



# 4-H Family News

Oakland County



## 4-H Apple Crisp & Orchard Adventure



🍏 Get ready for some apple-tastic fun! 🍏

Join us for a 4-H Apple Crisp & Orchard Adventure where you'll whip up a tasty apple crisp to take home AND explore the beautiful Tollgate orchard!

- 📍 Tollgate Farm — 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48377
- 📅 November 1st
- 🕒 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- 💰 Just \$20 to join the fun!
- ⚠️ Hurry, spots are limited — must register!
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Kids under 13? Bring your favorite grown-up along!

Come hungry, curious, and ready for a bushel of fun!

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HAppleworkshop/>

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## Harvest Happenings at Hess-Hathaway Park

Visit us at Hess-Hathaway's annual Harvest Happenings event on **Sunday, October 5, 2025, from 12:00 – 5:00 PM!** This event is exciting for the entire family. The day is filled with a variety of activities and events including: hayrides, bake sale, pony rides and more.

Hess-Hathaway Park  
825 S Williams Lake Road  
Waterford, MI 48327

[More information here!](#)



## Huge THANK YOU to Mid America CropLife Assoc. and Agriculture Academy



MSU Extension 4-H of Oakland County would like to thank Mid America CropLife Association and Agriculture Academy for their generous donation to support 4-H garden education programs!

## PumpkinFest 2025

Grab your flannel and join us for a festive fall day at the farm! Hop on a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch and pick your perfect pumpkin. With delicious food, toe-tapping music, adorable farm animals, hands-on exhibits, and tons of kid-friendly activities, it's the ultimate autumn adventure on our beautiful 160-acre historic farm.

Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, 2025  
 10 am - 4 pm  
 Tollgate Farm and Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48377

\$15 tickets in advance  
\$17 at the door  
2 and under are FREE

[https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu\\_3568?&cname=PUMPFEST](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3568?&cname=PUMPFEST)







## Orienteering at Kensington Metropark

Join us for a 4-H Orienteering Adventure on Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 10 AM – 1 PM.

Learn how to use a **map and compass** to explore the park and find checkpoints—walk, jog, or run at your own pace!

- 📍 Kensington Metropark, Milford, MI
- ✅ Free registration (Metropark entry fee required)
- 👥 Perfect for beginners, families, and outdoor adventurers!
- 👉 Groups encouraged, and youth under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

📅 [Register today](#) and get ready for an exciting outdoor challenge!

### 4-H Orienteering Adventure at Kensington Metropark!

**Sunday, October 26, 2025**  
**10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
 Kensington Metropark  
 4570 Huron River Pkwy, Milford, MI 48380

Ready to explore the outdoors in a whole new way? Join us for an exciting day of **orienteering**—an adventure sport where you use a **map and compass** to find checkpoints through the park. Go at your own pace: walk, jog, or run!

**Details:**

- Groups are welcome and recommended!
- Youth under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Registration is FREE (Metropark entry fee required)
- More information will be emailed after you register.

Perfect for beginners, families, and outdoor adventurers.  
 4-H members, families & friends are welcome!

[Register Now](#)

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## Big Congratulations to Emily S. and Sam B.!

Congratulations to Emily Seifert and Sam Bell for being **nominated and invited to 4-H Day at the Capitol!** Sam and Emily will host a 4-H booth at the event! 📣

MSU Extension invites you to attend **Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol** on October 8, 2025, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in the distinguished Heritage Hall atrium in Lansing. Guests will enjoy an inspiring showcase of 4-H youth and staff sharing their stories of impact, along with a special noon program featuring remarks from state and university leaders, distinguished alumni, and outstanding Michigan 4-H members. Secure your place at this signature event by registering at: [events.anr.msu.edu/Michigan4HCapitol2025](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Michigan4HCapitol2025)



## 4-H Horse Council Awards Banquet

Join us for the **Oakland County 4-H Horse Council Awards Banquet!**

- 📅 Saturday, November 8, 2025
- 📍 Deer Lake Athletic Club, Clarkston
- 🕒 Dinner at 5 PM (Doors open 4:30)
- 💰 \$25 per person

RSVP & payment due by **October 18th** — no tickets at the door!

✉ Mail checks to OC 4-H Horse Council, 12079 White Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430.

