



MARCH 28, 2025

# 4-H Family News

## Ingham County



### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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

**DUE THURSDAY, MAY 1ST**  
**MICHIGAN YOUTH LIVESTOCK**  
**SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2025**



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

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## Make The Most Of Your Market Animal Project Webinar Series

April-May 2025



### Youth 8-19 years old

Covers marketing, communication, record-keeping, goal-setting, and more so you can maximize your market potential



### Ingham County 4-H

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

### Facebook

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

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4-H  
Night  
Every 4th  
Tuesday at  
7pm

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

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

# ELECTRICAL FARM SAFETY

Hear JP's story, learn about Electrical Safety & how to respond to farm injuries.

**FREE MEETING  
LUNCH PROVIDED**

DATE: APRIL 5, 2025  
TIME: 11 AM-1:00PM  
LOCATION: MSU RESEARCH STATION, LAKE CITY, MI

Register by March 22, 2025 to be entered into a drawing for Fire Extinguisher, Tourniquets and spill kits.  
Register @ <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/electrical-farm-safety> or scan the QR Code.

For youth that attend this Meeting, it will count as educational credit for the Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show.

**SPEAKERS:**

- JP Koop, Lucky 7 Dairy
- Wolverine Power Cooperative
- Missaukee EMS
- Lucas Santure, MAEAP
- MSU, Farm Stress Management.

**PRESENTED BY:**

- MSU, Missaukee 4-H
- Missaukee Farm Bureau
- Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show
- Missaukee EMS
- Missaukee Conservation, MAEAP
- Wolverine Power Cooperative
- Lucky 7 Dairy
- Wexford/Missaukee CTC

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## DRIVING SUCCESS WITH WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM

April 10, 2025 at 6pm ET

Part of the 4-H Driven for the Future Webinar Series

TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA | Research & Development

## 4-H and FFA Meats Judging State Contest

May 7, 2025

MSU Meat Lab





Show us your Money Smarts 4/1-4/30 by engaging in missions, trivia, and puzzles all while learning and earning points!

# Smart Money Missions Goosechase

There's even a chance to win prizes!!



**Session topics include:**

- Rally
- Showmanship
- Obedience
- Clicker Training
- Canine First Aid
- How to become a 4-H Dog Judge
- And more!



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## 2025 State 4-H Spring Dog Workshop

April 12th, 2025  
9:00am-3:30pm

Isabella County Commission on Aging  
2200 S Lincoln Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Registration fee: \$35  
Lunch provided

Registration Deadline: April 4th, 2025

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025DogWorkshop4H/>

Individual Session registration is day-of.

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# ADULTING 101 Wealth Building



TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

5-6 PM ET

FREE ON ZOOM

JOIN US!

# SPRING 4-H OUTDOOR EDUCATION WORKSHOP

April 12-13, 2025  
Camp Newaygo  
Newaygo, MI

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## MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES: 4-H CLUB FUNDRAISING 101

April 16, 2025 12:00PM - 1:00PM or

April 16, 2025 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Zoom

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

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support the Michigan 4-Her's. This session is: 4-H Club Fundraising 101- Explore creative and effective fundraising strategies for your club. This webinar will provide an overview of Michigan 4-H fundraising policies, ensuring that your efforts align with guidelines and best practices for success



# Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



April 27



# Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



A State 4-H Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth!



Information and application: <https://tinyurl.com/46afjtc8>

Application deadline: April 1

Submit application: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards25>

Recognition event: June 18



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Hosting an exchange student can create lifelong friendships around the world - no foolin'!



**SHARE THE CLOVER-**  
Give one lucky child the experience of a lifetime this summer!

## Host a Japanese youth in the Summer of 2025 through States' 4-H International!

Summer in Michigan is a great time to share with an international delegate! Invite an international youth (ages 12-17 years) or adult chaperone into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Michigan 4-H will have 10 Japanese youth and one Chaperone available in 2025 for interested families opening their homes and hearts by hosting! They are scheduled to arrive in Grand Rapids, MI, on July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Matching Ceremonies July 24<sup>th</sup>) and depart on August 18<sup>th</sup> (Departure program August 16<sup>th</sup>) We have seven of the ten Japanese already matched for 2025!!

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 3 years of age), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, and participate in an interview and home visit process.

