



APRIL 24, 2026

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>



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Facebook

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

INGHAM COUNTY FAIR

4-H STILL LIFE ENTRIES
DUE JUNE 15TH

JLA LIVESTOCK ENTRIES
DUE MAY 1ST



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

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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 25th 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

2101 W Holmes Rd, Lansing, MI 48910



Extension

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



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

FULL AND PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM OUR 4-H COUNCIL

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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



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

MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM

Questions and Answers



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- Any youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project member in Michigan.



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Recognition:

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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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Make the Most of Your Livestock Project

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



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



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/>

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SPRING 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP



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

YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

CERTIFICATION CLASS 2026

Monday, May 4
 6:30pm - 7:30 pm

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

Cost: \$3.00

Register online at yqcaprogram.org



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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>

WORLD FOOD PRIZE



MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE

AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

May 7, 2026

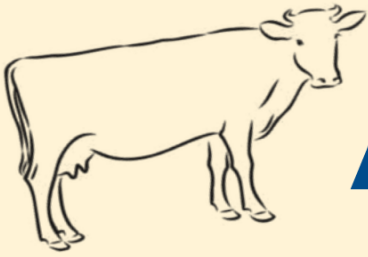


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MICHIGAN 4-H DAIRY PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE APPLICATION



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



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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

Monday, June 15

6:30pm - 7:30 pm

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Cost: \$3.00

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CERTIFICATION CLASS 2026

Thursday, June 18

6:30pm - 7:30 pm

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Cost: \$3.00

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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



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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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Beyond Ready



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.

#BeyondReady

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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/.



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/.

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. For more programs and resources available to military families through Michigan 4-H, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h_military_families.