



4-H Family News

Oakland County



Welcome Cheyenne Shields!



Welcome Cheyenne Shields, the newest 4-H Program Coordinator in Oakland County. As part of the Oakland County 4-H team, Cheyenne will provide leadership for county-based 4-H Youth programs through 4-H clubs, after school programs, short term/special interest programs, and school enrichment efforts. She will also work to build new partnerships and recruit and train volunteers as they engage youth in 4-H activities.

Cheyenne most recently served as a Youth Counselor for Vista Maria School for Girls in Detroit. She also worked at the Detroit Zoo and with the Department of Natural Resources as a Marketing and Outreach Guide for the outdoor education *Stepping Stones* program. In this capacity, she served as a leader and provided educational programs such as archery, water studies, nature exploration, camping and angling.

Cheyenne graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Her hobbies include music, dancing, outdoors, shooting archery and hopefully soon, fluency in sign language. Cheyenne is a proud mom of twin girls. Please send her a quick note to say hello at Shield69@msu.edu.

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Congrats to Oakland County Teens Awarded \$2,000 in MSU Scholarships!

Two Oakland County 4-Hers, Kaitlyn Gruber and Emily Seifert were awarded a \$2,000 Michigan State University Pre-College Achievement Scholarship. Students in 8th to 11th grades for 2021-22 who attended an MSU summer pre-college program last year were eligible to apply for this award last fall. Kaitlyn and Emily both participated in 4-H Exploration Days, one of four pre-college programs offered by MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development.

MSU pre-college programs are great for helping youth explore possible career interests. They are great fun, very educational, and help connect young people with university faculty and other resources. MSU pre-college programs also help youth envision their future so they can wisely choose their high school classes and prepare for college.

Selection for this scholarship is based on application and student essay. The scholarship is applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

The pre-college programs annually offered by [MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development](#) are: [4-H Capitol Experience](#), [4-H Exploration Days](#), [4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp](#), and [4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp](#). For more information on these 4-H pre-college programs as well as other MSU pre-college programs, please visit Spartan Youth Programs at <http://www.spartanyouth.msu.edu>. You'll find a multitude of programs that can help youth develop valuable skills, make new friends and taste college life.

2023 4-H Horse Protégé Program

We are looking for cloverbuds (ages 5-7) OR beginner horse youth and mentors for the 2023 Horse Protégé Program! Experienced mentors are essential (along with gentle, kid-safe horses) in order to provide our protégé with this fantastic opportunity! **All interested youth, families and mentors should join us at the Horse & Pony Spring Roundup for more info on Wednesday, 4/5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Fair Office, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. Space is limited for this extremely popular program!!!**

For more information, please contact Debbie Morgan at morga194@anr.msu.edu or 248-347-3860, ext. 279.



Upcoming Horse and Pony Programs

The Oakland County 4-H Horse Council and 4-H staff are busy planning and coordinating several horse programs and events as listed below. If you are interested in any of the programs described below, please contact Debbie Morgan at morga194@msu.edu or join the horse clubs at Spring Round Up on Tuesday, 3/14 at 6:30 in the Community Room at the Fair Office, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg.

- **Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp**, 6/18-22/2023, Springfield Oaks County Park
- **Counselor-in-Training Program** for youth 16-19 at horse camp. **Applications due 4/15!!**
- **Horse Protégé Program** – looking for interested beginner youth wanting to learn about horses and spend some time in the saddle with experienced teen mentors & their horses. **Begins in April!**
- **4-H Discovery Day** – stick horse info, horse demos and info!
- **Horse Shows at Springfield Oaks** – 5/12-13, 5/19-20, 6/2-3, 8/4-5 and 8/11-12.



April 29, 2023 - 4-H Discovery Day!

Discovery Day is a free family event open to all that provides fun and educational activities for the whole family. Join us for fun games, live animal presentations, and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities – all brought to you by local organizations and 4-H clubs! Information will be available about joining 4-H and exhibiting at the Oakland County Fair. 4-H Discovery Day is one of the most popular 4-H events of the year. Don't miss it!

April 29th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm at:
[Springfield Oaks County Park](#)
[12450 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, 48350](#)



WHO MAKES IT HAPPEN?

You do! 4-H Clubs and other community organizations host booths that can be as small as one table and as big as five tables depending on the activity and the number of volunteers that you bring. Several clubs bring animals with them (rabbits, dogs, and livestock) as outdoor spaces are available.