Applications to host can be found at [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

For more information contact:

Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program Coordinator Jan Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu)



# MICHIGAN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



## March 29: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Horse Judging Contest

Registration Deadline: March 7, 2025 - 11:59PM

Farm Bureau Pavilion

Contact: David Lindsay: 517-353-1748, [lindsay75@msu.edu](mailto:lindsay75@msu.edu)

In the state horse judging contest, participants can demonstrate their equine evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills.

This contest will include both individual and team competition for 4-H and FFA members. There are opportunities for the top three senior horse judging teams to go on to compete at the National 4-H level.

**The 2025 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Farm Bureau Pavilion at Michigan State University.**

Check-in will take place from 8-8:30 a.m. and the contest will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

### **COST: \$10 per participant**

This fee covers entry into both the 4-H and FFA divisions if the individual is competing in both. Payment is due at the time of registration.

**Registration deadline is March 7. No late registrations will be accepted.**



# Clovers CODE SPIN Club

Join MSU Extension and 4-H for a free SPIN club to explore the endless possibilities of technology!

Explore coding, photography, videography, art, and music through technology in this 6 week series!  
No prior experience required.



Contact Mackenzie to schedule a time to host your club!

Mackenzie Meerschaert  
meersch9@msu.edu

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# Join the 4-H SPIN Club: Learn to Code with Sphero!



Build skills over the course of 10 weeks to learn key coding concepts like sequences, loops, and functions while bringing them to life through hands-on activities. Build your creativity and problem-solving skills while playing with an interactive Sphero bot.

No prior experience needed—just bring your curiosity!

Contact Rachel to schedule a time to host your club!



Rachel Fitch  
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fitchrac@msu.edu



## MINDFULNESS on the MOVE

### 4-H Special Interest (SPIN) Club

Step up and take on mindfulness with this dynamic 4-H SPIN club!

Ages 8+  
4-H enrollment required (free)

Session topics include:  
-mindful movement (yoga, walking)  
-the purpose of presence  
-stress management

We will explore various mindfulness topics through hands-on and movement filled activities!

Questions?  
Contact Erin Kelly  
kellye31@msu.edu  
(517) 676-7300

To register, go to 4-H online and select "SPIN Club Mindfulness on the Move 4-H"  
<http://v2.4HOnline.com>



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## Taking Care of YOU

### 4-H Special Interest (SPIN) Club

Join us to learn how to stress less, feel good, & take care of yourself!

- Program includes
- Practicing self-kindness and gratitude with creative activities.
  - Learning stress management strategies and exploring mindful eating.
  - Reflecting on personal growth with art and vision boards.
- ...and more fun, activities!

Ages 11 +  
4-H enrollment required (free)

Enjoy sessions on building mindfulness, managing stress, and celebrating personal growth!

Questions?

Contact Rachel Ochylski  
ochylski@msu.edu  
(517)-676-7300  
To register, go to 4-H online and select "Taking Care of You" SPIN club  
<http://v2.4HOnline.com>



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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Youth in Action Program applications open



Apply now for the 2026 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the 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 March 31. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

### March 3: Adulting 101 – Get It Together: Tim and Organization Tips to Thrive

Online

Learn practical tips to tackle schedules, beat procrastination and organize spaces to help you be successful now and in the future.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/get-it-together](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/get-it-together)

### March 11: 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day)

### March 11: Wild Spartans

Online

Join 4-H staff for the "Wild Spartans" series for a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's session will explore conservation efforts in zoos with Seth Magle, director of the Urban Wildlife Institute at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-march-2024-2025](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-march-2024-2025)

### March 15: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

East Lansing

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-hippology-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-hippology-contest)

### March 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Cultivating Developmental Relationships with Youth

Online

Explore how to build impactful connections with youth through developmental relationships. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice:

- **12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-noon)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-7pm)

### April 1: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Awards application deadline

Online

This program provides 4-H members a learning experience where they can develop career skills by using their 4-H experiences to compile a portfolio similar to a professional application while receiving recognition for their 4-H involvement.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-awards-application-deadline](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-awards-application-deadline)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Michigan 4-H will have 10 Japanese youth and one chaperone arriving in 2025; we are looking for families interested in opening their homes and hearts by hosting these individuals. Consider sharing the clover this summer and giving a lucky Japanese youth and your family the experience of a lifetime by hosting!

The Japanese delegation is scheduled to arrive in Grand Rapids in mid-July and depart in mid-August, meeting host families for a 3.5-week stay. 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 at [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu).



