







Allegan County 4-H Family News

MARCH, 2022

Allegan County 4-H March 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Leader Update sessions 3 & 4 Zoom at 3pm & 7pm	2 ASH WEDNESDAY Leader Update sessions 3 & 4 Zoom at 3pm & 7pm	3	4	5 Beekeeping Crash Course 4-H Camp Kidwell – reg. required
6	7 4-H Horse Leaders mtg. 7pm, Spartan Room	8 4-H Livestock Leaders 7:30pm Spartan Room	9	10	11 MI Horse Expo at MSU Pavilion March 11-13	12
13 	14	15 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm, Zoom	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 Animal Science Career Quest March 18-20, MSU	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26 MI 4-H Hippology Contest, MSU 4-H Youth Dog Workshop, Isabella County Commission on Aging
27 4-H FFA Horse Judging Contest, MSU	28	29 4-H Dairy Leaders meeting 7:30pm Zoom	30	31	COMING SOON: April 1 - Michigan Beef Expo – MSU Pavilion April 9 - 4-H Hairy Horse Show – MSU Pavilion	



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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Beekeeping Crash Course March 5 – Are your kids interested in bees? Are you interested in bees? To learn more about Beekeeping register for the FREE crash course on March 5 at 4-H Camp Kidwell. See attached Flyer for registration details.

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

March 19—Camp Clean Up Day—(Get your club to help out!!)

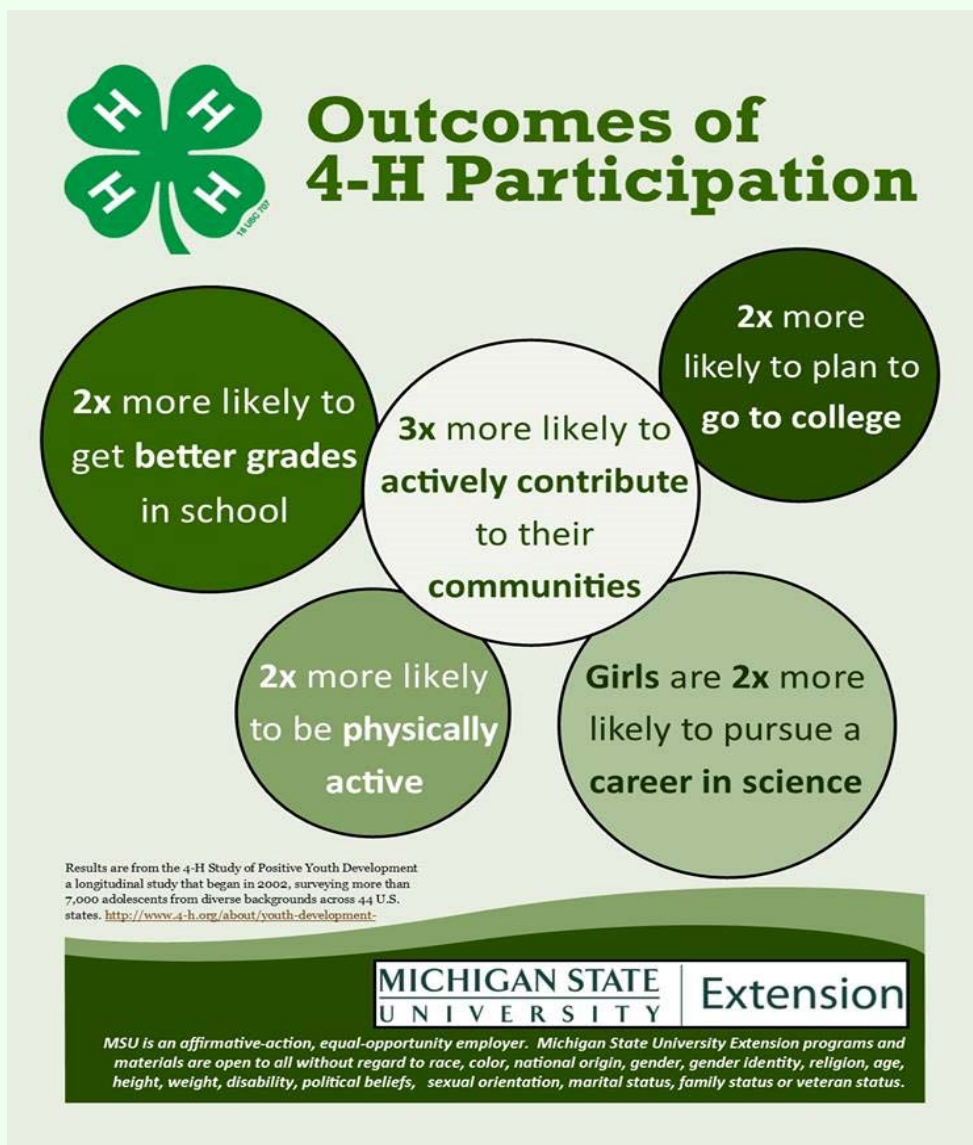
April 1-22—Spring Flower Sale

April 29 & 30—Camp Clean Up Day /Flower sale pick up

May 21— Camp Kidwell Golf Outing at Cheshire Hills Golf Course

COMING SOON— WATCH EMAIL BLASTS FOR SCHEDULES

* Training for 4-H adult and teen leaders on preparing for gardens, repurposing items, shortcuts in the kitchen, crafts and more.





