



4-H Family News

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Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Fall 4-H Leader Update – October 1

Macomb County 4-H club leaders are invited to the Macomb County Fall 4-H Club Leader Update on October 1, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the VerKuijen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, MSU Extension Assembly Rooms A & B, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

We are looking forward to connecting, sharing success stories, and discussing important changes for the 2025 4-H program year. Club leaders, please extend the invitation to any project leaders within your club who you would like to attend. Soup and salad will be served. Please [R.S.V.P. online](#), email macomb.4h@macombgov.org, or call 586-469-6431.

For more information, contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at duraneli@msu.edu or 586-469-6090.

2023-2024 year-end information

Required year-end Annual Financial Summary Report: Returning club and committee leaders, don't forget to turn in your group's [Annual Financial Summary Report](#) for the previous program year (Sept. 1, 2023-Aug. 31, 2024). This form is required annually from each 4-H club and committee. Please note that electronic signatures are **not** accepted on this form. Completed forms and January-July 2024 bank statements should be mailed to Macomb County MSU Extension, Attn: 4-H, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036; emailed to Macomb.4h@macombgov.org, or brought with you to the Macomb County Fall 4-H Leader Update on October 1st.

2025 CLUB enrollment/re-enrollment

Club enrollment/re-enrollment for the 2025 program year officially began on September 1, 2024. Administrative club leaders, please either 1) mail your club's enrollment materials to Macomb County MSU Extension, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036, 2) email them to Macomb.4h@macombgov.org, or 3) bring them with you to the Fall 2024 Macomb County 4-H Leader Update on October 1st. Because your club will not be activated in 4-H Online until required information is received, it's very important that you submit your club's 2024 AFSR and required 2025 club forms so that your club members and leaders can enroll/re-enroll in 4-H Online.

New clubs only:

- [Request for Official Approval to Establish a Michigan 4-H Youth Group](#)
- [4-H Group Tax Exemption Authorization & Request for a Charter](#)
- [4-H Club Constitution](#)

Returning Clubs only:

- [Annual Financial Summary Report for 2023-2024](#)

All clubs (new & returning):

- [Club Information Sheet](#)
- [Civil Rights Compliance Statement](#)
- [Club Bylaws or Club Rules \(use \[Bylaws Guidelines\]\(#\), \[Bylaws Worksheet\]\(#\), and \[Bylaws Worksheet for Cloverbud Groups\]\(#\) as guides\)](#)
- [Club Officer Information Sheet](#)

Apply for Macomb County 4-H Awards by Sept. 30

Apply or nominate a deserving 4-H member or volunteer for their efforts during the 2023-2024 4-H program year (Sept. 1, 2023-Aug. 31, 2024)! To apply, visit [here](#) and select the award that you want to apply or nominate someone for. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30.

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MSU Extension has two office locations in Macomb County:

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4-H MEMBER enrollment/re-enrollment

Youth members who are ages 5-19 as of 1/1/2025 enroll/re-enroll through [4-H Online](#). Helpful step-by-step instructions are available in the [4-H Online Family Guide](#).

Youth may enroll in 4-H at any time during the 4-H program year (Sept. 1-Aug. 31), however:

- Returning 4-H members who are planning to show 4-H projects at the 2025 [Armada Fair](#) need to be enrolled in 4-H Online no later than **Nov. 1, 2024**.
- New 4-H youth members who are planning to show 4-H projects at the 2025 Armada Fair need to be enrolled in 4-H Online no later than **April 1, 2025**.



Flour Tortilla Making 101

Attend Flour Tortilla Making 101 to learn the history of flour tortillas and how to make them from scratch at 6 p.m. on October 8, 2024 at MSU Extension, 21885 Dunham Road, Assembly Rooms A and B, Clinton Township. [Register](#) for this FREE event by Oct. 7th. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at 586-469-6090 or duraneli@msu.edu.

Explore 4-H with Thompson 4-H Club



Join the club! Thompson 4-H Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Max Thompson Family Resource Center, 11370 Hupp Avenue, Warren. In this FREE program brought to you by Michigan State University Extension, participants ages 5-19 will explore a variety of projects including gardening, arts, crafts, cooking and more.