## MSU Extension launches 2025 Global Voices Essay Contest with MSU Global Youth Advancement Network

The Global Voices Essay Contest offers a platform for young people around the world to advocate for their communities and share their opinions and stories about local and national challenges. Michigan students in grades 9-12, and young adults ages 18-24, are invited to share their own stories, reflections and visions by writing and submitting a 600-900-word essay focused on community (defined as the rich tapestry of cultures, experiences and ideas that shape our state). Sub-themes for the essay contest include shared natural resources, heritage and home, bridges of unity, innovation for the future and other.

A panel of MSU, MSU Extension, and Michigan 4-H judges will review and select the winning essays, which will be published on the MSU Global Youth Advancement Network website and receive cash prizes!

The deadline for youth to submit their essay online is May 2. For more info please visit: <https://globalyouth.isp.msu.edu/programs-projects/global-voices/essay-contest/call-submissions-2/>

## Michigan 4-H needs your input!

Michigan 4-H is conducting a survey to better understand the topics and educational approaches that best meet community needs. Your feedback will help us improve and enhance how Michigan 4-H serves families across the state.

Visit [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bqmeT5Dxtthvjca](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqmeT5Dxtthvjca) or scan the QR code to share your input and help shape the future of the Michigan 4-H program. If you have questions regarding this survey, please reach out to Kathy Fischer at [fisch226@msu.edu](mailto:fisch226@msu.edu).







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# Arbor Day Celebration

## Tree & Pollinator Garden Planting

You're invited on **April 25th, 2025** at **12 Noon** along the banks of the Red Cedar River between **Kellogg Ramp** and **Jenison Field House** in **lot 67** for the annual Arbor Day planting.

### Infrastructure Planning & Facilities and Landscape

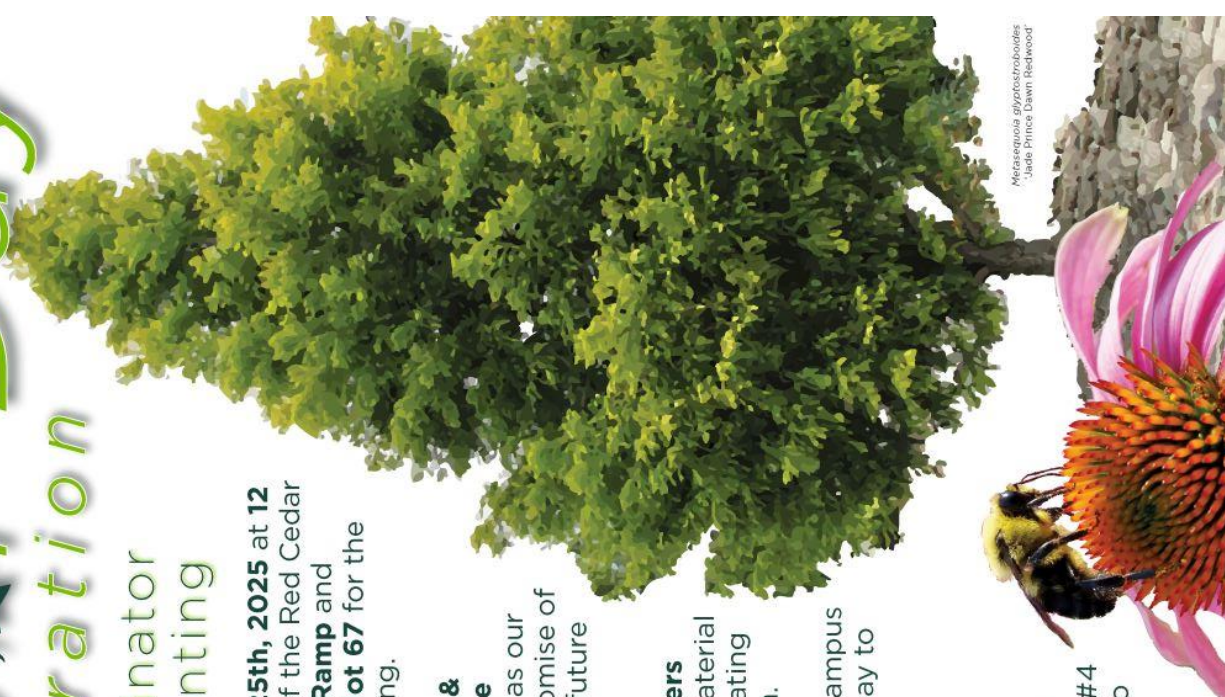
**Services** welcomes you as our guest to support the promise of keeping MSU green for future Spartan generations.

