



# 4-H Family News

Aug 2024

Kalamazoo County



## 2024 4-H Animal Show and Sale Schedule Full schedule on page 2-3

**Thursday, August 1, 2024.****A PRE-FAIR MANDATORY EXHIBITOR MEETING****PLEASE STAY ON SCHEDULE!**

6 PM- HORSES AND POULTRY

6:30- RABBITS

7 PM- DAIRY/DAIRY FEEDERS

7:30- GOATS

6:15- BEEF/DAIRY STEER

6:45- SHEEP

7:15- SWINE

**SATURDAY, August 3****9am-12pm STILL PROJECT JUDGING near the show arena****Monday, August 5****9am -12pm animals arrive**

Please make sure that you keep an eye on your kids. There are a lot of trucks and trailers and we don't want anyone to get hurt. If you are driving to drop animals off please make sure that you are keeping an eye out for children. They are excited and may not stop at the edge of the road to look for you!

**Large animal drop off** - please come in the gate near the food booth (off from Lamont St.), take a right onto the road and then a left and go down the road between the horse barns and the bathrooms. Once unloaded please move your vehicles to keep the flow of traffic moving.

**Small animal drop off** - please pull near your barns, drop transport cages and move your vehicles to a parking spot. This will keep parking open for other families to drop off their animals.

**Horses** - will come in the second gate across from the sheriffs department, similar to when you come in for open show and practice.

Remember that your animals may not enter a barn before they have been health checked either by your species superintendent or the fair vet (depending on the species)

**Campers may check in between 9am and 6pm  
on August 5.**

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<http://canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo4H>

### Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Kalamazoo-County-4-H-Youth-Program-122047197873078>

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# Y Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

and Family Festival 

August 6-10, 2024

## 2024 Schedule

OUR GRAND CHAMPION SPONSOR

\*\*Check back often for new events as we plan the Fair!  
(Events, times & locations are subject to change)

[www.kalamazooountyfair.com](http://www.kalamazooountyfair.com)



### Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:00am - 11:00am	4-H Swine Show	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendor - Honey Bunnies	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Still Project Displays	4-H Barn
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Showmanship & English Performance	Horse Arena
9:00am - 8:00pm	4-H Food Booth	Red Barn
2:00pm - 4:00pm	4-H Rabbit Show	Rabbit Barn
	4-H Rabbit Showmanship (following Rabbit Show)	4-H Arena
	4-H Cavies & Critters Show (following Rabbit Showmanship)	TBD
6:00pm - 8:00pm	4-H Sheep Show	4-H Arena

### Wednesday, August 7, 2024

9:00am - 12:00pm	4-H Poultry Show	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendor - Honey Bunnies	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Still Project Displays	4-H Barn
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Western Performance & Trail	Horse Arena
9:00am - 8:00pm	4-H Food Booth	Red Barn
2:00pm - 4:00pm	4-H Feeder Calf Show	4-H Arena
5:30pm - 7:30pm	4-H Beef Show	4-H Arena

### Thursday, August 8, 2024

9:00am - 10:00am	4-H Goat Show	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendor - Honey Bunnies	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Still Project Displays	4-H Barn
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Jumping & Dressage	Horse Arenas
9:00am - 8:00pm	4-H Food Booth	Red Barn
1:00pm - 4:00pm	4-H Miniature Horse Show	Fairgrounds
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Enduro Obstacle Course - beef, sheep, dairy feeder calves, & goats	4-H Arena



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## A Huge Thank You to Pomp's Tires of Battle Creek for donating Tires to the 4-H Bus!

