

4-H Family News

Oakland County



4-H Apple Crisp & Orchard Adventure



Join us for a sweet and exciting 4-H Apple Workshop! Kids will get to roll up their sleeves and make their very own apple crisp from scratch—then take it home to share (or keep all to themselves!). Along the way, they'll explore the Tollgate orchard, learn fun facts about apples, and discover how farmers care for the trees that grow them. It's a delicious mix of hands-on cooking, outdoor adventure, and tasty fall fun!

For ages 8+ youth under 12 yrs please bring your favorite adult to share in this adventure!

-  **Tollgate Farm**, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi
-  **\$20 per participant**
-  **October 25 | 10:00 AM–Noon**

Spots are limited and registration is required.

Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Appleworkshop/>

CONTACT US

MSU Extension – 4-H Youth
1200 N Telegraph Rd
Building 34 East
Pontiac, Michigan
48341

PHONE & EMAIL:

248-858-0889

msue.4hoakland@campusad.msu.edu

WEBSITE:

Canr.msu.edu/oakland/4-h/

Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or veteran status. Issued in furtherance of MSU Extension work, acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Quentin Tyler, Director, MSU Extension, East Lansing, MI 48824. This information is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names does not imply endorsement by MSU Extension or bias against those not mentioned.

Achievement Awards Ceremony

Join us as we celebrate and recognize the **outstanding achievements of Oakland County 4-H youth and volunteers!**

Saturday, November 7 | 1–3 PM
Springfield Oaks County Park
 12451 Andersonville Road, Springfield Township, MI

Registration: Please register as a “**guest**” unless you received an invitation indicating that you are receiving an award.

We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of celebration and recognition! Lunch will be provided. 🙌 [RSVP by October 15](#)



4-H Archery – Fall & Winter

Youth **ages 12+** are invited to learn and practice archery!

Oct.: Springfield Oaks 3-D Range

Nov.–Feb.: Springfield Oaks Activity Center

5:30–7 PM | **\$5/session**
No experience or equipment needed!

Oct. 8 • Nov. 5 & 19 • Dec. 3 & 17 • Jan. 7 & 21 • Feb. 4 & 18

Attend one or all! Spots are limited. 🙌 [Register for 4-H Archery](#)



4-H Winter Craft Series

Get creative this winter with hands-on projects perfect for **2027 Fair projects!** 🏆

✨ Fabric Art 🐾 Lead Braiding 🍪 Cookie Decorating 🧵 Sewing
 🌸 Embroidery & more!

Springfield Oaks Activity Center | 5:30–7 PM |

Ages 8+

Nov. 4 & 18 • Dec. 2 & 16 • Jan. 6 & 20 • Feb. 3 & 17

Attend one or all! Our first session is **Fabric Art: Kinusaiga**.

🙌 [Register](#)



4-H Bound Together - Fun-Day Mondays!

Looking for a fun after-school activity? **4-H Bound Together Club** is open to **youth in grades 1–6!** ☀️

Join us for our monthly **Fun-Day Mondays** at **All Saints Church in Pontiac**, from **4:30–5:30 p.m.** Youth will enjoy fun activities, learning, and hands-on 4-H experiences!

Upcoming dates:

📅 October 12 • November 9 • January 11 • February 8 • March 8 • April 12

♥ **Free to join and open to all!** [Link to register](#)
Contact **Lisa Mazzola** at mazzolal@msu.edu.



4-H Horse Council Banquet

Join the Oakland County 4-H Horse Council for their 2026 Banquet on **Sunday, November 8!** Enjoy an afternoon of awards, dinner, and fellowship with fellow 4-H members, families, and supporters.

Doors Open: 2:00 PM | **Awards:** 2:30 PM | **Dinner:** 4:00 PM

Cost: \$25 per guest

Location: Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

Reservations are due **October 8, 2026**. To reserve tickets, email ochcouncil@gmail.com and mail a check payable to Oakland County 4-H Horse Council to:

Brenda Bowler
4327 Strathcona
Highland, MI 48357



Harvest Happening Fall Festival

Join Oakland County 4-H at **Waterford's 40th Annual Harvest Happening Fall Festival** on **Sunday, October 4**, from **12–5 PM** at **Hess-Hathaway Park** in Waterford!

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon featuring hayrides, pony rides, 80+ crafters, kids' activities, live entertainment, food, and more. Be sure to stop by and visit us while you enjoy the festivities!

📅 **October 4** | 🕒 **12–5 PM**

📍 **Hess-Hathaway Park, Waterford, MI**

For full event details and updates, visit the Harvest Happening Facebook event or website.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing youth to be Beyond Ready: Building leadership skills through 4-H



Beyond Ready

4-H provides youth with opportunities to develop leadership skills in meaningful and age-appropriate ways. Whether leading a club activity, serving as an officer, mentoring younger members, or helping plan an event, youth practice communication, teamwork, decision-making and responsibility.

Volunteers can support leadership development by encouraging youth voice, sharing responsibilities and creating opportunities for members to take ownership of their learning. Every leadership experience helps young people build confidence and prepares them to contribute in school, work and their communities.

How are you helping youth grow as leaders this year?

#BeyondReady

October 3: 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-2026

October 4-10: 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 including Go Green Monday, Wheels Up Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Stay Connected Saturday!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 7: Adulting 101—Mental Health Toolkit: Everyday Skills and Resources to Help Care for Your Mental Health

Online

This Adulting 101 session will equip participants with practical tools to support their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-adulting-101-mental-health-toolkit-everyday-skills-and-resources-to-help-care-for-your-mental-health

October 27: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Infusing Positive Youth Development into Your 4-H club

Online

Explore simple strategies that foster belonging, build developmental relationships, encourage youth voice, and create engaging experiences where young people can develop confidence, competence, character and caring.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-infusing-positive-youth-development-into-your-4-h-club

October 31: 4-H Animal Science Fall Fest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth will have the chance to learn about a variety of animal science topics, disciplines and careers from industry experts and Department of Animal Science staff. Open to youth ages 12-19. **Register by October 15!**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-fall-fest-2026





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Nominate a deserving 4-H'er for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year!

Do you know 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 2026 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.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Ready to level up your future? Youth ages age 12–19 are invited to join the 4-H Future Squad, a virtual 4-H club focused on life skills, career readiness, financial literacy, Adulthood 101 topics and more.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the sixth 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 2026 through May 2027, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management,

communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Meeting dates will take place on a variety of days of the week; dates and times will be communicated via email and on the program website. Youth can attend as many of these dates as they wish. 4-H Future Squad can be a primary or secondary club. Learn more and complete the interest form at: 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.