Join the **MSU Landscapers** installing native plant material along the riverbank, creating a new **pollinator garden**.

**FREE TREES** from our campus nursery will be given away to the **first 100** people in attendance.

Bring your camera, **SPARTY** will be on-site.

**Parking:** Kellogg Ramp #4 walk either footbridge to lot 67 at Jenison Field House.



*Mesaspisula glyptostrobiloides*  
"Jade Prince Dawn Redwood"

# Arbor Day Celebration

Tree & Pollinator Garden Planting

Friday, April 25th  
12:00pm

Harrison Rd

Kellogg Parking Ramp #4  
**PARK HERE**

Event Location

Jenison Field House

Lot 67

Lot 67

Kalamazoo St



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# WORLD FOOD PRIZE



MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE

AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
MAY 8, 2025

The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is a life-changing experience at Michigan State University where students in grades 7-12 engage with leading experts on critical global challenges, participate in engaging activities and tours, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Michigan and around the world!

At the event, participants will:

- Present their own research and recommendations on how to solve key global challenges in a short speech and small group discussions with MSU faculty, staff, students, peers, and other experts.
- Connect with other student leaders from across Michigan to share ideas, identify solutions to global challenges, and build lasting friendships.
- Take part in educational sessions to explore current research and issues in food, agriculture, natural resources, energy, STEM, international policy, and sustainable development.
- Qualify to apply for domestic fellowships and international internships, and to be nominated for a \$2000 Spartan Youth Programs Pre-College Scholarship from MSU.

**Registration and paper due March 15, 2025.**



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# CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON

## FOCUS



Calling all future change agents!

## SAVE THE DATE

### June 20-27, 2025



The Michigan 4-H Delegation will leave **by bus** on Friday, June 20 at 1:00pm. We will **stay the night in Gettysburg** and tour the battlegrounds the next morning before heading to the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD for **6 days** of eventful programming. This includes **meetings with our Senators and Representatives**, tours of many **monuments** provided by a licensed DC tour guide, **incredible workshops** that teach life skills like civil discourse and critical thinking, and much more!

The total **cost is \$2,500.00** (includes transportation from East Lansing and back, all lodging, conference costs, and most meals). Six meals and spending money will need to be provided by participants.

For additional information, go to the website at:  
<https://4-h.org/events/citizenship-washington-focus/>

**Enroll in 4-H Online** at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and then **register through Events**.

Contact your County 4-H Program Coordinator to **find out about local scholarships**:  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/county>

For more information, contact Liana Pepin at [deisenro@msu.edu](mailto:deisenro@msu.edu) or **906-315-2663**

**“Visiting DC was incredible, giving me the opportunity to visit historical monuments and museums that I had never seen. I really liked when we got to tour the Capitol Building as well as meet with our Congressional representatives. I also met people from all over the USA and made long-lasting friendships. It was truly one of the best weeks of my life and I encourage anyone who has the chance to participate in CWF to take it!”** Ansel Frost- 2019 CWF Delegate

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**WRITE**



**ATTEND**



**CHANGE**



[www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/)

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

# 4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP



July 27-August 2, 2025  
Camp Chickagami  
Presque Isle, MI

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# 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp

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July 7-8 and 9-10, 2025

Registration opens April 1 at noon

## 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

# Seeking Camp Counselors

If you are:

- ✓ 16-20 years old
- ✓ Enjoy working with kids and the outdoors
- ✓ Available July 25 - August 2, 2025

Join our team this summer at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle for an enriching week of leadership and personal growth as you guide 13-15 year old campers on adventured filled learning experiences!

To learn more or register, contact:

Joe Kreider [kreider4@msu.edu](mailto:kreider4@msu.edu) | Raye Host [hostrae1@msu.edu](mailto:hostrae1@msu.edu)



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## 4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!



FOR DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE DEPENDENTS

JULY 27 - AUGUST 2, 2025

A week-long residential summer camp experience for youth ages 13-15. Camp is full of experiential learning opportunities focused on natural resources and the Great Lakes and taught by MSUE CYI and Sea Grant staff, MSU Fisheries and Wildlife faculty, and their partners. Additional recreation sessions include swimming, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, archery, campfires, and more!

Scholarship Applications due by 3/21/25 at 7 pm.

TO APPLY, CONTACT KATE KING:  
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