

# Clare County 4-H

## Family News



## IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H Year Today!

Enroll for the new 4-H year by going to [4-H Online](#)  
Need help? See the [4-H Online Enrollment Guide](#)

### 4-H Day at the Wild Pumpkin

Saturday, October 7 from 10 AM to 2 PM  
Come to the 4-H Table for you free prize,  
donut and cider.

*Get the 4-H discount for your group!*

### COMING SOON!

### GooseChase! 4-H Cooking Challenge

Learn how to dish up some delicious meals by completing a  
variety of cooking missions. Can you earn the top score?  
Game begins Friday, October 20, 2023!

### Are You Part of an 4-H Honor Club?

Win up to \$75 for your 4-H Club!

The Clare County 4-H Council awards gift cards to any clubs that  
can earn credits to level up to a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Level!

### Volunteer at the 4-H Trunk or Treat

We need your help making this year's 4-H Trunk or Treat  
*spooktacular!* Sign up to decorate your car and pass out candy.

### Keep Our 4-H Youth Leadership Council Active by Joining!

You can join this council at *any* age. The youth council needs your  
support. Contact the 4-H Program Coordinator today!

### 4-H Council Meeting Wednesday, October 25

The 4-H Council meeting will be at 6:00PM  
Pere Marquette District Library in Clare, MI

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## CLARE COUNTY 4-H

# PUMPKIN PHOTO CONTEST CRITERIA

### Categories:

- 4-H Themed Pumpkin
- Silliest Pumpkin
- Best Scene
- Best Carved Pumpkin
- Best Painted Pumpkin

### Age Categories:

- 8 - 12
- 13 - 19
- Adult 20+

7 and under may enter photos to be shared on the 4-H Facebook Page but this age is noncompetitive.

### The Rules:

- Deadline to enter is Saturday October 21st.
- You may enter up to 3 different categories with 3 separate photos of pumpkins.
- You must fill out the entry form and email the photos to the 4-H Program Coordinator.
- Indicate which category for each photo.
- Do not write or display your name in the photos.
- Pumpkin must be appropriate and child friendly.
- Please no political or religious statements.
- You are definitely allowed to vote for your photos!

**ENTER HERE** 





# 4-H DAY AT *The Wild Pumpkin Inc.*

## FREE WITH 4-H!

COME VISIT THE 4-H TABLE  
TO GET A FREE PRIZE  
A DELICIOUS DONUT  
AND A CUP OF CIDER



SATURDAY OCT. 07 | PETTING FARM  
10AM TO 2PM | WAGON RIDES  
THE WILD PUMPKIN | CORN MAZE  
5799 BEAVERTON RD | PLAYGROUND  
BEAVERTON, MI | PUMPKIN PICKING

**ADMISSION 4-H DISCOUNT! \$2 OFF**

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 1 - 7

## QUESTIONS?

CONTACT THE 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
MIRANDA WARMUSKERKEN  
989-539-7805 OR [WARMUSK3@MSU.EDU](mailto:WARMUSK3@MSU.EDU)



# Clare County 4-H

## Honor Club Credit Monthly Forms

### What is the Honor Club System?

This is a way for your club to collect points over the 4-H year through a variety of ways. When clubs accumulate a certain amount of points they can rank in levels from bronze, silver and gold.

### Why Participate in Tracking Points?

Clubs that level up to any of the 3 ranks are awarded a monetary prize for the 4-H Council. Clubs may use this award in any way that benefits the club as a whole. *Awarded in a gift card to the 4-H Club.*

### Levels and Award Amounts

- Gold: 30+ Points Awarded \$75
- Silver: 20 - 29 Points Awarded \$50
- Bronze: 12 - 19 Points Awarded \$25

### How to Access the Honor Club Credit Forms

The credit forms are available at the Clare County 4-H website. The Honor Clubs page is found in the menu bar. On a mobile device, you can extend the menu bar by selecting the tab at the bottom.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare\\_county\\_4\\_h/honor-clubs](https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/honor-clubs)

### How Do the Credit Forms Work?

Clubs will need to designate one person to complete the form at the end of each month. Members, parents and other volunteers should inform this person of any types of credit they may have earned. The forms are separated by each month and submissions may be revised as needed up until August 31, which is the end of the 4-H year.

### Not Every Month is the Same

It is recommended that you familiarize yourself with the different ways in which points may be earned. Each month has similar ways to accumulate points but there are some different opportunities available throughout the year.