To register, enroll in 4-H Online with SPIN Club Thompson 4-H Garden Club at <https://v2.4honline.com>. New members, create a new record and add the club to your enrollment request. Existing members, add the club to your existing 4-H Online record as a shared club. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at 586-469-6090 or duraneli@msu.edu.

Macomb County 4-H Horse Project Recognition Banquet – Nov. 10

The [Macomb County 4-H Horse Project Recognition Banquet](#) is Sunday, November 10, 2024 at Zucarro's Banquets & Catering 46601 N. Gratiot, Chesterfield Township. Doors open at 1 p.m. with dinner at 1:30 p.m. The cost for adults and youth ages 5-19 is \$25.00. Children ages 4 and under are FREE.

Attendees:

- Please give names of attendees and payment to your leader by October 20th
- Make checks payable to your leader or use their preferred method of payment.
- Late orders received October 21-28 will be charged an additional \$5.00 per attendee.
- No tickets will be sold after October 28

Leaders:

- Please keep track of payments received from your members.
- Please submit the number of attendees along with a list of names from your club and collect payment from your members using your preferred method.
- Write one check made payable to MCHPC. (No Venmo, PayPal, etc.).
- Please note if any of your attendees are children 4 & under.
- Send to Crystal Pollock by OCTOBER 28th 68822 Romeo Plank, Ray Twp., 48096 ~ (810) 397-5240 ~ cmpollock@comcast.net

Please note that all attendees must be paid for in advance.

Submitted by Macomb County 4-H Volunteer Michelle Short

4-H Club Officer Training

4-H teen leaders, officers, and those aspiring to hold officer positions are invited to join MSU Extension for [Club Officer Training](#) on November 16th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Training is designed for youth ages 11 and up, but appropriate for youth and adult volunteers of all ages.

This interactive training led by 4-H Educator Darren Bagley will cover topics including officer roles, parliamentary procedure, and best practices around club finances, fundraisers, and budgeting.

For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at duraneli@msu.edu or 586-846-1249.



Other Local News & Events

Armada Fair Barn 15 office extension

There's a new extension on the Barn 15 office at the Armada Fairgrounds. Special thanks to Langtry Construction for donating the lumber and labor, Classic Heating & Cooling for donating the air conditioning, and Noah DeLange for the electrical work.

*Submitted by Kathe Nelson, Secretary
Armada Fair Livestock Sale Committee*



Thank you to all who showed up to support 4-H youth by purchasing 4-H livestock projects at the 2024 Armada Fair Youth Livestock Sale!

Armada Fair exhibitor check pick-up is September 23

Exhibitor check pick-up is at the Grange Hall at the Armada Fair Grounds on Sept. 23, 2024 at 7 p.m.

If you don't know who your buyer is, refer to the [2024 Buyer's List](#) on the [Armada Fair Livestock Sale](#) web page.

Please bring your thank you for your buyer in order to receive your check. You don't need to put a stamp on it.

Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Adulting 101

Don't miss MSU Extension's [Adulting 101 sessions](#) for October and November. They're online, and they're FREE! Attend [The Ins and Outs of Paying for Post-Secondary Education](#) on October 9, 2024 at 5 p.m. to learn about student loans, facing the FAFSA and tuition-free options. On November 19, 2024 at 5 p.m., explore the admission and application process and get tips on writing your essay with [Cracking the Code to College](#). Find more information and [register here](#). Did you miss a session? Watch recorded Adulting 101 videos [here](#).

Assistance Animals in Action 4-H SPIN Club



Have you ever wondered what the difference is between service dogs, therapy animals, and emotional support animals? During the NEW Assistance Animals in Action six-week virtual SPIN club, we will take a deep dive into all things assistance animals. Learn more about how animals, especially dogs, can "lend a paw" to help people! Throughout this program, you'll learn about the human-animal bond and the work of three types of assistance animals. Find out how they are trained, the amazing things they do, and the best ways to interact with these incredible animals. Find the full details, including a link to register, [here](#).

Be Your Own Boss – October 5

Join MSU Extension for "Be your Own Boss," a dynamic youth entrepreneurship program to be held on October 5, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe in Roseville. Designed specifically for teens, this day camp empowers young minds to explore the exciting world of entrepreneurship.

Through interactive activities and inspiring talks by successful entrepreneurs, participants will learn essential skills, from idea generation to business planning and marketing strategies.

Don't miss this opportunity to unleash your creativity and ignite your passion! [Register now](#) to secure your spot and click on youth and teen enrichment button.

