



4-H Family News

ALLEGAN COUNTY

APRIL 2023



Allegan County 4-H April 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Beef Expo, MSU Pavilion
2 Palm Sunday Beef Expo, MSU Pavilion	3	4	5	6 PASSOVER SEDER	7 Good Friday 	8
9 Happy Easter	10 4-H Horse Ldrs 7pm Spartan Rm	11 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm Spartan Room	12	13 4-H After School Program 3:30pm Glenn School	14	15 State 4-H Hairy Horse Show, MSU Pavilion
16 MI 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest, MSU Pavilion	Dian Liepe at CYI State Conference, Bay City			20 4-H After School Program 3:30pm Glenn School	21 Arbor Day	22 EARTH DAY
23	24	25	Clover Days at Tractor Supply Stores April 26 thru May 7, 2023			29
			 PROFESSIONAL DAY	27 4-H After School Program 3:30pm Glenn School	28	29
30 Clover Days at Tractor Supply Stores April 26 thru May 7, 2023	COMING UP May 1 – State 4-H Horse Show Declarations Due in office! May 6 – Karin Wood Memorial Fuzzy Fun Show June 1 – 4-H Dog Project enrollment Form due in office					

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS



You are Invited Small Livestock & Dogs Spring Clinic



What: We will be going over the basics of getting started with Chickens, Turkeys, Water Fowl, Rabbits, Goats and Dogs

(Do not bring your animals, only bring your questions)

Where: Zimmerman Room
(Human Services Building)

When: Tuesday, April 18

Time: 6pm



Register with Dian Liepe or Mindy Laaman to give us an idea of how many copies need to be made.

(Cookies will be provided)



SAVE THE DATE:
SUMMER SMALL LIVESTOCK CLINIC
AT THE ALLEGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS: AUGUST 3, 2023

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Save the Date

ALLEGAN CO. 4H HORSE PROJECT 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT SPEED SERIES
MAY 19
JUNE 16
AUGUST 11

**KARIN WOOD MEMORIAL
FUZZY FUN SHOW**
MAY 6

OPEN HORSE SHOW
JUNE 10

5-DAY HORSE CLINIC
JULY 21-26

**WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
UPDATES AND SHOWBILLS!**



**4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
FOR 2023 IS JULY 14.**

**Encourage youth to enroll in
4-H online:**

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



JOIN US FOR THE
Allegan County 4H
Awards Celebration & Benefit Auction

Help us celebrate and support all of
Allegan County 4H with food, awards,
silent auction, kids area, and live
auction!

November 11, 2023

Gun River Conservation Club
689 11th St. Otsego





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

Save the date for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge

April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youthcreditcraze>

April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april-2023>

April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle
Registration Now Open!



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.

The MSU Kinship Care Resource Center and Michigan State University Extension present Kinship Caregiver Workshops and Series

For more information on the Kinship Care Resource Center, go to <https://kinship.msu.edu/>

Please reach out to your local Extension office or [find a Child and Family Development team member near you!](#)

Follow our Facebook page for more information and resources at [MI Stronger Family - MSU Extension](#).

Kinship Caregiver Workshops

Kinship Caregiver workshops are a free online series of workshops that provide guidance for caregivers of children as they navigate the joys, challenges and concerns of raising children.

Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are once monthly on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30PM EST as follows:

April-June Class dates:

- **4/12/2023: Together We Can: Co-Parenting**
- **5/10/2023: RELAX: Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers**
- **6/14/2023: Screen Time for Children**

- **Class Times:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00PM to 8:30PM

- **Registration:**
<https://msu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJloceuprj0pGN1UWwxPTFgHKDiywSs1dLms>

- Attached are flyers and social media graphics for these workshops
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Kinship Caregiver Series

The Parent Talk System

This workshop authored by Thomas Haller and Chick Moorman is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This class is meant for parents and caregivers of kids from toddlers to teens and will explore the following topics: Eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character.

Certificates of attendance are available.

- Class dates: Fridays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19
- Class Times: 11:30 am-1 pm EST
- Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtdemrrzgvGdy2BLA3BKMd65_KcvwZk1LW
- Attached is a flyer and graphics for social media
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