### Examples of Missions

#### 4-H CLUB NEWS - YOUTH REPORTER

A youth member of your club wrote an article for the monthly 4-H Family Newsletter.

#### COMMUNITY ACTION

Your club completed a community service project this month.

#### HERE TO REPRESENT

There was club representation at a 4-H Council or Youth Leadership Council Meeting

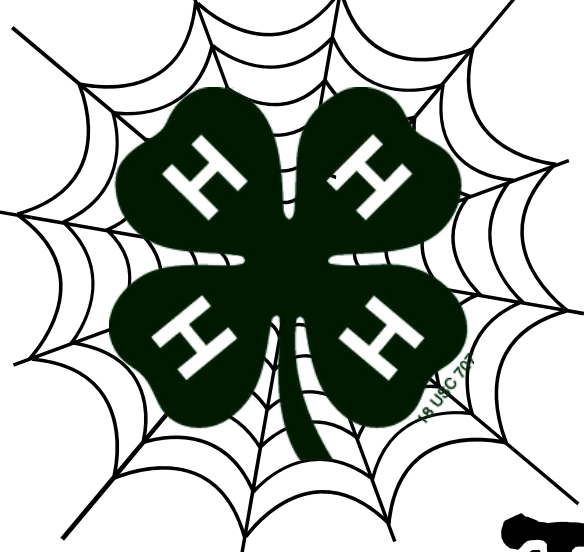
#### HELPING 4-H GROW

Any volunteers or members from your club serve on the 4-H Council, 4-H Youth Leadership Council, any Committees, or is an Ambassador.

#### HOST AN EVENT

Your club hosted an event that was offered to others outside of your club.





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# TRUNK or treat

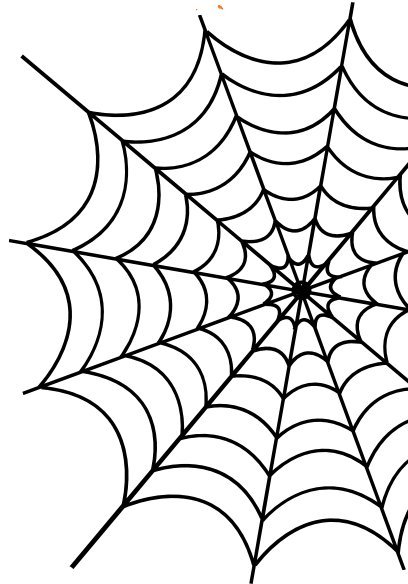
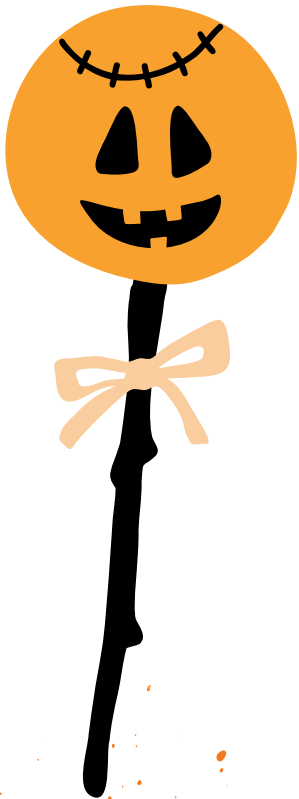
Please join 4-H for this  
Spooktacular Event!

October 29  
From 2 to 4 PM

CLARE COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
418 Fairlane St.  
Harrison, MI

**PASS OUT CANDY!**

Sign up at this link:  
[forms.office.com/r/v6cijqLV2k](https://forms.office.com/r/v6cijqLV2k)  
Or scan the QR Code!



# 4-H FUNDING

## Available Grants & Awards

### Michigan 4-H Foundation

**Applications Open from April 1st in June 1st**



#### **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants – 4 grants available for \$1,000 each**

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is offering various grants and awards to help sponsor 4-H activities! For details, eligibility, and the application form are at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>.

#### **4-H On-Target Grants – 3 grants available for \$500 each**

Supports 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports. Funded with support from the Thomas H. Cobb 4-H Shooting Sports Endowment Fund and the Hal & Jean Glassen 4-H Shooting Sports Endowment Fund.

#### **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant – 1 grant available for \$500**

This grant opportunity is for 4-H youth clubs only to advance club work in plant science and horticulture activities locally. This grant is made possible by the William J. and Ruth D. Collins Endowment Fund to advance 4-H youth horticulture and gardening programs.

