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4-H Family News

Livingston County



Cloverbud Spring Break Camp March 25-27th

We are excited to announce the Livingston County 4-H Cloverbud Spring Break Day Camp is back! The Camp will take place at the Livingston Educational Service Agency from March 25th – 27th from 9 am – 3 pm. This day camp will be STEAM focused for ages 5-7 years old with educational, hands-on activities. Families can select to attend 1, 2, or 3 days of the camp. Cost is \$10 a day and snacks are provided.

Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/livcocloverbudcamp2025/>

This camp is open to families already enrolled in 4-H and non-4-H families who enroll before the first day of camp!



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Horse Committee Meeting

March 11th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Council Meeting

March 18th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Cloverbud Spring Break Camp

March 25-27th at LESA

Pasta-Bilities Workshop

April 3rd at 6:00 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Livestock Hands On Workshop

April 8th at 7 pm at Labadie Farm

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Join us for the Livestock Hands-On Workshop on April 8th



Do you know a 4-H'er looking to add a new livestock species to your 2024-2025 4-H project list, or looking to brush up on your livestock husbandry knowledge? Join us for the last session in our free Livestock Husbandry Workshop Series!

This final session on April 8th at 5497 Emmons Rd Fowlerville, MI 48836 will include livestock other than swine.

To help us prepare for refreshments, space, and door prizes, please RSVP at: <http://bit.ly/3TdBNYz>

Questions? Reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu or 517-552-6903.

Join us on April 3rd for Pasta-Bilities Cooking Class

Join 4-H Program Instructor Jenny Speyer and Community Nutrition Instructor Shelley Frazier, will be hosting 4-H Cooking Workshops this April 3rd from 6:00-7:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office. At this workshop, we will be exploring how to cook and make pasta!

These workshops are designed for ages 8-12 years old but 12-19 can also participate. Please make sure to sign up for each youth separately on the registration as we are capped at 12 youth per session. We will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions and food allergies.

There are limited spots for this class, so please sign up now: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8iUjtBZhwGrp7Om



4-H Cloverbud Spring Break Camp Teen Helpers Needed



We are looking for 4-H teens 13-19 years old interested in helping out at the 4-H Cloverbud Spring Break Camp at Livingston Educational Service Agency on Tuesday-Thursday, March 25-27th. Teens will help cloverbuds with fun hands-on activities during the program. They also have the opportunity to lead their own games or activities. Teens do not need to be available all of the days, but must be able to commit to at least half a day of assisting. There will be a hybrid meeting to go over the schedule and what teens will be helping with.

If you have a teen who wants to attend, please sign them up for the times they would be available on the sign up genius below. Teens do not need to have prior 4-H experience to attend and 4-H'ers are welcome to bring a friend as long as they are signed up in 4-H Online before the program.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A5AF2AA3F8C16-55476301-livingston>



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Save the Date for Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show: Saturday July 12th



Save the date now for Saturday, July 12th for Leaders' Day, sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee. Leaders' Day will be held at Cohoctah Park, 1000 Allen Rd, Howell, MI 48855. Gates open at 7 am and the Show starts at 8 am. Cash or check only, no refunds. 4-H rules apply and negative Coggins with 12 month required for each horse.

Questions? Contact Lynn Perry, 517-376-1164. More information is available on [the flyer](#).

Night Run Series: June 4th, 11th, 25th, and July 9th at Fowlerville Fairgrounds

Save the date for the Night Run Series this summer! Sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee, the series will be held at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds at 8800 West Grand River Ave, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Gates open at 5 pm, entries close at 5:55 pm and the show starts at 6 pm. Cash and check only, no refunds. 4-H rules apply and you must show at least three dates to be eligible for the series prizes of (1st) belt buckle, (2nd) lawn chair, and (3rd) to be determined. Negative Coggins within 365 days of August 31st, 2025 required for each horse.



Questions? Contact Lynn Perry, 517-376-1164. More information is available on [the flyer](#).

4-H Online Re-enrollment Reminder & May 1st Deadline for Fowlerville YS



Don't forget that you need to re-enroll youth and 4-H volunteers each year in 4-H Online. Now sure if you re-enrolled? Visit [4-H Online](#) and log into your account. Forgot your password? Use the forgot my password link at the bottom to make a new password. For most 4-H programs, youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H online to attend.

Youth must also be enrolled in 4-H or the Junior Ag Society by May 1st to participate in the Fowlerville Youth Show. We also want to remind families that any questions about the Fowlerville Youth Show (registration, rules questions, etc.) need to go to the Fowlerville Family Fair Staff at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com or (517) 223-8186.

Do not miss out and check your enrollment in 4-H Online today.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs You!



Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program needs more volunteers. Our program assists children with special needs through therapeutic horseback riding. There are many volunteer opportunities available for adults and youth. Some tasks include:

- Grooming horses
- Tacking horses
- Helping children get ready to ride
- Support riders during lessons

We also show at the Fowlerville fairgrounds!

Are you creative? Are you a social media wizard? In addition to regular volunteers, we are now seeking a Social Media Coordinator volunteer position.

Do you have a passion for both horses and teaching? We are also looking to add an additional paid instructor to our program.

Contact us at the email below for information on any of the opportunities above and more!
Email grandequestrians@gmail.com to sign up or for further information!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Don't Miss Out On 4-H Exploration Days: Registration on March 20th



EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS THROUGH 4-H
MICHIGAN 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

Do you know a 12-19 year old interested in experiencing college life? Join us for 4-H Exploration Days from June 18-20th at MSU. This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime. Youth stay in the dorms and eat in the cafeteria while attending various sessions and engaging in exciting free time activities. This year there will also be career tracks where youth get to pick sessions related to career areas.

Registration opens on March 20th at 7 pm and popular sessions fill up quickly. If you plan to attend, we recommend being ready to register when it opens and having a list of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for each session in case they are already full.

4-H Council has funds for scholarships, so youth interested in a scholarship for this event can contact Jenny or Kat. If you are interested in attending, check out the [session descriptions](#) and learn more on the website: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

4-H Exploration Days Chaperone Needed

4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime.

Last year, Livingston County had almost a dozen youth attend but we do not have a male chaperone for this event. We are looking for adults ages 21+ years old who are already 4-H volunteers or willing to become a 4-H Volunteer to attend.

There will be no cost to attend but volunteers will need to arrive on campus on the morning of June 18th and stay until the afternoon of the 20th. Chaperones are responsible for supervising youth and helping with other assigned tasks at the event. All meals are provided and there is usually some free Dairy Store Ice Cream!

If you are interested, please contact Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu





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

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

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

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

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
- **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

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





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.



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 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.





March 4-H Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1  MSRBA  Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion
2 MSRBA  Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion	3	4	5	6	7	8 4-H Spark & Share in Frankenmuth
9	10	11 7pm - Horse Committee Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 7pm - Council Meeting	19	20 HELLO SPRING Exploration Days Registration	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 	Cloverbud Camp				
Have a club event you want to highlight? Send it to Kat and we will try our best to add it here!						



April 4-H Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3  6pm - Pastabilities cooking class!	4	5
6	7	8  7pm - Hands on livestock workshop	9	10	11	12
13	14	15  7pm - Horse committee meeting	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22 	23	24  6:30pm - Meet the superintendents night	25	26
Kat out of office						
27	28	29	30 11:59pm - 4-H online enrollment deadline!!  			

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