



## Calhoun County

# 4-H Family News

March - April 2019

### 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



**more to explore**  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## 4-H Exploration Days 2019 News June 19-21, 2019 on the campus of Michigan State University

This signature MSU precollege program brings youth ages 11-19 to the campus of Michigan State University to live like a college student for three days and build critical life skills for the transition to college and adulthood.

The Exploration Days registration book and forms will be available online or you can pick one up at the MSU Extension office sometime the first week of March.

County staff will begin registration starting **March 19**. You are strongly encouraged to turn your registration form in **prior** to that date, as our office staff registers participants online in the order that they are received. Many of the sessions fill up the very first day. **The deadline to register is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, but usually by that date, most of the popular sessions are already filled, so **DON'T WAIT!**

The 2019 cost is \$220. The fee includes meals, a shared room in a dorm, sessions and a t-shirt. An \$80 deposit is required at the time your registration form is turned in to the Calhoun County MSU Extension Office. There is an additional \$20 4-H participation fee for youth not yet enrolled in 4-H. The balance due is required no later than the Orientation Meeting date on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Youth must be age 11 by January 1st of the year they wish to attend 4-H Exploration Days. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1st of the current year.

If you are going or sending a youth to this event, please plan on attending the **Orientation: Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Fredonia Township Hall, 8803 US Hwy 27 S, Marshall 6:30-8:30pm** where you will sign up for roommates, swimming and get all the information you need for this event.

**Website:** [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/infoT/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/infoT/4_h_exploration_days) Contact the 4-H staff in Calhoun County at 269-781-0784 for more information on 4-H Exploration Days, and any specific details pertaining to your county's delegation.

## 4-H Council Corner

### 4-H Council Needs you!

Did you know Calhoun County Youth Leadership Council has vacant positions? This is an awesome service opportunity. There are openings for youth ages 12-14, and ages 16-19 and also adult leaders. Our objectives are "to develop unity and spirit among 4-H Clubs, support educational activities, and support the MSUE 4-H Coordinator." Our current President is Macey Mead, Vice President is David Dittmore, Secretary is Emmalie Letts, Treasurer is Sasha Rogers, Reporter is Missy Lawrence, and Corresponding Secretary is Treysen Mead. If you are interested in being involved, please talk to a member or call the MSUE office. Or check out our council meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Calhoun County building in the conference room 1-400.

**New opportunity to stay connected with fun 4-H opportunities.** Check out the new [Snap Chat @Calhoun4-H](#) and our [Instagram @Calhouncounty4hcouncil](#). We are planning a 4-H Council recruitment event for the spring.  
From Missy Lawrence, 4-H Council Reporter

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**THE 2019 THEME  
WILL BE THE FAIR  
THEME FROM THE  
FAIRBOOK.**

### Important Items to Note:

If you are making a check payment to the MSU Extension office, please **ADD** your phone number to your check. Thank you!

4-H Exploration Days  
Registration Deadline  
April 26<sup>th</sup>

Calhoun County Fair  
August 11 - 17



## 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April. During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn how money can make money in this year's first annual online contest.

Learn more and register today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.

### How do I participate?

1. Download Kahoot! app on phone or tablet and create a Kahoot! username.
2. Sign up to participate by April 1, 2019. Must sign up to be eligible for prizes.
3. Learn about investing at Michigan 4-H website at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>
4. On April 2, 2019, you will receive an email with the Kahoot! challenge code. Preview the questions before taking the challenge. Your first score counts.
5. Complete the Kahoot! challenge using the code by April 30, 2019. The Kahoot! challenge will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.
6. Winners will be announced by May 15, 2019.



**4-H Beef Club Scholarship:** To assist students who will attend a school of higher learning and who has been a member of the Calhoun County 4-H Beef Club. **Deadline is June 1st.** Please contact Mr. & Mrs. Mike Flynn of the Calhoun County 4-H Beef Club.

**Burrell E Henry College Scholarship:** To assist Calhoun County students who will attend Michigan State University and are accepted in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, including the Ag Tech Program, or pursuing a career in Veterinary Medicine or other opportunity in the field of agriculture or family and consumer science related careers. **Deadline for application is April 1**, send to: BE Henry Scholarship Committee c/o Patti Jarvis, Secretary/Treasurer, 7705 29 Mile Road, Concord MI 49237 Or email to: [michfarmgal@yahoo.com](mailto:michfarmgal@yahoo.com)

**Furu Family 4-H Legacy Scholarship:** Implemented to honor the Don & Virginia Furu family. Applicants must be a current or past year member of a Calhoun County 4-H Club who has exhibited at the Calhoun County Fair and High school senior who is currently accepted at a college or technical school or currently enrolled in post-secondary or a technical training program. Applicant must have a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5; and previous recipients will not be eligible in future years. **The deadline is June 30th.** A complete application must be received on or before this deadline to: MSU Extension Office, Calhoun County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068. This scholarship will be awarded at the Calhoun County Fair during the Show of Champions.

**LaVern Smith Memorial Scholarship:** Applicants must be a member of a 4-H Club or a Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter within Calhoun County, Michigan. At the time of application for this scholarship, applicants must be either a senior in high school or a high school graduate enrolled in a technical school or college. Applicants must be available for an interview if requested by the selection committee. Previous recipients are not eligible. **Deadline for application is April 1.** Mail or fax applications to MSU Extension 315 W Green St, Marshall, MI 49068. The LaVern Smith Memorial Scholarship selection committee shall establish the selection criteria. The committee will meet to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded and to select scholarship recipients. The recipient(s) will be announced after May 1. Scholarships will be presented to recipients during the Calhoun County Fair in August at the Fairgrounds in Marshall, Michigan. For details, contact the MSU Extension Office or your local FFA Advisor.

