



4-H Family News

Jackson County Connections

SEPTEMBER
2024



**ENROLLMENT FOR 24/25
4-H YEAR OPENS IN A WEEK
OR TWO. A REMINDER,
RETRUNING JACKSON
COUNTY FAIR YOUTH
EXHIBITORS MUST BE
ENROLLED IN 4-H ONLINE BY
DECEMBER 1ST 2024**



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Stay Connected

* Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

* Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc. Facebook Page:

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

* Jackson County 4-H Livestock Assoc. Facebook Page:

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

* Jackson County Horse Council Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>



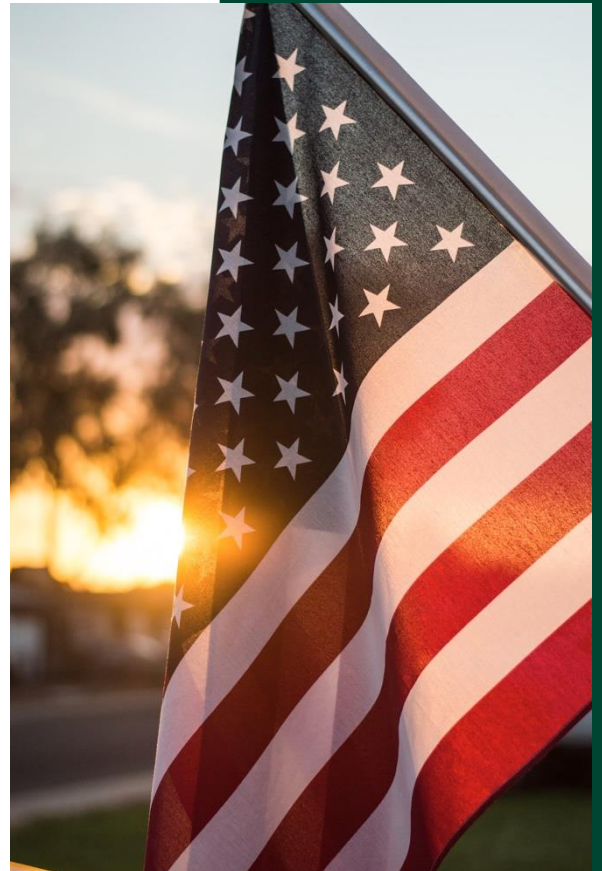
COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 9th 7:00pm
Horse Council
Extension Office

September 10th 7:00pm
Small Animal Meeting
(Poultry, Rabbits, Goats, Dogs)
Extension Office
Potluck

September 18th 7:00pm
Large Animal Association
(Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep)
Extension Office

September 23rd 7:00pm
4-H Council
Extension Office
Potluck



MSU Extension Office
1715 Lansing Ave, Ste 257
Jackson, MI 49202





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Small Animal Auction Checks – Auction checks will be ready for pick up mid/end of September. Dates and details will be emailed out when ready.

Large Animal Auction Checks – Auction checks will be mailed to exhibitors starting in mid September. As a reminder, checks are not sent until an Exhibitor's buyers have paid.



Dog Superintendent

We have an open position for the Jackson County 4-H Dog Superintendent. If you are interested, please follow the links below for the superintendent job description and the application.

Applications will be accepted through September 27th at 5pm.

[Jackson County 4-H Superintendent Job Description](#)

[Jackson County 4-H Superintendent Job Application](#)

Jackson County 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Gale Todd Volunteer of The Year Award – Any current Jackson County 4-H members who has volunteered for their club, Youth Council, Small or Large Animal Association or Horse Council.

Key Club Award – Any current or former Jackson County 4-H members (High School Seniors or graduate attending college or trade school) that have demonstrated leadership in Jackson County.

Please visit the website for applications and their full requirements.

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



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.

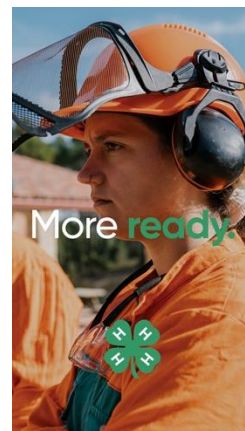
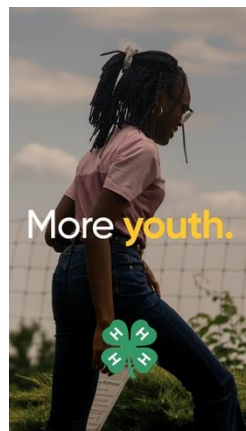
Have a 4-H Reunion — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

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.