### Friday, August 9, 2024

9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendor - Honey Bunnies	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Still Project Displays	4-H Barn
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Versatility & Gymkhana Classes	Horse Arenas
9:00am - 8:00pm	4-H Food Booth	Red Barn
11:00am-12:00pm	4-H Rabbit Agility Show	Outside of Rabbit Barn
10:00am-12:00pm	Small Animal Livestock Sale (Goats, Poultry, Rabbits)	4-H Arena
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Large Animal Livestock Sale (Swine, Sheep, Beef)	4-H Arena
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Gift Basket Raffle benefiting the KRV Trail	Fairgrounds
6:30pm - 7:30pm	4-H Style Show, Performances & Demonstration	Livestock Mall

### Saturday, August 10, 2024

9:00am - 3:00pm	4-H Dog Show	Main Expo
9:00am - 6:00pm	Gift Basket Raffle benefiting the KRV Trail	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Commercial Exhibits & Education Displays	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Inflatable Fun Zone & Climing Wall!	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Farm Fun & Games	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Petting Farm	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Free Book Giveaway (while supplies last)	Poultry Barn
9:00am - 6:00pm	4-H Still Exhibit Display	4-H Barn
9:30am - 6:00pm	Kids Entertainment Stage*	Fairgrounds
10:00am - 1:00pm	Ag-Venture presented by Farm Bureau	Fairgrounds
10:00am - 5:00pm	4-H Education Stations	Fairgrounds
11:00pm - 1:00pm	"Horsin' Around" - come learn all about horses!	Horse Barns
11:00am - 2:00pm	4-H Rabbit Show Jumping	Outside Rabbit Barn
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Milk Drinking Contest & 4-H Livestock Judging	4-H Arena
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Chicken Poop Roulette	Outside 4-H Arena
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Master Showmanship	4-H Arena

\*Performances every hour! Magician, Princesses, Super Heroes, Balloon Guy and more!

#### Food Vendors:

- 4-H Food Booth - little bit of everything!
- Honey Bunnies's Gourmet Waffles
- Ibison Concessions Fair Food (Saturday only)



## Our 4-H Youth

They pour every OUNCE of their heart, grit, time, money, blood, sweat & tears to raise these animals up right, to make sure they're happy, fit, healthy, on time and ready for the ring. It's late nights and early mornings and "sorry I can't make it, I've gotta get home to my animal". It's MORE feed and MORE water and MORE mess to clean up. It's emergency vet calls and late-night feed store runs and unfathomable exhaustion.

It's getting attached, telling their livestock the things they'd put in a diary.

Win, lose or draw...they win. They win a relationship with an animal they'll never forget, lessons that will carry them far in life, and the measure of success that only comes by this level of work.

Letting go will never, ever be easy for these kids because of it all but they'll do it again next year



Please pencil into your calendar a Year End celebration for Kalamazoo County 4-H members to enjoy some hard-earned social time after fair.

Thursday, August 22 from 6-8pm.

At The Backyard of Kalamazoo!

Address is 10441 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo mi 49009  
(corner of Stadium Drive and 1st street)

Cake and Beverages will be provided and  
food is available for purchase.

Register here <https://tinyurl.com/2v53xv7t>



Or scan the QR code



# FOOD BOOTH

Sign up will be in SignUpGenius, slots filled on a first come first served basis  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49A8AD22A2F49-50399653-2024>

Do not split work shifts unless both parties have worked the food booth previously.  
*(For a split shift a worker must work a 2 hour minimum shift)*

Food booth open hours are 9am - 8pm

## Available Times and Shifts

### Tuesday, August 6, 2024

830am to 1230pm (5)

1230pm to 430pm (5)

430pm to 830pm (5)

### Wednesday, August 7, 2024

830am to 1230pm (5)

1230pm to 430pm (5)

430pm to 830pm (5)

### Thursday, August 8, 2024

830am to 1230pm (5)

1230pm to 430pm (5)

430pm to 830pm (5)

### Friday, August 9, 2024

830am to 1230pm (5) StrykeForce

1230pm to 430pm (5) StrykeForce

430pm to 830pm (5) StrykeForce

### Saturday, August 10, 2024

830am to 1230pm (5)

1230pm to 430pm (5)

430pm to 830pm (5)

- **Adult food booth volunteers must complete the Silver Level Volunteer Application**
- Workers **MUST** be at **least 11 years** old & have completed 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. At least one adult is needed on each shift, preferably two adults.
- Workers **CANNOT** wear open toed shoes, sandals, or flip flops in the food booth.
- Workers **CANNOT** wear Barn/Stall cleaning boots/shoes or Show boots/shoes that have been in contact with manure.
- Long hair **MUST** be up/tied back.
- Workers should wear a baseball cap or similar hat/net/scarf.
- Food Booth can always use extra help during busy times.
- If you are unable to work the shift that you must find someone to cover that shift