#### **4-H Educational Garden Grants – 2 grants available for \$1,000 each**

Supports the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan. Funded by the Albert A. Albright Endowment for support of 4-H Plant Science and Gardening Education.

#### **Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award – 5 awards available for \$1,000 each**

This award recognizes the outstanding agricultural 4-H volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of 4-H beef cattle; dairy cattle; goats; horses; horticulture, crops, and soils; poultry; rabbits; sheep; swine; and veterinary science. Honorees designate a \$1,000 grant to a 4-H agricultural program of their choice and are recognized by both Michigan 4-H and by Michigan Farm Bureau. Funded by the Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Endowment Fund.

### Statewide 4-H Scholarships

**Michigan 4-H Rabbit / Cavy Scholarship**

**Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship**

**Janet A. Blanchard 4-H Leadership Scholarship**

**Michigan State University - Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships**

**Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarship**



### Clare County 4-H Council

**Open all year - No deadlines**

#### **Clare County 4-H Mini-Grant**

For 4-H Clubs to explore some new project areas. Money will be rewarded to clubs/committees that have a plan to create new programming or expand on existing programming.

#### **Make a Wish Scholarship**

The purpose of the Make-A-Wish is to financially help 4-H clientele with learning experiences and activities.

#### **Higher Education Scholarship - 3 awards available for \$500 each**





**PASS OUT CANDY**

**Clare County 4-H**

**TRUNK**

**OR**

**TREAT**

Decorate your car - Bring candy to pass

Please let us know that you plan to be help out by Friday night, October 27th

Sign up at this link:

[forms.office.com/r/v6cijqLV2k](https://forms.office.com/r/v6cijqLV2k)

Or scan the QR Code



**OCT  
29**

Clare County Fair Grounds  
418 Fairlane St. Harrison, MI

**ARRIVE BY 1:15 PM**

**EVENT STARTS AT 2 PM**





MSU Extension

FESTIVE HOLIDAY

# CRAFT

*day*

SPONSORED BY

THE CLARE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

**DECEMBER 2, 2023 | 1 PM TO 4 PM**

JOIN US AT THE OUTBACK ROOM

JAY'S SPORTING GOODS

8800 S CLARE AVE. CLARE, MI

## PUBLIC WELCOME!

COME JOIN 4-H FAMILIES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY TO HAVE FUN AND ENJOY SOME FAMILY TIME BEFORE THE HOLIDAY RUSH BEGINS! YOUTH WILL MAKE PROJECTS TO EXHIBIT AT THE 2024 CLARE COUNTY FAIR OR GIVE TO PARENTS, GRAND PARENTS, TEACHERS AND/OR SIBLINGS.

**COST:** A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$5.00  
PER CRAFTER TO COVER SUPPLIES

**REFRESHMENTS  
WILL BE PROVIDED  
NO RSVP REQUIRED**  
ALL YOUTH MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A  
RESPONSIBLE ADULT OR TEEN

**DROP IN ANY TIME  
FROM 1 TO 3:30 PM**

**MAKE MULTIPLE FUN  
HOLIDAY CRAFTS!**



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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).

### October 1-7: National 4-H Week

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.

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

### October 4-15: Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store or online!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

### October 7: 4-H Day at the Wild Pumpkin

4-H families and friends will receive a discount of \$2 off admission, a fun fall prize, a free donut and cup of cider! Sign up required.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-wild-pumpkin](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-wild-pumpkin)

### October 10: Wild Spartans - Snakes and Frogs: Fieldwork in the Tropics

*Online*

Participants will meet Dr. D. Bruce Means, adjunct professor at Florida State University and biologist with the Coastal Plains Institute and Land Conservancy. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024)

### October 18: Adulting 101 - Wealth Building

*Online*

This workshop will provide tips, tools and goal-setting strategies. Learn about different types of savings and investment products, evaluate your risk tolerance and explore investment timelines.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23)

### October 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Helping Youth Find Their Spark

*Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help youth find their spark within their 4-H experience. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

**12-1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark)

**7-8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm)

## SAVE THE DATE!

### November 10-12: Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to this leadership program that will focus on service, community leadership, global leadership and more. Youth will stay at a Lansing area hotel, attend classes on MSU's campus and take part in service projects around the Lansing area. Registration coming soon.



