


Allegan County

4-H Family News

May 2022

Allegan County 4-H May 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Karin Wood Memorial Fuzzy Show, Fairgrounds	2 HAPPY MAY DAY! 4-H Horse Leaders Mtg., 7pm Spartan Rm	3	4 4-H Dog Leaders mtg., 7pm Zoom	5 DINER DE MAY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Japanese Children's Day	6	7
8 Happy Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Showmanship Derby mtg. 7:30pm Zoom ?	17 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm Spartan Rm	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day Camp Kidwell Golf Scramble Cheshire Hills Golf Course
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY Office closed	31	<div> <p>Got friends? Invite them to join 4-H</p> <p>https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in</p> </div>			



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4-H EXPLORATION DAYS JUNE 22-24 at Michigan State University

The registration link is available at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/index The total cost of the event is \$220. Required \$50 deposit. **The 4-H Council is offering \$70 scholarships to the first 10 4-H members who register. Also from the Tractor Supply donations there are \$100 scholarships to the first 10 4-H youth who go – making your cost ONLY THE \$50 DEPOSIT!!** To prepare for registration, please go to the [Exploration Days website](#) and: Review the registration tip handout (attached) Read the [Exploration Days handbook](#) and Look at the [session listing](#) and choose which ones interest you. You can pick an A and B session with a D session OR choose a C session and D session. A helpful trick is to pick a few choices in case your favorite is full. Sessions may have age limits, may be repeated at a different time (noted with an asterisk), or have special considerations for dress or pre-work so read the descriptions closely. **SOME SESSIONS ARE FULL!** Contact Dian for list of full sessions.



Save the Date

**ALLEGAN CO. 4H HORSE PROJECT
2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

THURSDAY NIGHT SPEED SERIES
JUNE 23
JULY 21
AUGUST 25

**KARIN WOOD MEMORIAL
FUZZY FUN SHOW**
MAY 1

**HORSEMASTER CLINIC
(ALLEGAN CO. 4H MEMBERS ONLY)**
JUNE 11

**OPEN HORSE SHOW
PLEASURE & SPEED CLASSES**
JUNE 12

5-DAY HORSE CLINIC
JULY 22-27TH

**ALL EVENTS HELD AT THE ALLEGAN COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES!

Coming Soon

- June 1 4-H Dog Declaration Forms due in Office
- June 12 4-H Open Lamb and Goat Show, Fairgrounds
- June 22-24 4-H Exploration Days, MSU
- July 1 4-H enrollment deadline in 4-HOnline
- July 15 - 4-H Market Tagging deadline for Swine, sheep, goats and dairy starters
- July 15—4-H Dairy Female Project forms due in office



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4-H
OUT HERE**

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL 4-H CLUBS AT:

**TSC TRACTOR
SUPPLY CO.**
TractorSupply.com



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout this April 27 -May 8. This applies to purchases made in stores and while shopping online at www.TractorSupply.com.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

4-H Events and Workshops

May 1—28: Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge

Across the state

Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to join a virtual walking challenge! Track and report miles walked for a chance to win prizes for you and your county 4-H program.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge

May 5: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Mock Interview and Tips

Online

Learn 10 tips for a successful interview, practice answering questions in small groups and get both positive and constructive feedback to prepare you for the 2022 4-H State Award process.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5

May 7: Outdoor Survival Skills 4-H SPIN Club

Price Nature Center and Saginaw Field and Stream Club, Saginaw

Learn basic survival skills to help keep you safe in the outdoors during this three day SPIN club that will take place on May 7, May 12 and May 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/outdoor-survival-skills-4-h-spin-club

May 8: 4-H Grow Your Financial Garden Goosechase

Online

Grow your financial garden of knowledge as you gain money tips during this GooseChase app-based scavenger hunt! Win potential prizes and have fun!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-financial-garden-goosechase

May 9: Line Dancing Lessons with Lia

Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building, Greenville

Join an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing. This event is free and open to all.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia

May 10: Wild Spartan Series

Online

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may2022

May 10: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Mock Interview and Tips

Online

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www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-may-10

May 14: Eaton County 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match

Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

4-H dog project members and leaders are invited for a day of showing and fun hosted by Eaton County. Both youth and adults may participate in agility, obedience and showmanship classes.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/eaton-county-4-h-pre-fair-dog-fun-match

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msu.edu/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA



Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2022-23 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock, or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help you manage their health and safety by making sure you know the questions to ask before purchasing and the preparations required to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comeingle them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp returns!



Save the date: 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is returning in person this summer! Hosted at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, this fun summer event will take place July 31—August 6.

Teens ages 13—15 will have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences that educate them about natural resources, environmental stewardship and more. Youth will also enjoy charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, wading through wetlands, exploring dunes and more!

Registration will open in early May and space is limited. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.