



# 4-H Family News

MACOMB COUNTY

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## Macomb County 4-H News & Events

### Make your cooking skills sizzle with MSUE's Cooking Basics

Are you ready to level up your kitchen game and impress your friends with some awesome cooking skills? Whether you're new to the kitchen or just looking to pick up some cool tips, MSU Extension's Adulting 101: Cooking Basics is the perfect opportunity for you!

Date: July 10, 2024  
Time: 4-5 p.m.  
Location: Online and interactive



In this fun and engaging session, you'll:

- Learn the language of cooking
- Master the art of reading recipes
- Discover how to be creatively resourceful in the kitchen

Don't miss out on this chance to boost your culinary confidence and have a blast while doing it! Sign up now and let's get cooking! Register [here](#).

### Macomb County 4-H Shavings Sale Pre-Orders for Fair Week

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council will be taking pre-orders again this year. Bags will be \$7 each during pre-order. They are the 9.75 cubic feet expanded pine flake just like last year. They will be available starting on move-in Sunday, and then throughout the week or until supplies run out. If you pre-order, you will have your bags available the entire week, even if we run out. Prices will increase fair week for those bags not pre-ordered. Please watch your email for a link soon.

### 4-H Coffee Cart, Shaving Sales, & Still Exhibit Barn sign-up information

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council is hosting its annual fundraisers at the Armada Fair. All 4-H clubs participating in the Armada Fair are expected to volunteer for a coffee cart/shaving sales shift, as well as a Still Exhibit Barn shift. Clubs will earn \$50 per shift worked. Individual 4-H members and volunteers who would like to volunteer for extra shifts may sign up to do so after their club has signed up. 4-H members who work extra shifts will earn educational dollars to be used for 4-H events such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H National Congress, 4-H statewide shows, etc.

To sign up for shifts, visit <https://tinyurl.com/6r8n5hny> and add your club name, club main contact name, phone number, and email address in the time slots you would like to sign up for. If you are signing up as an individual, please include your name and contact information and be sure that your club has already signed up for a slot. Each shift should have at least two adults and three youth working. If you have any questions, please reach out to Macomb County 4-H Youth Council adult advisors [Cindy Bohm](#) and [Elizabeth Moreno](#).

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## Macomb County 4-H News & Events (continued)

### Thank you, volunteers!

Special thanks to 4-H volunteers Danielle Accuso, JoEllen Burton, Leanne Stallmann and Kim Vestrand for serving as chaperones at the 2024 Exploration Days event at Michigan State University from June 19-21!

### Farmers Market volunteers needed

MSU Extension has been given a table at the Farmer's Market at the John F. Kennedy Knights of Columbus, 3320 Kelly Road, Clinton Township. Upcoming market days are July 13, August 10 and September 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. If you or your club are interested in using the table to promote 4-H, talk about your projects, run an activity, sell your 4-H club's products or fundraise for your club, contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator [Lizz Duran](#) at 586-469-6090 or Office Manager [Carolyn Doak](#) at 586-469-5816.



## Other Local News & Events

### Don't miss the latest MSUE Macomb Program Guide

MSU Extension has much in store for Macomb County residents during the month of July. Check out the newest [guide to MSU Extension programming in Macomb County](#). Subscribe [here](#) to receive the guide monthly.

### Armada Fair News

Below are important Armada Fair dates and information. Visit <https://www.armadafair.org> or call the Armada Fair Office at 586-784-5488 for the most updated details.

- **Fair Date:** The Armada Fair is August 12-18, 2024.
- **Poultry and Rabbit Tagging:** Poultry and Rabbit Tagging is **July 21st** from **10 a.m.-12 p.m.** at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada. For more contact the Armada Fair Office at 586-784-5488 or [office@armadafair.org](mailto:office@armadafair.org).

## Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

### Michigan 4-H Horse Show registration is now open

Registration is now open for the 2024 Michigan 4-H Horse Show. Youth will be able to register, select classes, order t-shirts and camping, and pay online. The show is August 16-18 at the Michigan State University Pavilion in East Lansing.

The County Information Packet, Delegate Information Packet and [Online Registration Instructions](#) are available [online](#). Youth who were selected as delegates or alternates will need to review the [Delegate Information Packet](#) and Online Registration Packet and register by **July 15<sup>th</sup>**. If registering as an alternate, select the check payment option and write "alternate" on Fair Entry.

Credit card payments are preferred. If paying by check, please send it to State 4-H Horse Show, 474 S. Shaw Lane, Anthony Hall 1287J, East Lansing, MI 48824. Checks must be received by July 15<sup>th</sup> for registration to be approved. Late checks or no checks will result in cancellation of registration.

For more information, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information) or contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Rebecca Konarski at [konars13@msu.edu](mailto:konars13@msu.edu) or 586-783-8163.





## Statewide & National 4-H News & Events (continued)

### Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!

Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit [www.joann.com/4-h](http://www.joann.com/4-h) to learn more and enroll.



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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 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 \$10,000 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 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.



In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at [www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/).

### Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity\\_tips\\_for\\_animals\\_that\\_went\\_to\\_the\\_county\\_fair](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair).

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- ◆ Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals as possible.
- ◆ Disinfect buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- ◆ Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- ◆ Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- ◆ Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- ◆ Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- ◆ Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as obvious pain or discomfort, decrease in appetite or water intake, fever, lethargy, diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure, discharge from nasal cavity or eyes, or overall weakness.



Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.



## Calendars of Events

### Macomb County 4-H Events

**July 4**  
Macomb County offices closed

**July 16**  
[Adulting 101: Cooking Basics](#)  
4 p.m., online

**August 12**  
[Adulting 101: Summer Berries - Jam & Jelly](#)  
4 p.m., online

**September 16**  
[Adulting 101: Changing the World with Your One Vote](#)  
5 p.m., online

**October 16**  
[Adulting 101: Paying for Post-Secondary Education](#)  
5 p.m., online

**November 19**  
[Adulting 101: Cracking the Code to College](#)  
5 p.m., online

### Other Local Events

**July 26**  
[Discover 4-H](#)  
*Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield*  
A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

**July 21**  
[Armada Fair Poultry & Rabbit Tagging](#)  
10 a.m.-Noon, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

**August 12-18**  
[Armada Fair](#)  
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

**September 9-15**  
[St. Clair Kennel Club Dog Show](#)  
Goodells County Park, Goodells

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### Statewide & National 4-H Events

**July 9-10**  
[Saginaw Bay Fish Camp](#)  
*Bay City State Park, Bay City*  
All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

**July 15-August 12**  
[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 meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30-9 p.m.

**July 15-19**  
[2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days](#)  
*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*  
Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU 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 Lake State.

**July 18**  
[Water Day at the Children's Gardens](#)  
*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*  
Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

**July 20-21**  
[JOANN 4-H Days](#)  
JOANN stores, nationwide

**July 25**  
[Bug Day at the Children's Gardens](#)  
*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*  
We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

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**August 10**  
[Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase](#) entry deadline