# members	Slots to fill	2024
5	1	4-H Friends
43	13	Alamo
14	4	Climax
12	4	Cooper Cavaliers
8	2	Fulton
1	1	Galesburg
7	2	Girl Scouts (Veronica Bolhuis)
21	6	Hickory Corners
5	1	Ninas (Sam Lawrence)
15	5	Oshtemo
15	5	Portage
5	1	Richland
8	2	Scotts
6	2	Streets Program (Sam Lawrence)
0	0	StrykeForce members not included in total, working all Friday shifts
17	5	Tri-United
12	4	VB Wild Mustangs
	2	any club needed to fill a slot
194	60	Total slots to fill (60)



## Poultry Project News

It's almost fair time! Now is the time to gather everything that you will be bringing to make sure that you have what you need.

Things to prepare and bring to fair:

- Market journals and educational exhibits (brought Saturday, August 3)
- Signed and completed Animal Care Form
- Your birds! You will sign up at the mandatory meeting on August 1 for a time to bring your birds to the barn.
- \$1 per bird that you are bringing into the barn. You must bring exact change.
- Show clothes: hole free pants with a collared shirt. Often poultry is shown wearing black pants and a white collared shirt, though not required. A lab coat is also optional. You will also need closed-toe shoes or boots.
- Recyclable plastic containers for both food and water for every cage of birds you are bringing; DO NOT bring reusable feeders and waterers, they will not be allowed.
- Bedding for all of your cages
- Any supplies to clean your bird(s)
- A cane if you are showing a turkey, if you desire to use one.

For market birds, you must also bring two 4x6 copies of a picture of you with your bird. You should be dressed nicely (think show attire), your bird should be clean, and the picture should be up close. The back of every copy **MUST** be labeled with your name and what type of bird it is (roaster, broiler, cornish, hen turkey, tom turkey, pekin, etc.). You will need a set of pictures for each type of market bird, or pen, you are bringing. Please note - if your entry is a pen of three, you don't need all three birds in the picture.

Please contact Cherie Gilfillan if you have any questions [cheriegilfillan@gmail.com](mailto:cheriegilfillan@gmail.com)





## Join in the fun!

**What:** Cornhole Tournament

**When:** Wednesday August 7, 4p-7p

**Where:** Grass Arena near 4-H Food Booth

**Who:** Everyone that wants to play!



Please use the signup genius to sign up for the cornhole tournament no later than Monday August 6th to allow time for set up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CAAAD2FA7FA7-50375568-cornhole>

There will be additional games and activities set up throughout the area for all to enjoy!

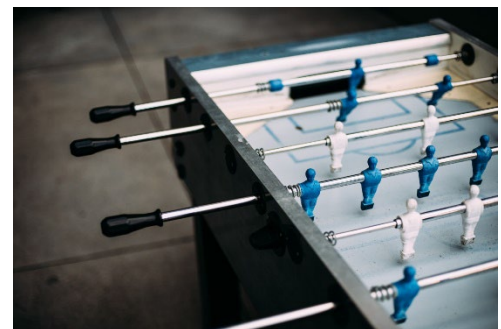
**Foosball table** - Available throughout the week (foosball will need to be checked out from the info booth/still exhibit barn)

**2 Pickleball nets** - Available throughout the week - in front of grandstand - (Paddles and ball will need to be checked out from the info booth/still exhibit barn)

**Gaga Pit** - Available Wednesday during the cornhole tournament and Friday evening during the dance - Volunteers to monitor during play time would be appreciated (please see JuLea Stolsky or Jessica Kaercher)

**Cornhole boards** - Tournament Wednesday and will also be available Friday evening during the dance - Volunteers to monitor during play time would be appreciated (please see JuLea Stolsky or Jessica Kaercher)

## Hope to see you there!





## Goat Project Updates



Are you ready for fair?