Deadline to apply for the **2018 Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship is May 17, 2019.** Application details available at [www.michigan.gov/mda-mylys](http://www.michigan.gov/mda-mylys) For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application. For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application.

**Michigan 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Project Scholarship** To apply you must be a high school senior for 2018-2019 and currently enrolled in 4-H. You must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit/cavy project for at least three years and have financial need. Award amount: Varies, two to four given annually. Deadline is **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. For more information and an application: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships)

If you have any questions about these or any other scholarships, please don't hesitate to contact the Calhoun County MSU Extension office.

Phone: 269-781-0784 or Email: [msue.calhoun@county.msu.edu](mailto:msue.calhoun@county.msu.edu)







## Calhoun County 4-Hers leading the Pledge at the MSU Women's Basketball Game



### ESCAPE! ESCAPE! ESCAPE!

#### Two 4-H Escape Rooms Coming in May

Can you find Flicka's foal in time? or Will you join the Spirits of MSU?

Calhoun County MSU Extension has developed TWO escape rooms for you to race the clock and finish! You will have 60 minutes to work together as a group to solve puzzles and tasks in order to complete the game. Each room has its own theme and corresponding puzzles. Farmer Fred's Foal centers around a 4-H member whose pregnant mare is missing and Spartans Will...Or Spirits Will is based on a MSU college visit with a paranormal twist.

**Date:** Sunday, May 19, 2019

**Time:** 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Where:** Calhoun County Building in Marshall, MI

**Cost:** \$5 per person

**Group size:** Groups consist of six people, with one group in each room at a time.

**Ages:** 13 years old and up may have their own groups, while groups under 13 years old must have an adult as a member of the group.

**Registration:** Contact Pat at [dadowpa@msu.edu](mailto:dadowpa@msu.edu) or Amber at [herman70@msu.edu](mailto:herman70@msu.edu) to register your group and pay for registration. If you do not have a group of six, we will combine registrants into groups of six, just let us know what time you want to play.

The escape rooms are going to be included in a session at the upcoming Exploration Days! You can get the opportunity to play them first!



#### Upcoming Calhoun County 4-H Programs

Watch for more information on these programs in the near future:

April 1 – Day at the Spa

April 28 – Chocolate!

May 19 – 4-H Escape Rooms

June 19-21 – Exploration Days

June 25 – Cloverbud Day Camp

# Statewide Calendar of Events

## 4-H Workshops & Events

### March 1 to April 30, 2019: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30, 2019 and purchasing a clover tear away at the register for either \$1 or \$4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

### March 9: 4-H Dog Project Leader & Youth Workshop

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-dog-project-leader-and-youth-workshop>

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI

### March 15-17: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dairy-conference>

Kettunen Center, 14901 4H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

### March 16-17: Michigan 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_robotics\\_leaders\\_workshop\\_2019](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_robotics_leaders_workshop_2019)

Kettunen Center, Tustin Robotics workshop for adult and teen leaders ages 13 and up interested in developing and growing a robotics 4-H club.

### March 23: 4-H Hippology Skills & Equine Communications Contest

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

MSU Campus, Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI

### March 24: 4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest

For more information: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest-2019>

Contact Taylor Fabus by email at [tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu) or by phone: (517) 353-1748  
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

### March 27 to April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) store March 27 – April 7, 2019 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

### April 6: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/norma-agnew-memorial-hairy-horse-show-2019>

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

### April 13: State 4-H Goat Expo

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

### April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

### April 27: 4-H Poultry Workshop

For more information: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-poultry-workshop>

Contact Katie Ockert at [ockertka@msu.edu](mailto:ockertka@msu.edu) or by phone: (517) 432-5270

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

### May 9: 2019 World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, or Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI.

One-day event where 8-12 grade students present research and recommendations on how to solve global food security issues. Participants network with researchers and other professionals while engaging in educational experiences. Information at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Contact Brian Wibby by email: [wibby@msu.edu](mailto:wibby@msu.edu) or by phone: (906) 475-5731 or Betty Jo Krosnicki by email: [nashbett@msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu) or by phone at: (810)-648-2515. [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019\\_world\\_food\\_prize\\_michigan\\_youth\\_institute](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019_world_food_prize_michigan_youth_institute)

### June 8: 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure!

Admission will be \$26.00 per guest with children two and under being free. The \$26.00 includes the use of both parks and all of the attractions within except for the Bumper Boats and the RipCord. If anyone wanted to add on the 4-H Day meal, they would be able to do so for an additional \$7.00. The meal will be served from 2 to 3 in the catering area and the meal will consist of an all-beef hot dog, macaroni salad, potato chips and Coke product soft drinks. Reservations are required for admission and meal tickets by June 3, 2019: Contact the Group Sales Office directly at 231.766.9959, [youthsales@miadventure.com](mailto:youthsales@miadventure.com) or visit [www.miadventure.com/specialevents](http://www.miadventure.com/specialevents)

### June 24-28: The 4-H Veterinary Science Camp for youth (13 to 16 years of age as of January 1, 2018)

For more information: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_animal\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/)

Contact Nick Babcock at [babco116@msu.edu](mailto:babco116@msu.edu) or by phone: (517) 432-1626  
MSU East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4\\_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h)

## Registration available for the 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp



The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the age of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_animal\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/).



## Welcome New Leaders!!!

Mindie Dittmore,  
4 Leaf Clovers

Jennifer Petch,  
Happy Harvesters

Cressie Vargo,  
Robotics Spin Club

Ashely Zuehlke,  
Tumbleweed Riders