# **Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series**



**A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support the Michigan 4-Her's. There will be a minimum of 6 topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice as a daytime and evening option. Everyone who attends at least four of the webinars in person will receive a certificate at the end of the series. Sessions include:**

**Helping Youth Find Their Spark:**

**October 23, 2023**

**Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences:**

**November 21, 2023**

**Times: 12 - 1 PM & 7 - 8 PM**







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Promote 4-H with the 4-H Creative Campaign Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 seconds) promoting 4-H to their peers. Videos should address the question, “**Why You Should Join 4-H!**” Be a 4-H spokesperson by using your voice and sharing your 4-H story with others!

This contest is open to Michigan 4-H youth. Those not currently registered for 4-H can do so prior to entering this contest. The deadline for registration and video submissions is January 31, 2024.

A total of six prizes will be awarded to the top videos judged by professionals. There will be two age brackets for this competition:

- 4-H ages 9-13 (as of January 1, 2024)
- 4-H ages 14-19 (as of January 1, 2024)

Each age bracket will have three winners, who will receive the following prizes:

- First place prize: \$100 Amazon gift card
- Second place prize: \$75 Amazon gift card
- Third place prize: \$50 Amazon gift card

The 4-H Creative Campaign Contest is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. More information and contest rules can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-clovers-code/contest/>. For questions, please contact Kathy Jamieson at [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu).



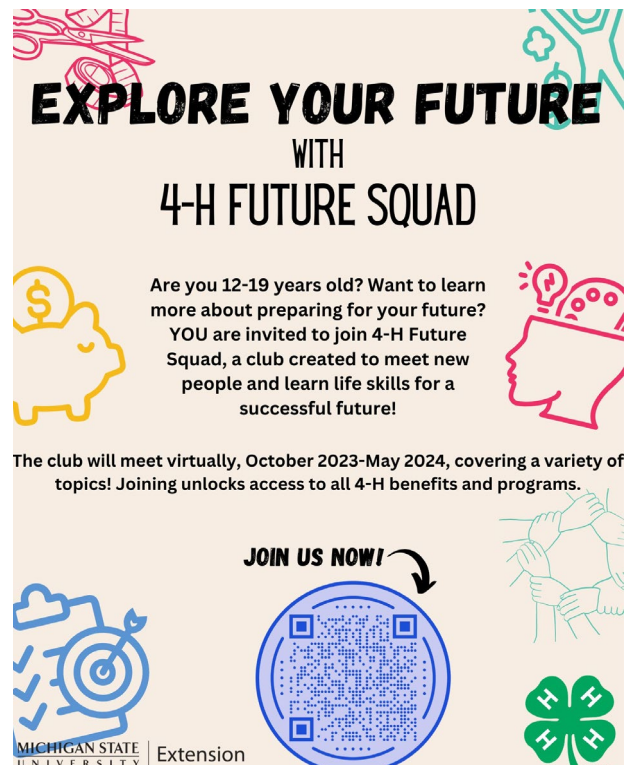
## Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year old youth throughout Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This program is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The FREE club will meet October 2023 through May 2024. 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. Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom. Club meetings for the 2023-2024 year will take place twice monthly with Monday or Thursday meeting dates on alternating months.

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/).



## OCTOBER

Saturday, October 7 - 10 AM to 2 PM

4-H Day at the Wild Pumpkin Inc.

The Wild Pumpkin Inc. Beaverton, MI

Tuesday, October 10

Clare County MSU Ext. Open House

Clare County Building, Harrison, MI

Friday, October 20

GooseChase: 4-H Cooking Challenge Begins!

GooseChase App

Wednesday, October 25 - 6PM

Clare County 4-H Council Meeting

Clare County Fairgrounds, Harrison, MI

Sunday, October 29 - 2 PM to 4 PM

4-H Trunk or Treat

Clare County Fairgrounds, Harrison, MI

## NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 1 - 6:30 PM

Clare County 4-H Awards Celebration

Eagle Church of God - Clare, MI

## DECEMBER

Saturday, December 2 - 1 PM to 4 PM

4-H Holiday Craft Day

Jays Sporting Goods, Clare MI

## JANUARY

Monday, January 8 - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM 4-H Cake Decorating SPIN Club Begins!

Harrison Sportsman Club, Harrison, MI

# Launch a 4-H SPIN Club!

A 4-H SPIN club is a **special interest** club where youth can get together once a week for 6 to 8 weeks to learn about a topic of interest. Topics can be on ANYTHING to develop skills!

Contact the 4-H Program  
Coordinator for info!

Looking for shorter commitment?  
Lead a 1 or 2 day workshop!

Sewing Nature Science Technology Careers Crafting Citizenship  
Photography Finances Robotics Emergency Response Entrepreneurship