Beekeeping Project Opportunity

The Kidwell Bee Wranglers are a 4H club that meets monthly, March to October. Basic beekeeping lessons are led by 4H leader and EAS-certified Master Beekeeper Ray Lackey. These lessons are beneficial to both those currently keeping honey bees and those who desire to do so. We meet at Camp Kidwell (39000 1st Avenue, Bloomingdale MI 49026), on the border of Van Buren and Allegan counties and not far from Kalamazoo county) where our club has a demonstration yard. The Demonstration Bee Yard at Camp Kidwell is used as a teaching yard as the weather permits and will allow those not ready to start their own hives to gain experience working with bees and becoming familiar with equipment options.

The Kidwell Bee Wranglers would like to invite any 4Her in the area who is interested in starting a beekeeping project to an **Introduction to Beekeeping** class on **Saturday March 5** at Camp Kidwell's main building. This one-day crash course on beekeeping, from 8 AM to 4 PM, will cover the full year of beekeeping, options of equipment, and a range of startup costs for different levels of startup. Lunch (pizza) will be provided if you preregister with a head count (Donations accepted). Suggested age is 9 and up. Parents are welcome.

Please copy and paste into an email and send to lackeyray@tianca.com You should get a response confirming receipt within a day or two.

Child First Name	
Child Last Name	
Age	
Already a 4H member (Y/N)	
Beekeeping Experience (Y/N)	
Parent First Name	
Parent Last Name	
Address	
Phone(s)	
Email	
Total number attending	

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4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshops



Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop!

Held at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon on April 9 and 10, workshops will offer hands-on training that compliments virtual video instruction.

Participants will learn about the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports' mission and policies, risk management, safety, equipment use and care, teaching methods, positive youth development and more.

Each day will offer different certifications with choices among archery, rifle, shotgun, and hunting and wildlife disciplines. First Aid/CPR and Project WILD/Learning Tree will be concurrent sessions.

Register by March 15. To learn more, contact Laura Quist at quistla1@msu.edu.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Events and Workshops

March 2: Virtual School Garden Education Sessions

Online

This six-week series that will occur every other Wednesday through May 11. Attendees will leave each session with 2-3 lesson ideas for teaching in the garden.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-school-garden-education-sessions-spring-2022>

March 3: Paying for Post-Secondary Education

Online

Learn the many ways to fund your education after high school so you can minimize your debt while investing in yourself.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-3-3>

March 5: 4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop

Demmer Shooting Sports and Education, Lansing

Become a trainer for the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program! Trainers facilitate instructor certification workshops for teen and adult volunteers in the 4-H shooting sports project area.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss_trainer_workshop

March 8: Wild Spartans Series

Online

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

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2022>

March 9: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Resumes and Cover Letter Review

Online

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your resume and/or cover letter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-resumes-and-or-cover-letter-review>

March 16: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training—Application Review

Online

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your application.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-application-review>

March 18—20: Animal Science Career Quest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Learn about all the opportunities an animal science education can bring them, not just as an undergraduate student, but long-term post-graduate, career options, and beyond.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>

March 26: 4-H Hippology Contest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-hippology-contest-2022>

March 27: 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine conformation and performance while giving an oral explanation of your class evaluation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest-2022>

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Apply for a 2022 4-H State Award!

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.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

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.

New training required for 4-H volunteers

Since 2013, Michigan State University (MSU) has required all MSU employees and volunteers conducting business on behalf of the university to report child abuse and other harm to children. To help MSU Extension volunteers better understand the reporting expectations, a new online learning module titled "Child Abuse Reporting Protocol" has been developed. The module can be completed in 10-15 minutes.

All 4-H volunteers are required to complete this training in the upcoming year. Deadlines are as follows:

- New volunteers must complete the module as part of the screening and onboarding process.
- Current 4-H volunteers due for annual compliance and background checks on April 1 or later must complete the training before their 2022 annual compliance date.
- Current 4-H volunteers due for annual compliance and background checks in February or March must complete the training before their 2023 annual compliance date. However, these volunteers are encouraged to complete the training prior to this date.

To review the training, 4-H volunteers may either:

- Log into [Volunteer Central](#) and complete the module through the system. Within Volunteer Central, the module will be visible on either the screening dashboard (applicants) or the annual compliance dashboard (volunteers). Once completed, Volunteer Central will log this as "completed".
- Check with your local 4-H program coordinator to determine if they will be hosting a local training or meeting to review and discuss the material. For trainings conducted by MSU Extension professionals, attendance will be recorded in Volunteer Central on your behalf.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment as a 4-H volunteer. Questions about the training? Contact your local 4-H program coordinator.



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From now until April 30, every dollar can make a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK. While visiting your local JOANN store or shopping online, you can support 4-H by adding a donation at checkout.

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