



# Allegan County 4-H Family News

April 2022

## Allegan County 4-H April 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> MI Beef Expo MSU Pavilion 	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Get a head start on your 4-H Garden project 7-8pm Zoom	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4-H Hairy Horse Show MSU Pavilion
<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm TBA	<b>20</b> Dian at CYI Spring Conf. @ MSU		<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> Project ideas for Cloverbud projects 7-8pm Zoom	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> Camp and Clean Up At 4-H Camp Kidwell

Volunteer Central: [https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

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


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**Congrats to  
Sawyer, Katelyn  
and Lena!  
You ROCK!**

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**4-H Camp Kidwell—summer Jobs and camp registration.** 4-H Camp Kidwell is looking for staff for the 5 weeks of 4-H Summer Camp—check out the information on the camp website.

**Summer Camp registration** is OPEN!! Apply online to attend 4-H Summer Camp—check out the information on the camp website: <https://www.campkidwell.org/>

**4-H Camp Kidwell Important dates coming up**  
April 1-22—Spring Flower Sale  
April 29 & 30—Camp Clean Up Day /Flower sale pick up  
May 21— Camp Kidwell Golf Outing at Cheshire



## CAMP CLEAN UP WEEKEND

**Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30**  
**10 am - 4 pm**

Let's make a weekend of it! Bring your camper, use a cabin, spend one night or two! Anyone up for a potluck? Of course we'll need to have a campfire and s'mores. Why should the kiddos have all the fun! Come spend the weekend at camp. It will be a great time to work together and play together.

Sign up on our website [campkidwell.org](http://campkidwell.org) to let us know you are coming.  
You may also pick a specific job that you would be willing to tackle!  
Questions? Contact KJ - [kj@campkidwell.org](mailto:kj@campkidwell.org) or Dawn - [dawn@campkidwell.org](mailto:dawn@campkidwell.org) or call 269-521-3559.



## *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!

## 4-H Learning Workshops—

April 7th join us to learn about starting your 4-H Garden project. April 25th will feature projects for 4-H Cloverbuds. Both are FREE see flyer for details.



Congratulations to the 4H members of the Allegan County 4H/FFA Horse Judging Team members for their placings at their very first competition March 26-27 at the Michigan 4H/FFA Horse Judging competition at Michigan State University. Left to right: Sawyer Maurer - 2nd Junior Individual Division, Katelyn Williams - 3rd Senior Individual Division and Lena Germain - 7th Senior Individual Division. This team was coached by Heather Maurer.

### MSU Masking Guidelines Lifted



In early March, Michigan State University (MSU) updated their COVID-19 mask guidance. These changes impact attendees of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H programs occurring on and off MSU property.

As of March 8, masks are no longer required at MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H programs, events, offices or meeting rooms.

While not a requirement, Michigan 4-H in-person events are still encouraged to follow best practices that include meeting outside when possible, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them.

As always, the most up-to-date guidelines for Michigan 4-H can be found at [extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities](http://extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### April 2: Reality Fair

Heilmann Recreation Center, Detroit

Gain experience making real-life financial decisions in this money management simulation.

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

### April 4: Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Goosechase

Online

Join Michigan 4-H to celebrate military families and children during the Month of the Military Child! New missions will be released every week through May 4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-month-of-the-military-child-goosechase>

### April 7: Adulting 101—Paying for Post-Secondary Education

Online

This series helps youth and young adults prepare for life on their own. Different topics will be offered each Thursday in April. The first session will explore different ways to help pay for the cost of college, trade school, and other post high school educational opportunities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-spring-paying>

### April 9 or 10: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day workshop! Each day offers an independent workshop leading to its own certification.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss\\_instructor\\_certification\\_spring22](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss_instructor_certification_spring22)

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-2>

### April 12: Wild Spartans—Great Lakes Fish Investigations

Online

Head out onto the Great Lakes to learn about fish of all sizes - from tiny venomous catfish to massive lake sturgeon. Meet Michigan DNR Fisheries Technician Brad Utrup and 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-2022>

### April 16: Montcalm County 4-H Goat Show

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville

Do you have a goat who you think is the GOAT (Greatest of All Time)? Bring them to the Montcalm County Fairgrounds for the 4-H Goat Educational and Fun Show. Open to all.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-4-h-goat-show>

### April 23: Mock Interview Day

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi

Gain confidence, communication and career readiness skills as you also gain tips on networking and interviewing. Includes opportunities to practice and receive feedback.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mock22>

### April 28: 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.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia2>

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





### Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts).

#### Cash Composition Contest (9-12 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, age 9-12 have a chance to win \$100 by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on “paying yourself first.” Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 11. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest).

#### Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Michigan youth age 13-19 will compete in an online quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$100. High scoring youth will be entered into the drawing for four \$100 prizes. Contest registration must be complete by April 28. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest).

Youth who want to prepare for the contests may take part in a webinar on April 13 at 4:30 p.m. ([www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-13](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-13)) or a self-guided learning experience ([www.canr.msu.edu/courses/grow-your-money](http://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/grow-your-money)).

### 4-H Exploration Days registration coming in April!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth age 12 –19 as of Jan. 1.



4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they'll also have plenty of time for fun with free time activities such as skating, bowling, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open in mid-April. The cost for the 2022 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days) for more details.

### Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge



Starting May 1, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win an alumni swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program! Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Learn more and register at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge).

# Allegan County 4-H Learning Workshops

***Get a head start on  
your Garden project***  
**April 7<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm via Zoom**

- ♦ get tips on planning
- ♦ planting seeds inside
- ♦ Transplanting after frost.



***Project Ideas  
for Cloverbuds!***

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm via Zoom**

- ♦ Fun easy projects
- ♦ designed just for 5-7 year olds
- ♦ Easy clear instructions

**To register for these FREE workshops email [liepe@msu.edu](mailto:liepe@msu.edu) with the name of the workshop. You will receive the Zoom link and information the day before the workshop.**

**Questions email Dian at [liepe@msu.edu](mailto:liepe@msu.edu)**

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