Please review your goat project guidelines here: [Goat project guidelines](#)

Some highlights:

- You must attend at least 2 meetings to show at the fair in August.
  - The all-species meeting DOES count as one of those meetings if you attended.
  - YQCA does NOT count as a project meeting
  - The mandatory livestock meeting before fair does NOT count as a project meeting
- ALL goats coming to the fairgrounds, whether being shown or not, must be identified and have had the required pictures turned in with the registration form by 6/1/24.
- Goats that were not identified by the deadline are not eligible for exhibiting at fair and will not be allowed to be unloaded at the fairgrounds.

Forms, pictures, and any questions may be e-mailed to Crystal Sattler at [knsattler@att.net](mailto:knsattler@att.net) or texted to 269-492-8750.

Remember:

Animals may not be shown in more than one 4-H sanctioned fair in a calendar year. But! MLE or other showcases not affiliated with MSU Extension 4-H are acceptable.

### 4-H Mall and Barn Clean-up

Each Kalamazoo County 4-H youth member that participates in the 4-H mall and barn clean-up day on Saturday, July 27 will receive a coupon good for 1 elephant ear (or up to \$10.00 towards another food item) at the Fair's food vendors. Coupons can only be redeemed on Saturday, August 10 and cannot be used at the 4-H Food Booth.

**In order to receive the coupon, each 4-H youth member must sign and out the attendance sheet provided by 4-H on clean-up day with both arrival and departure times and be there for a minimum of 2 hours. Sign up sheet will be with Veronica under the overhang at the livestock arena.**

**Youth will also be able to pick up the tags to attach to their still projects.**





## Welcome to the Swine Project!

It's almost fair time! We are excited to see you and your pigs very soon. Here are some last minute reminders for the swine project:



### To Do Before Fair:

- Personally invite buyers to the auction – Friday, Aug 9!
- Practice, practice, practice showing
- Swine record book / educational notebook – due Saturday, Aug 3
- Need 4x6 pictures for auction (clean animal & 4-Her) – due 9:00 am Thurs, Aug 8!

### Important Dates:

Thursday, Aug. 1 – 6:00 pm – Mandatory Meeting starts (7:15 pm swine meeting)

Saturday, Aug. 3 – 9:00 am-noon – still project judging (swine notebook required)

Monday, Aug. 5 – 9:00 am-noon – swine weigh-in & vet check

Tuesday, Aug. 6 – 9:00 am – Swine Show

Friday, Aug. 9 – 1:00 pm – Livestock Auction (Buyer's lunch - noon-1 pm)

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you, Pam Acker (cell – 517-930-1297) and TJ Gibson (cell – 269-903-9991)



## Miniature Horses are Back!

This year we have the opportunity to welcome *miniature horses* back to the Kalamazoo County Fair!

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The minis will follow the same safety guidelines as the light horse projects.

We will offer monthly meetings focused on miniature horses.

Classes offered this year will include:

- showmanship,
- in hand trail,
- in hand jumping and
- costume class.



These will be on **Thursday** of the Fair, **August 8th** from 1-4 pm.

Classes are open to Cloverbud-Seniors!

If you are interested in showing a mini at the fair, please contact Julie Sheppard at [jsheppard@shps.org](mailto:jsheppard@shps.org).

The classes to sign up for are part of Fair Entry.

The mini registration link is: <https://forms.gle/hw5jC3SAoF67sUUZ7>

Minis will enter along with light horses for vet checks, with Coggins due on or before that time.

Look for our new Facebook page for additional information.

Educational projects are posters of choice.





# Dairy and Dairy Feeder/Beef Project

Dairy-Happy Summer- meetings will be held- watch the **Dairy Club Page** on FaceBook for more details. **The dairy show will be held Friday, August 2 at 7pm at Vlietstra Dairy Farm.**

## **Beef/Feeder Calf Info**

YQCA is needed by fair for all members that are selling livestock at the fair.

Please send Veronica your certificate.

Only option at this time is to obtain the certificate by doing an online class-

here is the link: <https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php>



## **Important dates for fair:**

We will be decorating the barn in a Red/ White/ Blue theme this year- (check out Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's for post 4th of July good deals!)

