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4-H Family News

Ingham County



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MICHIGAN 4-H | ADULTING 101
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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Preparing youth to
be Beyond Ready
through the fair
experience*



Beyond Ready

The fair experience is more than a showcase; it's a powerful opportunity to prepare youth to be Beyond Ready for life. Through exhibiting their projects, interacting with judges and engaging with the public, young people practice real-world skills such as communication, responsibility, problem-solving and professionalism.

When volunteers create intentional learning moments, like encouraging youth to reflect on project growth, prepare for interviews or take leadership roles in their clubs, youth deepen their understanding and strengthen skills that extend far beyond the fairgrounds. Every fair interaction becomes a stepping stone toward future readiness.

Is your club helping youth make those connections and see how fair experiences prepare them for what comes next?

#BeyondReady

July 13-15: Michigan 4-H Dairy Days

Farm Bureau Pavilion, Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan July 13-15 at the Farm Bureau Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lakes State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 16: Water Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. Play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 20-21: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

This two-day camp will teach youth to fish and protect our Great Lakes. All campers receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Learn about knot-tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-13. Registration deadline is July 10.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp

July 23: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. Collect, observe and even make bugs! The MSU Bug House will also be on site with their collections of insects from all over the world.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

July 27: 4-H Garden Adventures Summer Camp

The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Traverse City

Youth ages 7-12- are invited to join this camp for fun adventures in nature, nurturing resilience, kindness, community and creativity as they explore sustainability and growth through an engaging, hands-on approach.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-garden-adventures-summer-camp-2026

July 30: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles! Youth will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2026 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$1,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 7 at 5 p.m.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



2026 MSF 4-H & Youth Showcase Business Pitch Contest

Got a business idea? Whether your business is already running, just getting started or still an idea, we want to hear your pitch! Enter the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase and share your entrepreneurial skills in a two-minute video!

Entries will be judged on creativity, communication, understanding of the target audience, and overall presentation skills. Winners in each age division will receive gift card prizes (\$75, \$50, \$25) sponsored by Michigan State University Federal Credit Union and be recognized through Michigan 4-H communications and social media. For more information, visit Department 73 of the fair book at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

2026 MSF 4-H & Youth Showcase Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest

Michigan youth ages 8–19 are invited to enter the Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest as part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase! Create a short video and/or design a poster, flyer or graphic that encourages others to purchase the Michigan 4-H license plate and you could win. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be featured on Michigan 4-H social media channels. Put your creativity to work and help spread the word about 4-H across Michigan! For more information, visit Department 73 of the fair book at: www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

New scholarships for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is pleased to offer new scholarship opportunities to Michigan 4-H members for fall 2026. Nearly \$30,000 in post-secondary 4-H scholarships are available for the 2026–2027 academic year to high school seniors or incoming college freshmen. Youth must have participated in 4-H for three or more years.

These scholarships are made possible through generous support from 4-H alumni, retirees and friends of 4-H. Apply by September 1 at mi4hfdtn.org/scholarship.



The Ingham County FAIR

August 3-8, 2026

4-H COUNCIL SEEKING FOOD BOOTH HALF DAY MANAGERS

- ✓ \$75 stipend per half day
- ✓ Age 18 & up as of August 3, 2026
- ✓ Must be of gold volunteer status
- ✓ Submit application by June 1, 2026



RESPONSIBILITY FORM

SHIFT MANAGER APPLICATION



<https://tinyurl.com/bdcvd99a>

<https://forms.gle/kKZVVsuX7DHzeyfQ7>

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4-H CLUB FOOD BOOTH SIGN UP



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ASSIST 4-H COUNCIL WITH THIS YEAR'S FOOD BOOTH!
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
[HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/8WXOU](https://shorturl.at/8WXOU)

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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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SCHOLARSHIP

OPPORTUNITY



DUE MONDAY AUGUST 3RD
BILL WHEELER MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP



4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY®

July 6-7 and 8-9, 2026

Registration opens April 1 at noon

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2026 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



Registration is open!

Join youth from across Michigan on August 15 at Centerline of Calhoun—but don't wait, registration closes July 19.

Find the registration link (and full details) in the comments below



4-H STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

— You're Invited! —

PASTURE MANAGEMENT

A WEBINAR FEATURING

Tom Guthrie & Kable Thurlow



THURSDAY
JULY 16, 2026

4:00 PM

TOPICS INCLUDE:



Common weeds and plants that are harmful or undesirable in pastures



Understanding pasture maturity and its impact on livestock health and nutrition



Best management practices during dry months and drought conditions



And much more!



REGISTER TODAY!

https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TzveGdspR90BhZ6xuWvLGQ



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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Beyond Ready

MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH DAIRY DAYS

July 13-15th, 2026

Farm Bureau Pavillion Michigan State University

ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS & THE YOUTH DAIRY SHOW ARE NOW

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_bQyn5zWO_RdTsyfY

QUESTIONS?