4-H License Plate

Michigan 4-H License Plate legislation was signed into law by Gov. Whitmer on August 15th.

The legislation was co-sponsored by State Reps. [Matthew Bierlein](#) (R-Vassar) and [Reggie Miller](#) (D-Van Buren Township).

A portion of the sale price of the plates will go to the [Michigan 4-H Foundation](#).

Watch for the plates to become available!



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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](#) have been updated for 2024; they include 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.



National 4-H Week: October 6-12

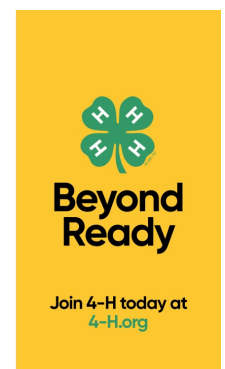
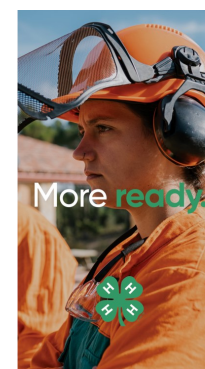
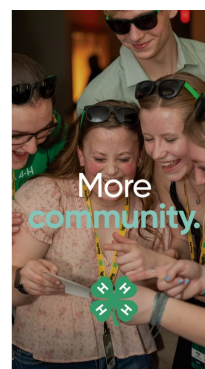
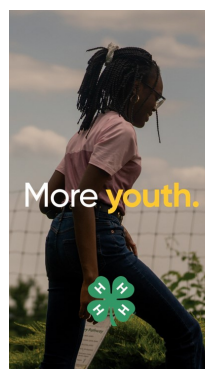
For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in 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 [here](#).
- **Give Back** — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by [making a donation](#) that can help support your county 4-H program.



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





Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Michigan 4-H Fall 2024 Volunteer Webinar Series

Calling All Volunteers! Join us for the **Michigan 4-H Fall 2024 Volunteer Webinar Series!** Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just getting started, these webinars are packed with valuable insights to help you make the most impact. Topics include:

October 22

12-1 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Oh the Places 4-H Can Take Youth:
Explore the vast array of state and national opportunities that 4-H offers to youth.

November 6

12-1 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Ways Volunteers Can Spark Big Dreams and Future Career: Explore tools and resources that allow youth to reflect and prepare for the next steps in their career journey

November 21

12-1 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Positive Youth Development 101
Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage: Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships

[Learn more and register here.](#) Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with fellow 4-H volunteers across the state!

Game Night

4-H Game Night is a hybrid place where youth from across Michigan can get together and play games. It will be offered virtually statewide, and in select locations across the state according to interest. It will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm. To get the zoom link, register [here](#).

Join the 4-H Future Squad Club

Are you 12-19 years old and looking for a fun virtual club and meeting new friends across the state while building skills for your future? Join the 4-H Future Squad! From October 2024 to May 2025, we'll meet twice a month online to explore everything from navigating relationships and getting jobs plus everything in between! Find more information and learn how to register [here](#).

Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute – December 6-8



The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is a pre-college program at Michigan State University for teens who want to improve their communities and our world through leadership and youth power! Attending the Institute will help teens gain leadership skills and approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. The Institute will feature a wide variety of engaging and interactive activities focused on youth leadership, community engagement, and global citizenship.

This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to **ALL** teens (ages 13+ by Jan. 1, 2025). The registration fee of \$175 includes meals, program materials, group transportation during the event, and overnight hotel lodging for the evenings of December 6 and 7 at AC Hotel | Lansing University Area. Scholarships are available from many county 4-H programs and for anyone in need of financial assistance.

[Online registration](#) will begin **October 1st**. The **deadline to register for the conference is November 1, 2024**.

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

For more information, please contact MSU Extension educators Roxanne Turner (turnerr@msu.edu ~ 517-546-3950) or Brian Wibby (wibby@msu.edu ~ 906-439-5065).

4-H scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for [Michigan 4-H scholarships](#) to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility. Be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1st.



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Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award

Can you think of someone who displayed extraordinary sportsmanship at a recent 4-H animal science program? Perhaps at a club meeting, clinic, or the county fair? Nominate them for the 2024 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award!

