



MARCH 2023

4-H Family News

ALLEGAN COUNTY



Allegan County 4-H March 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Got friends? Invite them to join 4-H! https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in			1	2	3	4 Michigan 4-H Livestock Wkshp, MSU Virtual Skillathon Qualifying
5	6 4-H Horse leaders 7pm Spartan Rm.	7 Welcome to MSUE 7pm Zoom	8 Welcome to MSUE 10am Zoom	9 Glenn 4-H After School 3:30pm	10 11 MI Horse Expo, MSU Pavillion Virtual Skillathon Qualifying	
12 	13 Intro to MI 4-H 7pm Zoom	14 4-H Livestock Leaders 7:30pm Spartan Rm..	15 Intro to MI 4-H 10am Zoom	16 Glenn 4-H After School 3:30pm	17 	18 MI 4-H Hippology Contest MSU Anthony Hall Novice Class Beekeeping 9-4 Camp Kidwell
19 Winter Learning Series #3 3-5pm Zimmerman Rm	20 	21 YQCA Training 6pm Zimmerman Rm. 4-H Council mtg. 6:30pm Spartan Rm.	22 Working W/Youth 10am Zoom	23 	24	25 Novice Class Beekeeping 9-4 Caledonia
26 Chocolate Fun for Families! 2:30pm Spartan Rm.	27 Welcome to MSUE 6:30pm MSUE Office	28 YQCA Training 6pm Zimmerman Rm. Intro to MI 4-H 6:30pm MSUE Office	29 	30 Working W/Youth 6:30pm MSUE Office	31	

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 11, 2023

4-H Auction & Awards Program

Including 4-H Horse Year End Program

Gun River Conservation Club

689 11th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H LEADER TRAINING REQUIRED TRAINING TO BE COMPLETED BY 3/31/2023

Even though it says “not required”, all Allegan County Gold Volunteers need to complete ALL trainings in Volunteer Central. This can be done on your own thru your profile on Volunteer Central or you can register and attend trainings for the ones you need. Trainings offered below.

To register email Dian and let her know which training(s) and date(s) you will attend.

Welcome To MSU Extension Zoom trainings on March 7th 7-8pm and March 8th 10-11am
Intro to Michigan 4-H Zoom trainings on March 13th 7-8pm and March 15th 10-11am
Working With Youth Zoom training on March 22nd 10-11am and March 23rd 7-8pm

IN PERSON TRAININGS: MUST REGISTER!

Welcome To MSU Extension - March 27th 6:30pm MSU Extension Office 6:30pm
Intro to Michigan 4-H – March 28th 6:30pm MSU Extension Office 6:30pm
Working With Youth – March 30th 6:30pm MSU Extension Office 6:30pm

ALLEGAN CO. 4H HORSE PROJECT 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPEED SERIES

MAY 19

JUNE 16

AUGUST 11

KARIN WOOD MEMORIAL

FUZZY FUN SHOW

MAY 7

HORSEMASTER CLINIC

(ALLEGAN CO. 4H MEMBERS ONLY)

JUNE 10

OPEN HORSE SHOW

JUNE 11

5-DAY HORSE CLINIC

JULY 21-26

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
UPDATES AND SHOWBILLS!

INTRODUCTION TO BEE KEEPING.

A novice one-day crash course on beekeeping **March 18** at Camp Kidwell and repeated **March 25** at Caledonia. 9 am to 4pm. This course will cover the full year of beekeeping, options of equipment, and a range of startup costs for different levels. Lunch (pizza) will be provided if you preregister with a head count (Donations accepted). Suggested age is 9 and up. Parents are welcome.





2023 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Allegan County

For more information related to YQCA contact:

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Cost:

\$3.00 for YQCA in-person
\$12.00 for YQCA Online

DESCRIPTION:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7 to 21. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Any Youth exhibiting any Market animals must be certified per current YQCA Standards and a copy of the certificate must be turned into Youth Livestock Secretary before July 1 of current year.

YQCA Group Breakdown:

- 8-18 years old- must complete the pre-test prior to attending an in-person class.
- 19 years old- Must complete YQCA online.

All certifications must be valid through the last day of the Allegan Fair.

Allegan County Workshops Dates and Locations:

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

- ◆ Time: 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Zimmerman Room, Human Services Building, 3255 122nd Ave., Allegan, MI. Use Main Entrance

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

- ◆ Time: 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Zimmerman Room, Human Services Building, 3255 122nd Ave., Allegan, MI. Use Main Entrance

Youth must register online at least two days prior to the selected workshop. Workshops are on a first come, first serve basis until full. No walk-ins will be accepted on site. All payments must be made in advance through the YQCA website. *Youth must complete the pre-test prior to attending the class.*

Pre-test- Log into your YQCA account. Click on the blue box that has your user name, in the drop down click Enrolled ILT trainings, there will

Step by Step
Help Guides
area available to
assist with the
log in for YQCA
at:

[https://
yqcaprogram.or
g/local/pdf/
YQCA_HelpDoc
_SubmittingCurr
entYQCACertific
ation.pdf](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_SubmittingCurrentYQCACertification.pdf)

YQCA In-Person Certification:

Youth Quality Care Assurance certification can be completed in-person. However, please note the following details:

Cost: \$3.00

Who: Open to youth exhibitors ages 8-18 years of age.

Time: 60-80 minutes

Certification Expiration: Certification is good one (1) year from the date of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Go to <http://yqcaprogram.org>. If you created an account last year, log into your account, select a child, select the age and instructor led training. Search Michigan and select the training you wish to register for. If you are new to YQCA, you will need to first create an account in YQCA. **Youth must complete the pre-test prior to attending the class.**

YQCA Online Certification:

Youth Quality Care Assurance certification can be completed online as well. However, please note the following details:

Cost: \$12.00

Who: Open to youth exhibitors ages 8-19 years of age.

Time: Youth can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. Each module takes 15-20 minutes with there be a total of five (5) modules.

Certification Expiration: Certification is good one (1) year from the date of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and log in using the account you created last year. If you are new to YQCA you will need to create an account. After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

YQCA Online Test Out Option:

YQCA is offering a test-out option that consists of 50 questions. Youth must receive a passing score of at least 80% to receive certification through this option. Youth will only be given one chance to pass. Failure to receive a passing score will result in youth having to take the certification course either online or in-person.

Cost: \$36.00-\$48.00

Who: 12, 15, and 19 years old

Certification Expiration: Certification is good for three (3) or four (4) years from date of passing depending on age.

How to register online: Go to <http://yqcaprogram.org> and log in or create an account. If you do not have an account. After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

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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.