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AS PART OF THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIR
4-H AND YOUTH VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

Michigan 4-H Business Pitch Contest

FREE ENTRY;
PRIZES SPONSORED BY MSUFCU



July 1, 2026 – August 7, 2026



MICHIGAN STATE FAIR 4-H & YOUTH VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

PRESENTING: YOUR PROJECTS!

MICHIGAN YOUTH AGED 5-19
REGISTER BY: AUGUST 7TH, 2026

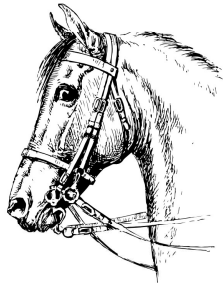


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2026 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

August 13, 2026 - August 16, 2026

FARM BUREAU PAVILION AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,
4301 FARM LANE, LANSING, MI 48910



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Get connected by the clover!

Join the Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends Network



Join for free today!

extension.msu.edu/4Halumni

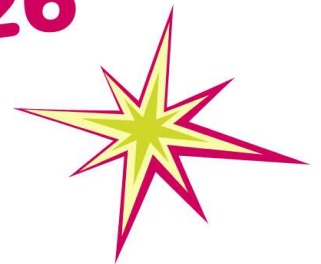


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National 4-H Week

OCTOBER 4-10, 2026



YQCA Announces Opening of 2026-2027 Youth Ag Program Grant Applications

YQCA is now accepting applications for its 2026-2027 Youth Ag Program Grant, offering individual awards of up to \$5,000.

Overview:

- Total Award Pool: \$20,000 with individual awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.
- Grants support projects that align with YQCA's commitment to food safety, animal well-being, and character development in the livestock industry. Examples include:
 - Hands-on youth workshops with YQCA certification
 - Livestock judging clinics
 - Youth agricultural education events
 - Curriculum development, biosecurity training, and more

Who's Eligible?

- Junior breed associations
- State species organizations
- Local, county, state, or national livestock show organizations
- 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters

*Only one application is permitted per chapter, club, or organization per year. Must be a U.S.-based organization.

Grant Program Requirements:

- All proposed projects should:
 - Demonstrate youth education outcomes, such as:
 - Training future producers
 - Promoting safe food systems
 - Maximizing resources in quality assurance
 - Align with at least one of the YQCA pillars:
 - Food Safety
 - Animal Well-Being
 - Character Development
- Eligible expenses include: educational supplies and curriculum materials, facility rentals, AV equipment, marketing and promotion, participant resources, instructional tools or demonstration equipment, and other approved expenses that directly support youth learning
- Ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to: staff salaries and administrative costs; adult travel; fundraising; trophies; infrastructure; professional development not tied to youth programming; and the purchase of livestock, vehicles, or personal equipment.

Apply:

- Timeline:
 - **DEADLINE: July 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CST**
 - Award notifications: November 2026
- Application:
 - Visit https://yqcaprogram.org/local/grant_program.php
 - Complete and submit the grant application through the linked platform.

Don't wait—submit your application today and partner with YQCA to invest in the next generation of agricultural leaders! Funding is limited and the deadline is July 31.

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VISIT [HTTP://OW.LY/WPTN30CR4UD](http://ow.ly/wptn30cr4ud)
TO SIGN UP FOR WHATEVER SPARKS YOUR INTEREST!

4-H & Michigan 4-H Today	Horses
4-H Alumni	Invasive Species
4-H Animal Science	Irrigation
Adulting 101	Lakes, Streams & Watersheds
Aging & Caregiving	Leadership
Aquaculture & Comm'l Fish Production	Livable Communities
Beef Production	Mental Health and Stress
Beekeeping & Pollinators	Michigan Sea Grant Extension
Beginning Farmer	Money Management
Bioeconomy	Natural Resources
Breakfast on the Farm	Nursery & Christmas Tree Production
Business Development	Nutrition & Physical Activity
Child & Family Development	Organic Agriculture Production
Chronic Disease & Diabetes	Pest Management
Civic Engagement	Planning
Community Food Systems	Pork Production
Community Gardening	Poultry Production
Composting & Recycling	Public Policy
Conflict Resolution	Sheep & Goats
Dairy Production	Soil Test
Economic Development	Tourism
Energy & Sustainability	Trade Policy
Entrepreneurship	Turf & Landscape
Facilitation	Vegetable Production
Farm & Farmers Markets	Volunteering & Mentoring
Farm Management & Ag Policy	Water Quality
Field Crop Production	Water Trails
Fisheries & Wildlife	Water Usage
Floriculture Production	Western Lake Erie Basin
Food & Business Policy	Youth Arts
Food Safety & Food Preservation	Youth Careers, Entrepreneurship & Money Mgmt
Forestry	Youth Development
Fruit & Nuts	Youth Environmental & Outdoor Science
Gardening in Michigan	Youth Global & Cultural Education
General Interest	Youth Leadership, Citizenship & Service
Government	Youth Life Skills
Grape & Wine Industry	Youth Science Literacy
Healthy Youth	
Homeownership	
Hops & Barley	