- **August 1-** Pre- Fair Mandatory Meeting: Beef: Meet at the Beef/Feeder calf barn at 6:15pm.  
Feeder Calves: Meet at the Beef/Feeder calf barn at 7pm  
**Don't forget to sign in- if you cannot come, you must make arrangements with Veronica at 4-H office@ (269)383-8830.**
- **August 3** - Still Exhibit check in: Bring your required educational exhibit to the fairgrounds to be judged. Here is the link for the required record book - choose the record book for your 4-H age: Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Books [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_market\\_animal\\_record\\_book](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_market_animal_record_book)  
It is considered the minimum- be creative! There must be an educational element (show something going on in the beef industry, talk about feed products, illness/ treatment that your beef steer could experience, etc.) A profit and loss statement must be filled out and included in your educational exhibit for your calf to be sold in the auction.
- **August 5-** Calf check in/ Weigh in/ Showmanship clinic: You can check in your steers/calves into the Beef/Feeder Calf barn Monday, August 5- time: TBD- Kyle, Greg or Sara must look at your calf before the calf comes off of the trailer. Feeder calf weigh in will take place after the beef are weighed in.
- We will have a showmanship clinic- **time TBD**
- **August 7-** Show day Feeder Calf show will be held at 2 pm; Beef show will be held at 4 pm
- **August 8** - Pizza party 6 pm; Set up for Auction 6:45pm
- **August 9-** Auction 10 am  
For your calf to be eligible to go through the auction:
  - ✓ You must have submitted a picture via Facebook/email/ mail to Kyle, Sara or Greg by earlier in the year (per project requirements),
  - ✓ A picture of a clean calf/clean 4H member must be given to either Kyle, Sara or Greg on Tuesday of fair (to be given to your buyer), and
  - ✓ You must have a profit and loss statement filled out per Project Record Book Requirements.
  - ✓ Dairy Feeder Calves must have weigh at least 366.5 lbs on Monday August 5 to go through auction.
- **August 10-** @ Noon THANK YOU NOTES DUE

Please contact Kyle for Beef related questions and Greg or Sara if you have Feeder Calf questions!



# The Dog Program

wanted to shout out a huge thank you to all the wonderful people and companies who donated their time and resources to help make our program such a wonderful success!



Graciously donated brushes, bowls, treats, lint rollers, and more for 2024 gift bags!



Graciously donated 4 64oz insulated engraved water bowls for 2024 awards!

Thank you to our wonderful judges who donated their time and expertise. Without you we could not put on such a wonderful show!



Graciously donated Ribbon Tabs for 2024 High Point awards!



Graciously donated an elevated food stand w/ bowls, 3 giant bags of treats, a treat container, and a \$25 gift card!



Graciously donated 20 toys for 2024 awards!



Graciously donated \$25 for 2024 awards or equipment!



Graciously donated leashes, collars, and toys for 2024 awards!



The Richland club had a fun meeting with a wearable art project. Each child was encouraged to use three embellishment techniques to decorate an apron. We would love you to join us in the Richland 4H club!

# Great Job Everyone!





# Sewing workshop



Come make a Pillowcase!

Presented by Wendy Prater  
who teaches sewing with the Gull Lake schools

Aug. 18th

3-5 pm

Cost is \$10 and includes materials and machine provided,

rsvp to [myrichland4h@gmail.com](mailto:myrichland4h@gmail.com)

by Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> as the max attendance is 7!

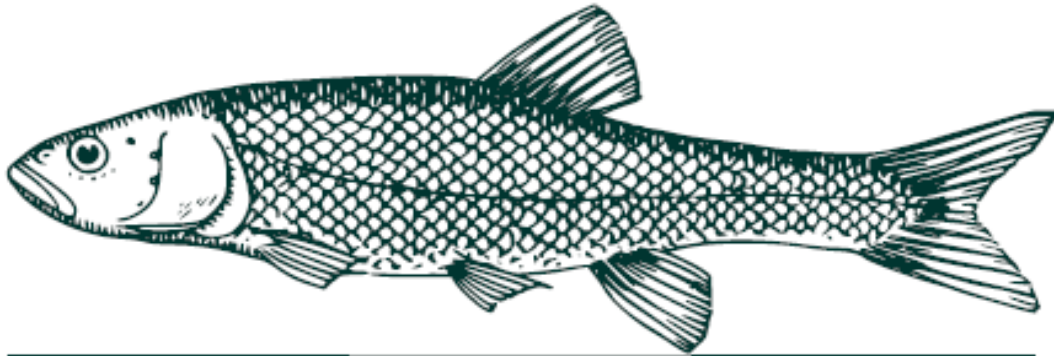
We will meet at:  
Richland Presbyterian Church  
8047 Church St, Richland, MI 49083





