



SEPTEMBER 2023

4-H Family News

Allegan County



Allegan County 4-H September 2023 Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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4-H Council Booth set up 2pm Ag. Bldg, Fairgrounds

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4-H Council Booth Ag. Bldg, Fairgrounds 4-7pm

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Youth Goat Show, Arena
Youth Sheep Show, Arena

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Youth Beef Show Dairy Starter & Steers, Arena
Youth PeeWee & Fun Horse Show, Flats

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Western Horse & Gymkhana Show, 9am Flats
Poultry show, 1pm barn/tent

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Patriot Day
Youth Swine Show, Arena
Rabbit Show, barn

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Dairy Show, arena
Youth Driving Show, Flats

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Youth Livestock Auction, 10am arena

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Youth Dog Show, on Hill

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Top Showmanship Orientation 6pm, Arena
4-H Council mtg 6:30pm Tent

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English Horse Show, 9am Flats
Showmanship Sweepstakes, 3pm Arena

Allegan County Fair Sept. 8-16

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Fall Extension Conference, MSU

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4-H Carcass Contests





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Members can apply for County Awards!!



4-H Members who are 4-H Age 12 or older and have completed 2 years in a project can apply for a county award in the project area. 4-H members can apply for as many awards as they want, but can only win 2 county awards each year. A county award can only be won once. A separate form must be completed for each county award applied for. Please check out the attached county award form. Completed county award forms are due in the county office October 1, 2023.



ALLEGAN COUNTY 4-H AWARDS

Each year the Allegan County 4-H Council plans and conducts the Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration to recognize the dedication of our county volunteers, members and Friends of 4-H. 4-H County medals are presented to youth. 4-H members are recognized for state awards involvement. 4-H leaders receive certificates and pins for years of service beginning with their 1st year and then in 5 year increments. In addition, there are special awards presented. To nominate a person, club or business please send an email to the 4-H Program Coordinator explaining why you feel they should receive the award. **Nominations are due by October 1.** The 4-H Council will review nominations and select winners. Winners will be announced during the Awards Celebration in November.

4-H Club of the Year Award – Nominee should be a 4-H club that has been active over the past year in 4-H activities, active community service, and set an example as a 4-H Club. Award: Certificate

4-H Community Service by a Club Award – Nominee should be a 4-H Club that has performed a major community service activity in the past year. Nomination should include detail of the activity and the difference it made. Award: Certificate

4-H International Award – a 4-H Individual and or Family who has actively participated in international activities and opportunities and has promoted international understanding. Award: Certificate

4-H Leader of the Year Award – a 4-H Volunteer who has exhibited the true meaning of being a 4-H leader. Unselfishly serving their 4-H Club as well as the county 4-H program. Award: Plaque or certificate

4-H Above and Beyond Award – a 4-H Volunteer who has gone above and beyond in their role for their 4-H Club and county and state. Award: certificate or plaque

4-H Teen Leader Award – A 4-H Teen who has exhibited leadership with their 4-H Club and also on a county level. Should be enrolled as a Teen leader in 4HOnline. Award: Certificate

4-H Teen Above and Beyond Award – A 4-H teen who has gone above and beyond helping their 4-H Club and being involved with County committees. This teen has done demonstrations, attended workshops, represented Allegan County 4-H at a regional or state level. Award: Certificate

Friend of 4-H Award – A non 4-H individual or business that supports the county 4-H program in some way. Donating items for 4-H Council auction, purchasing 4-H animals. Award: Certificate

4-H Alumni award - Presented to an individual who was a past Allegan County 4-H member. This individual may or may not be a 4-H leader. Presented to those who have made a difference in Allegan County 4-H program. Award: 4-H Alumni item



4-H IS MORE THAN
JUST A CLUB.

WE'RE A FAMILY.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



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

The night kicks off with the Year End Horse Awards!
Silent Auction, Dinner, Live Auction, and
More awards to follow!

One of a Kind Auction Items

November 11, 2023

Doors open at 4pm

Gun River Conservation Club

689 11th St. Otsego



Happy Veterans Day!





DONATION ~~4~~OR BUYER REGISTRATION FORM

Allegan County 4-H Youth Council 4-H Auction November 11, 2023

Please complete and send this form to: 2023 4-H Auction, MSU Extension, 3255 122nd Avenue, Ste. 200, Allegan MI 49010-9511.

BUSINESS/INDIVIDUAL NAME: _____

CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL OR OTHER INFO: _____

_____ I (We) plan to attend the 4-H Auction on November 11, 2023 and would like to register using the information above. Dinner will be available for a donation. There will be (number of people) _____

_____ 4-H Club that contacted us is (if applicable): _____

ITEM DONATION DESCRIPTION: _____
ITEM VALUE: _____ \$
_____ YES, PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE PICK UP ITEM(S). OR
_____ PLEASE ACCEPT THIS CASH DONATION OF: _____ \$ (Enclose check made payable to Allegan County 4-H Council)

Thanks for your support!

