. In addition, all participants will make lifetime memories spend time working with the animal care specialists at Sea World, touring Sea World Rescue and sleeping overnight beside our new aquatic friends.

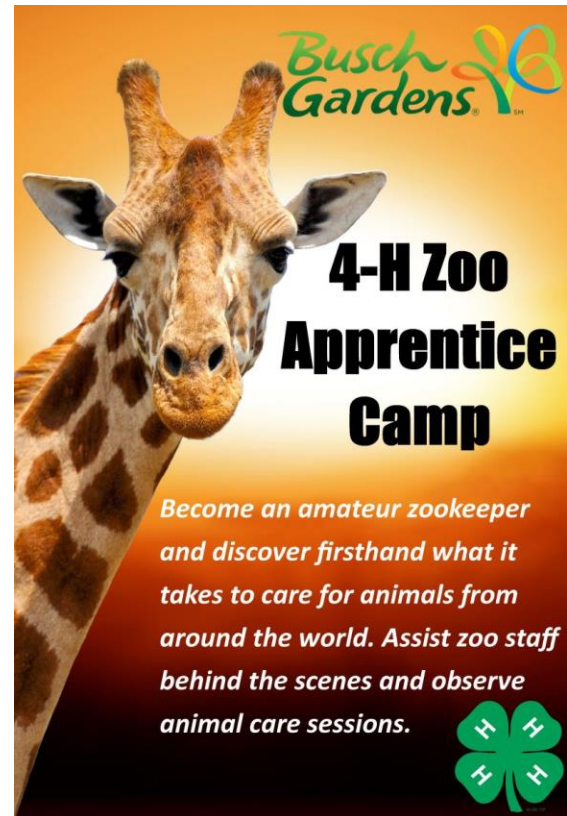
You will return with a keen understanding of animal behavior, science, and nutrition. You will be a better communicator with your own animals and four-footed family members.

The \$875 registration fee includes:

- Airport pick-up and transportation on Saturday to Busch Gardens
- All lodging
- 24/7 Staff Escorts including Zoo Staff, Education Staff, Youth Professionals and Health Staff
- Three camp t-shirts
- Staff will process needed laundry during the week
- All meals and lodge snacks
- Re-usable water bottle
- I.D. badges
- Backpack
- Transportation to and from Orlando
- All meals at Sea World
- All special events at Sea World
- Sea World Rescue facilities
- Park admission to both Sea World and Busch Gardens
- Behind the scene access
- Veterinary practices and care facilities
- Animal encounters
- Animal encounters
- Proper dress and equipment required for Zoo areas
- Photo access and camp video
- Unique animal experiences based on age
- Access to America's fourth most popular theme park rides
- World class shows and entertainment
- Lifelong friendships
- Transportation back to airport on Wednesday, Jan. 1

Not included in the \$875 fee:

- Airfare to and from Tampa, Florida
- Money for souvenirs





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers updated in 2024!



The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers and the 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers has been updated for 2024; it includes information about the Debit Card Policy and more. These tools will help guide 4-H members in developing financial management life skills.

The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers provides 4-H volunteers with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group, including assisting 4-H treasurers with handling the group's financial business (including required forms and reporting).

The 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers was specifically created for 4-H treasurers (youth and adult) and contains additional information to guide their 4-H financial responsibilities.

Find these resources at:
www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_volunteers and
www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_treasurers.

September 4: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 18: 4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

Online

This session will cover the fundamentals of motions, voting and meeting protocols, providing you with the tools to support the youth in your group so they can lead with confidence and clarity. A session will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and again from 7 to 8 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure

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September 24: Online Extension Extras Parenting Hour – Exploring Parenting Styles

Online

This workshop will explore and reflect on parenting styles, how they have developed, the benefits and drawbacks of each kind of parenting style, and how to find a balance that best supports a strong family for you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend; members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. 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

October 5: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest 2024

Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly fundraising event for Tollgate. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 6-12

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of how you can celebrate 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 9, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the second 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.

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 mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/ that can help support your county 4-H program.

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4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/.