Questions? Email [mrs.jannabrown@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.jannabrown@gmail.com)

### OAKLAND COUNTY 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Cordially Invites You To The:

**2025 Awards Banquet**  
**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

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**Deer Lake Athletic Club**  
 6167 White Lake Rd  
 Clarkston, MI 48346

Dinner at 5:00 (Doors Open at 4:30)  
 \$25 per person

RSVP & Payments Required by **Oct 18th**  
[mrs.jannabrown@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.jannabrown@gmail.com)

NO Tickets Will Be Sold at the Event  
 Checks payable to: OC 4-H Horse Council  
 Mail to: 12079 White Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430  
 248-880-4289 for questions



## Award Ceremony Invites Have Been Sent!



The invites to the award recipients have been sent out via email. Award recipients are free, all other guests are \$20. If you want to join us for this exciting event, please **be sure to register by October 20, 2025**. <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hachievementawards2025/>

Saturday, November 15, 2025  
1:00 – 4:00 PM  
Lafayette Grande  
1 Lafayette Grande Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

## Join Oakland County Sport Rocket Club on their Adventure!!

Join Oakland County 4-H Sport Rocket Club on their adventure to the Armstrong Air & Space Museum on **February 21-22, 2026!**



OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE INCLUDES...

- ☀ Overnight camping INSIDE the museum
- ☀ Breakfast on Sunday morning
- ☀ Special programs, a movie, and simulator rides
- ☀ Build & fly your own model rocket



Details at: <https://www.armstrongmuseum.org/overnight-museum-experiences>

Register and more information at: <https://forms.gle/iiAjgpcf2PiXLx5T7>

For more on the Rocket Club, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/oc4-hsrc/home>

## 4-H Online 2025-2026 Enrollment Open!



Enrollment is now open for the 2025-2026 4-H Year! Why is re-enrollment important?

- Ensures youth are covered under the American Income Life Insurance
- Access to updated contact and health information
- Youth are eligible to receive awards and scholarships
- Helps tell the 4-H story for youth in Oakland County
- Keeps youth "Member years in Program" number accurate.

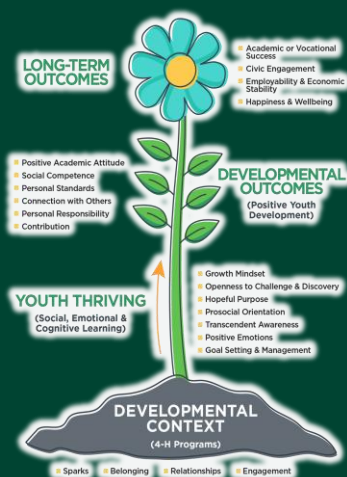
<https://v2.4honline.com/>

We look forward to another great 4-H year!



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Why 4-H? This is a question asked many times of our youth and adults. What made you want to get involved and what keeps you coming back?

This is the SPARK of 4-H and serves as one of the four developmental context areas of the Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development. We strive to reach our members where they are and help them grow through the 4-H program.

To do this, we need to know what your spark is...

- Is there a specific project that brought you here?
- Is there a project you would like to see us add?
- Did you show up because you had friends in the program?

Reach out to your local 4-H staff to share your ideas.

### October 4: 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.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2025](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2025)

### October 5-11: 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 in various ways!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week)

### October 6: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Beyond Ready: Equipping Youth With Skills for Life

*Online*

Life doesn't come with a manual—but 4-H comes pretty close! Join Michigan 4-H State Leader Jodi Schulz for a fun and practical look at how volunteers can help young people build the skills they need to be Beyond Ready. This session will be offered twice:

- 12 p.m.: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life)
- 7 p.m.: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life-7pm)

### October 14: Wild Spartans – Helping Others Help Nature

*Online*

Join 4-H staff for a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This session will feature Trish Brockman, and ecologist with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., who will help to explore the world of helping threatened and endangered wildlife. Open to youth ages 12-19.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026)

### October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Officers in Action: Empowering Youth through Leadership Roles

*Online*

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. Learn how to support club officers in meaningful ways that promote responsibility, teamwork and real-life leadership skills. This session will be offered twice.

**12-1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-noon)

**7-8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-7pm)







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## Do you know someone deserving of the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year?

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 2025 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, at: [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/competitive\\_event\\_resources](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources).



## Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Hey, leaders of tomorrow - if you're age 12-19 and ready to grow skills, make friends, and become beyond ready for your future, join the 4-H Future Squad!

4-H Future Squad is a virtual 4-H club that was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fifth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2025 through May 2026, virtually through Zoom. Topics for education include financial literacy, college and career readiness, stress management, building healthy relationships, studying abroad, goal setting, nutrition, and much more... based on the topics you share that will help you be beyond ready for your future!

Club meetings for the 2025-2026 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail. This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/).

## 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 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