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





4-H Future Squad- Virtual 4-H Club



What is 4-H Future Squad?

The 4-H Future Squad is a 4-H virtual club created for Michigan 4-H youth, ages 12-19 as of January 1, 2025, to learn new skills for their future. The club will meet October 2024-May 2025. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks.

Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom twice monthly along with occasional, fun, optional virtual events.

4-H Future Squad can be a primary or secondary club.

How to Join

4-H membership is free and joining 4-H Future Squad unlocks access to all 4-H benefits and programs!

Are you ready to sign up? Complete the interest form on the 4-H Future Squad website to receive more information on how to enroll in this club.

"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."

2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

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Visit the 4-H Future Squad website at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/u/4-h-future-squad/>

"My favorite part of 4-H Future Squad was learning new things and meeting wonderful people."

2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

Photo shows members of 4-H Future Squad members meeting, in person, at the 2023 4-H Exploration Days event.

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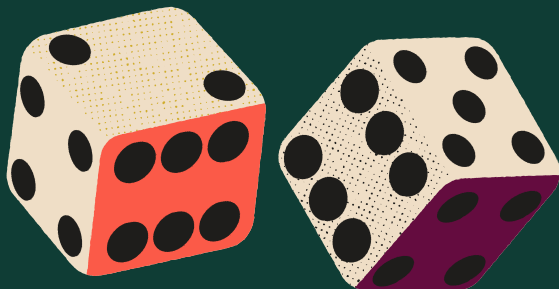
4-H



Night
Every 4th
Tuesday at
7pm



An event for all to
enjoy, just chill
people hanging out



Register to attend:

<https://forms.gle/gV5yaKdPxb3Yc4uA7>



4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute



The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders!

Participants in this engaging and interactive conference will participate in a variety of activities to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, community engagement, and global citizenship.

This MSU pre-college program is open to current and aspiring teen leaders ages 13 and older (by Jan. 1, 2025), who seek to develop skills to serve in leadership roles in clubs, schools, communities, the state, and the world.

Attending the 2024 Institute will help teens become outstanding leaders who approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures and perspectives.

The objectives of the SYLI are for participants to:

- Develop skills and knowledge as youth leaders and global citizens
- Gain tools to start citizenship, leadership, and service projects in their community (or build on and enhance existing programs and activities)
- Meet and share ideas with other teens, adult leaders, and MSU / 4-H staff
- Engage in exciting experiences on the campus of Michigan State University

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H SPECTACULAR!
YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

EAST LANSING, MI
DECEMBER
6-8, 2024

MSU CAMPUS

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2024 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Space will be limited for this workshop. **Online registration will begin October 1 at: <https://SYLI24.4honline.com>** The deadline to register for the conference is **November 1, 2024**.

The registration fee of \$175 per participant will include meals, program materials, group transportation, and overnight hotel lodging for the evenings of December 6 and 7 at [AC Hotel | Lansing University Area](#). Youth participants will be assigned to double-occupancy rooms and may request a roommate when they register. MSU Extension / Michigan 4-H staff members will serve as program staff and chaperones for all youth participants.

Partial and full scholarships will be available for anyone in need of financial assistance in order for them to participate in the Institute. The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Tentative Schedule

- **Friday, December 6**
 - 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Registration and check-in – AC Hotel
 - 7 - 8 pm - Dinner at Brody Square – MSU
 - 8 - 9:30 pm - Welcome / Group activity - Brody Hall - MSU
 - 10:30 pm - Hotel - room curfew

- **Saturday, December 7**
 - 7 - 8 am - Continental breakfast – AC Hotel
 - 8 am - 12:00 pm - Community Service activities – MSU
 - 12:30 - 1:30 pm - Lunch at Brody Square - MSU
 - 2 - 6 pm - Group activities, MSU campus visits
 - 6 - 7 pm - Dinner at Brody Square
 - 7:30 - 9:30 pm - Evening activity TBA (MSU sporting event, performing arts experience, museum visit, etc.)
 - 10:30 pm - Hotel - room curfew

- **Sunday, December 8**
 - 7 - 8 am - Continental breakfast - AC Hotel
 - 9 - 11:30 am - Breakout Workshop Sessions - Brody Hall MSU
 - 12:00 - 1:00 pm - Lunch – Brody Square - MSU
 - 1:30 - 2:00 pm - Participant pickup and departure - AC Hotel

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