This annual award recognizes one youth member and one adult 4-H leader who exemplify the definition of sportsmanship and have gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those around them during animal science programs. **Nominations are due October 15.** You can find full details, including the nomination form, [here](#).

Wild Spartans returns



Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

October's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Join us on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. EST for "From the Desert to the Deep-Sea: Supporting Wildlife and People Through Science, Education, and Outreach." You will meet Brendan Talwar, Postdoctoral Scholar at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego & The Nature Conservancy.

Monthly sessions highlighting different topics will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST. Each 30-minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required online at https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/.

Michigan Fair and Exhibition Industry Offers Scholarships

Community volunteers and youth have always been the backbone of Michigan fairs and festivals. In addition to youth involved with fairs, there are a number of partners such as carnivals, concessionaires and entertainers that support the Michigan fair industry. Beyond the annual fair event, there are insurance providers, equipment providers and a multitude of companies that provide support to fairs, festivals and exhibitions throughout the state. The Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) is a member organization of these fairs, festivals and industry partners founded in 1885.

MAFE is excited to announce that scholarships for youth involved with a MAFE member fair, festival or associate will be offered this year and presented at the annual convention banquet on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. Up to six \$1000 scholarships will be awarded based on an application due November 2. The MAFE scholarships are a coveted award with over 100 applicants annually. Applications are available on the [MAFE website](#). The applications are reviewed by a committee of industry volunteers with winners notified in December.

"Supporting the next generation of fair leaders through scholarships and post-secondary education is vital to our industry's sustainability," shared John Schut, MAFE Executive Director. "In addition to leadership and growth opportunities at the annual convention, Michigan youth are also able to network with leaders in the fair and exhibition industry." MAFE was established in 1885 and is a voice for the Michigan fair and festival industry. MAFE member fairs and festivals serve all 83 Michigan counties.

Michigan agricultural fairs are an economic and social asset to their communities and the state. They are the ultimate showcases of Michigan agriculture. With a normal attendance of nearly 4.5 million attendees, which is roughly half the population of the state, people of all ages come to enjoy the fun, food, and entertainment they provide.

For more information please contact the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions office at 517-317-4544 or mifairs@gmail.com.



Calendar of Events

September 23

Armada Fair Exhibitor Check Pick-Up
7 p.m., Grange Hall, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

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.

September 30

Macomb County 4-H Awards [application](#) deadline

October 1

[Macomb County Fall 4-H Leader Update](#)

6 p.m., VerKuijen Building, Assembly Rooms A & B, Clinton Township

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.

October 5

[Be Your Own Boss](#)

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, Roseville

October 5-6

[MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest](#)

Tollgate Farm, Novi
Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

October 6-12

[National 4-H Week](#)

Nationwide
For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

October 8

[Flour Tortilla Making 101](#)

6 p.m., MSU Extension, Clinton Township

October 8

[Wild Spartans - From the Desert to the Deep BlueSea: Supporting Wildlife and People through Science, Education & Outreach](#)

6:30 p.m., online

October 9

[Adulting 101: The Ins & Outs of Paying for College](#)

5 p.m., online

October 9

[Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol](#)

Heritage Hall, Lansing
An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

October 10

[Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea](#)

Online
Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

October 15

Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award [application](#) deadline.

October 22

[4-H Volunteer Webinar: Oh the Places 4-H Can Take Youth](#)

12-1 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

October 23

[4-H Volunteer Webinar - Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage](#)

Online
Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

[12-1 p.m. session](#) [7-8 p.m. session](#)

November 1

Macomb County [4-H re-enrollment](#) deadline for 4-H youth who plan to show 4-H projects at the 2025 Armada Fair.

November 1

[Michigan 4-H Scholarship](#) application deadline

November 2

MAFE Scholarship [application](#) deadline

November 6

[4-H Volunteer Webinar: Ways Volunteers Can Spark Big Dreams and Future Careers](#)

12-1 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

November 10

[Macomb County 4-H Horse Project Recognition Banquet](#)

1 p.m., Zuccaro's Banquets & Catering, Chesterfield Township

November 16

[4-H Club Officer Training](#)

10 a.m.-2 p.m., location TBA

November 19

[Cracking the Code to College](#)

5 p.m., online

November 21

[4-H Volunteer Webinar: Positive Youth Development 101](#)

12-1 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

December 6-8

[Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership Institute](#)

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