HOW TO REGISTER

Use [this form](#) to sign-up your 4-H Club, Oakland County fair display, or community organization for a space at this year's event held on April 29, 2023, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Springfield Oaks County Park Activity Center and Fairgrounds.

Exploration Days 2023!

Join Michigan 4-H for a pre-college summer program geared towards youth 12-19 years old. Exploration Days takes place June 21-23, 2023 on the campus of Michigan State University and allows youth to explore careers, meet new people, stay on a college campus, and learn new ideas. **Registration opens March 21, 2023.** More information can be found on https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/. We look forward to you joining us and seeing what paths lead you to 4-H this summer!

Horse & Pony Spring Round Up

Wednesday, 4/5/23 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm
 Fair Office Community Room
 12451 Andersonville Rd
 Davisburg, MI

Anyone interested in the 4-H Horse & Pony Programs in Oakland County, should join us for fun activities and information about our 2023 programs!

4-H Horse Clubs, Horse Camp Counselor-in-Training, Horse Camp 6/18-22 at Springfield Oaks, Horse Camps at MSU Tollgate Farm, Horse Protégé Mentor Program, Horse Show Circuit, Horse classes at Oakland County Fair, Leadership Opportunities for members, and how to volunteer and get involved!



Pizza and drinks will be available. RSVP to Debbie Morgan at morga194@msu.edu or 248-347-3860, ext. 249 by 3/10



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Win prizes with 4-H Money Contests



Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, MSU Extension is coordinating two contests with an opportunity to win... money!

Youth ages 9-12 can write a short essay of 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card in the Cash Composition Contest.

Youth ages 13-19 can participate in a 30-question online challenge for a chance to win a \$25 gift card in the Show Your Money Smarts Contest.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts. Prizes for the contests are generously sponsored by Extra Credit Union and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.



March 2: Build Your Future - Career Education for Youth

Online

Adults who work with youth are encouraged to join this webinar session to learn ways to implement career education and workforce development skills with youth!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2

March 10: 4-H Teen Fun Night

The Northern Center & Fox Den Restaurant, Houghton Lake

Teens from Roscommon and surrounding counties are invited for a night of video games, basketball, board games, cards, food, fun and making friends.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-fun-night-march-2023>

March 11-12: Tollgate Farm Maplefest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Identify and tap a maple tree, tour the sugar shack, explore fun maple-themed activities, take a wagon ride, taste maple sap, syrup and sugar, and explore maple tools and technology. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, cocoa and real maple syrup in the historic 19th-century barn.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest

March 14: Wild Spartans Series - Upland Bird Conservation

Online

Meet Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Education and Outreach Manager Marissa Jensen. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2023

March 16: Adulting 101 – Paycheck and Taxes

Online

Understanding why and how taxes and other items are deducted from a worker's paycheck is an important step toward gaining financial knowledge. Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your salary vs. your take home pay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23

March 18: 4-H Hippology Contest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches and practical horse management. Register by March 3.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

February 28th
Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

March 16th
Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club

April 13th
Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings

ALL TRAININGS OFFERED 12-1PM EST AND 7-8PM EST

REGISTER HERE:
www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series

Register for Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series!

Join Michigan 4-H for an online webinar series that will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

There will be a minimum of six topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice (once as a daytime and once as an evening option). Everyone who attends at least four of the live webinars will receive a certificate at the end of the series.

The session dates and topics for the first three months are:

- **Building the Value of Your 4-H Club:** This session will focus on the key components of creating a club environment and how that leads to positive outcomes.
 - February 28, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club:** This session will allow you to learn new strategies as well as share methods that have worked for you.
 - March 16, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings:** Learn quick and engaging activities to make your next meeting both fun and functional. Have fun and learn ways to help everyone participate at their own comfort level.
 - April 13, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series.

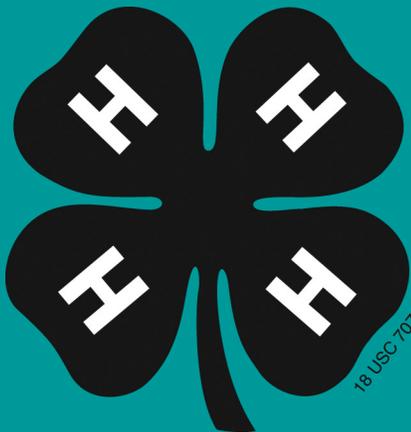


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