# Anglers in training

ESTD  
2024



LOCATION: COMSTOCK LIBRARY: 6130 KING HWY, KALAMAZOO, MI 49048

## DATES AND TIME

9/10 6:00PM-7:30PM

9/12 6:00PM-7:30PM

9/17 6:00PM-7:30PM

9/19 6:00PM-7:30PM

9/24 6:00PM-7:30PM

9/26 6:00PM-7:30PM

**THIS IS A ENTRY LEVEL CLASS  
LEARN THE DIFFERENT FISHING TECHNIQUES,  
HOW TO TIE FISHING KNOTS,  
HOW TO IDENTIFY FISH AND MORE!**

signing up at  
<https://forms.gle/WQKRBZqfzMDyY6qs7>



Contact us at  
[lawre353@msu.edu](mailto:lawre353@msu.edu)  
or  
(269) 383 8878



## Michigan 4-H

is looking for feedback from youth ages 13-18 regarding their experience in 4-H.



You will be receiving a survey and information in your email through **4-H Online**. Please take some time to help us improve Michigan 4-H and our county programs by completing the survey.

The survey can be accessed here:

[https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aYsiWmYMmnZtAGi](https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aYsiWmYMmnZtAGi)

or from the email you will receive.

For any questions, please contact Kathy Fischer at [fisch226@msu.edu](mailto:fisch226@msu.edu).







## 2024 4-H International Exchange Host Family Applications Open!

**What:** 2024 Inbound Host Family Applications have opened!

**Increase:** Due to the popularity of this exchange here in Michigan we have been approved to increase from only 13 participants this past year to 20 in 2024

**When:** Arrival (tentative) in Grand Rapids from July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**How:** A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and has a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age of incoming delegate), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

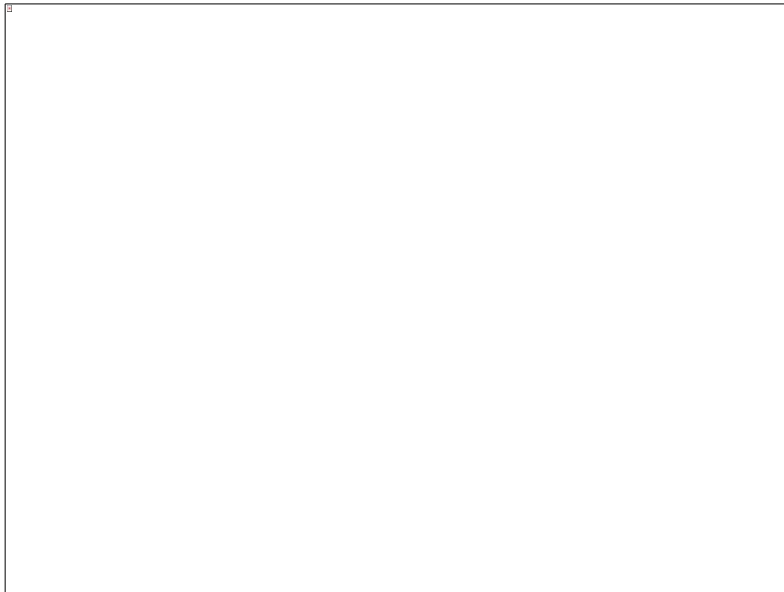
**Applications to host:** found at [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

**Questions:** contact Jan Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or Co-Coordinator John Wurm [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).