Allegan County 4-H Council Auction Committee reserves the right not to accept items for this auction.

For Committee Use Only

Silent Auction # _____

Live # _____

Book _____

Thank you _____



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H has grown true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth and 4-H alums to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the Meet Michigan 4-H'ers section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

September 6: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 16-17: 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso

Adult and teen 4-H volunteers can learn about 4-H shooting sports' mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1

September 18: Adulting 101 - How to Tell Principals & Politicians They are Full of Poop While Being Polite

Online

This session will provide some skills and practice on how to influence people in power to make change in your community and world.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting1019-18-23

September 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Spice up Your 4-H Experiences with 4-H Resources

Online

This session will explore a variety of resources that 4-H volunteers can use in meetings to support Michigan 4-H'ers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources7pm

September 29: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

Agenda items include 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting

October 4: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

Education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 1-7, 2023

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 1-7, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "I ♥ 4-H." As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of you can celebrate 4-H and show all the ways you ♥ 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

Have a 4-H Reunion — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

Raise Awareness – On October 4, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/> that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>.



ALLEGAN COUNTY 4-H County Award Application Form

Read through these instructions. Follow the instructions. Make sure you give yourself enough time to complete the form PRIOR to the deadline. Neatness counts! Even if you have to redo the form several times please make sure you are presenting your best work!! Typed is preferred but handwritten is acceptable. There should be NO spelling errors. **The 4-H Council will meet in October to determine the Award winners – no late forms will be considered. Awards will be announced at the Annual Awards Celebration in November.**

1. This form is to be completed by the 4-H member. Parent/Guardian and Leader signatures are required. Leader’s written recommendation is required.
2. 4-H members must have reached the age of 12 years (or older) as of January 1st of the 4-H year and completed 2 years (& be currently enrolled in their 3rd year or more) of the project(s) they are applying for.
3. 4-H members must not have previously received the county medal they are applying for.
4. 4-H members may apply for as many county medals as they wish, however each member is eligible to receive only two (2) county medals per year.
5. 4-H members must complete a separate form for each county medal they’re applying for.
6. Questions? Contact 4-H Program Coordinator at (269) 673-0370 (ext. 2557) or via email liepe@msu.edu .
7. Send completed forms to: Allegan County 4-H, MSU Extension, Human Services Building, 3255 122nd Ave., Suite 200, Allegan MI 49010-9511

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

4-H Club _____

4-H Member’s Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

4-H Leader’s Signature _____ Date _____

4-H COUNCIL SPONSORED COUNTY MEDALS

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| Achievement | Drawing – Visual Arts | Photography |
| Aerospace | Electricity | Plant Science |
| Agriculture | Entomology | Plant Science (Field Crops) |
| Arts – Visual Arts | Fashion Revue (Buymanship) | Poultry |
| Beef | Fitness – Healthy Lifestyles | Public Speaking |
| Beekeeping | Food & Nutrition - (Candy & Cake
Decorating, Foods & Food Preservation) | Rabbits |
| Bicycle | Forestry | Safety |
| Cavies | Forestry (Conservation) | Sheep |
| Citizenship | Gardening & Horticulture | Shooting Sports |
| Clothing | Goats | Style Revue (Modeling) |
| Communication Arts (Clowning) | Hobbies & Collections | Swine |
| Computer Technology | Horse | Veterinary Science |
| Consumer Education | Knitting | Wood Science (Woodworking) |
| Crafts | Leadership | |
| Dairy | Leathercraft | |
| Dog | Needlecraft | |
| Performing Arts (Drama) | Outdoor Educ. & Rec. (Archery) | |

WHICH COUNTY MEDAL ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? _____

COUNTY AWARD APPLICATION FORM (Continued)

Member's Name _____ County Medal Area _____ Years in project _____

Member's Age (as of Jan.1) ____ Date of birth _____ Number of years in 4-H _____

4-H Activities – List local Allegan County 4-H experiences you have had, such as: trips, committees, offices held, etc. Include leadership responsibilities you have accepted in your club and the Allegan County 4-H program. What did you accomplish?

Briefly describe ways in which this project relates to home, club, community, country and world.

Why do you think you should be awarded this county medal?

Write a brief statement on how 4-H has benefited you.

I have attended 4-H out of county Training: yes no
(if yes, number of times and what workshops?)

I have attended Exploration Days: yes no (if yes, number of times)

Other 4-H Conferences, workshops, etc... you have attended:

Other State, National and International experiences:

DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES

Your 4-H Leader's written recommendation needs to be on a separate sheet and sent with this form to the office.