



Allegan County

4-H Family News

January 2022

Allegan County 4-H January 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Allegan Co. MSU Extension Office closed	4	5	6 Horse Judging Zoom	7	8
9	10 Show comm. 6pm Zoom 4-H Horse Ldrs 7pm ZM	11 4-H Livestock Leaders OFFICERS 7pm Pizza Hut, Allegan	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Day	18 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm Zoom	19	20 Horse Judging Team mtg 7:15pm Zoom	21	22
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of **young**
people
across **America**
who are learning
leadership,
citizenship and
life skills.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE!



4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience for more information.

4-H Events and Workshops

January 4: Cross Country Skiing

Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

Online

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

Zoom Webinar

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 conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

Class locations will be announced one week before each class. 1

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

Online

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

Online

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<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-virtual-open-house>

January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

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



Adulting 101-Winter Series

Free Online Classes for Young Adults

DATE & TIME:

February 2: 4 - 5 p.m.
Wealth Building

February 9: 4 - 5 p.m.
Workplace Professionalism

February 16: 4-5 p.m.
Taxes and Your Paycheck

February 23: 4 - 5 p.m.
Food Safety

LOCATION: Virtual on
Zoom

COST:
Free

Prepare yourself for the future!



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

High School Youth and Young Adults

DESCRIPTION:

Learn some quick tips that will help you navigate life.

- **Wealth Building:** Build your wealth by exploring different types of saving and investment products, evaluating your risk tolerance, and setting goals.
- **Workplace Professionalism:** Gain tips on how to better manage your time, workspace, relationships, and setting boundaries.
- **Taxes and Your Paycheck:** Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your salary vs. your take home pay.
- **Food Safety:** We all love to eat! Learn how to properly store, cook, and handle your food with safety in mind.

REGISTER: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adult101Feb/>

You can sign up for one or more. Links will be sent once you register.

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Check out our website and follow us on Facebook to learn more about additional Adulting 101 resources, events, and programs.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.



MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!



Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension

Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.



Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.

Make plans to attend the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h.