**Other Resources:**

- 1) [Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 2) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 3) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs website](#) or email: [exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org)

**Thank you very much to all our families who annually open their homes to create 4-H international experiences across the globe.**





## Did you know that we have project leaders for the following projects?

- **Welding** – Dave Rutten
- **Archery** -Mike George
- **Food dehydration & food preservation** – Eileen Rutten
- **Photography** – Kim Berggren & Kristin Biehl
- **Maple syrup production** – Greg Baker
- **International studies (Japanese, French, German, Chinese)** – Justin Fragala
- **Fishing** – Kevin Thomason
- **Flower gardening/landscaping** – Landon Gilfillan, MSU Extension floriculture and greenhouse educator– Jeremy Jubenville
- **Crocheting** – Danielle Riemersma



If you are interested in any of these projects, please reach out to the 4-H staff. Volunteers need to have at least 2 youth presents to teach a session. When we have enough youth interested in participating in programs, we will share the contact information so the volunteers can set up some classes.

We are looking for gold level volunteers to either lead county wide projects or help with activities. If you are not a current gold level volunteer, you can start the process by completing the application at [Become a 4-H Volunteer \(msu.edu\)](https://msu.edu/become-a-4-h-volunteer)

- **Cloverbud specific programs** (this could be gold level volunteers or teens with a volunteer or staff person)
- **Cake decorating**
- **Sewing**
- **Candy making**
- **First Aid and CPR certification** (this needs to be someone who can teach and offer the certification)
- **Shooting sports** (other than archery and needs to go through MSU Extensions certification)
- **Vet Science**
- **Wood working**
- **Cooking** (specifically at an after school program at Gull Lake Middle School)



If you have questions, please reach out to Veronica or Sam.



## Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct



The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Michigan 4-H program.

All 4-H youth participants must conduct themselves according to the following standards that apply to all Michigan 4-H programs, including virtual programs, and interactions such as social media and internet engagement:

- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H activities and programs with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- 3. Obey the Law.** Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and Michigan State University and Extension policies and guidelines. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco products, which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems. Do not attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. This includes dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or similar items.
- 4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others'.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with whom you interact as part of Michigan 4-H.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Be kind and compassionate toward others. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile behaviors, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual abuse. Abstain from sexual behavior and intimate physical/sexual contact in either public or private situations at an MSU Extension youth 4-H activity or event.
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge such as volunteers and staff. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
- 7. Humane Treatment of Animals.** Treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.
- 8. Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.

**Have fun!**



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

**Are you a current or former 4-H'er?**

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

**Sept. 4**

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension \* 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the seventh annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 4.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception).

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

### August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

Come celebrate the end of summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day)

### August 13: 2024 Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

*Paddles & Petals, Bellaire*

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Registration deadline is August 9.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h-session-2](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h-session-2)

### August 16-18: 2024 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show-2024)

### August 18: Bee Palooza

*Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing*

Michigan State University is hosting a Bee Palooza event on campus for everyone who is interested in bees to attend!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza)

### August 22: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

*Online*

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will run each Thursday from August 22 – September 19 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20\(COPY\\_1719621752959\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20(COPY_1719621752959))

### September 21: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

*Molecular Plant Sciences Building, East Lansing*

Join us for an afternoon reception as we recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## 2024 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 19. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 35 4-H members from 21 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 15 of the 21 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2024 awards are:



**Achievement:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County

**Beef Science:** Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior)

**Birds & Poultry Science:** Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior) and Emily Seifert of Oakland County (senior)

**Civic Engagement and Service:** Elliana Specht of Saginaw County (junior)

**Companion Animal Science:** John Jinks of Monroe County (junior) and Bryant Janetzke of Kent County (senior)

**Environmental Science:** Amelia Long of Washtenaw County (junior) and Gianna Coppola of Livingston County (senior)

**Goat Science:** Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Makayla Dopkowski of Cass County (senior)

**Leadership:** Daisy Branham of Monroe County (junior) and William Rogers of Washtenaw County (senior)

**Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior) and Caitlyn Janicek of Shiawassee County (senior)

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior)

**Sheep Science:** Clara Heath of Hillsdale County (senior)

**Shooting Sports:** Taliesan Cox of Luce County (senior)

**Swine Science:** Katelyn Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior)

**Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

## Become a 4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps member!

Join 4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

Members will: serve full-time, October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025, and be paid \$18,700. Members also receive a \$7,395 education award, free health coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan forbearance. Apply at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/emp/employers/75110>.

