



JUNE 2026

4-H Family News



Charlevoix County

Boyne 4-H Soccer – Needs YOU!!

The Boyne Area 4-H Soccer Program is gearing up for another exciting fall season, but we need the support of our community to make it happen. Without enough volunteers, the Fall 2026 soccer season may not be possible. The season is scheduled to run from September 8 through October 15, 2026, with practices and games taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at Rotary Park in Boyne City.

We are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in several important roles, including:

- Field Managers** – assist with painting and preparing field lines
- Program Managers** – help organize teams, practices, and games
- Coaches** – support youth as they learn soccer skills and teamwork

The Boyne Area 4-H Soccer Program provides local youth with opportunities to stay active, build confidence, learn sportsmanship, and make lasting friendships. This program means so much to our kids and community, and it simply cannot continue without caring volunteers willing to lend a hand. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, every volunteer makes a difference. If you have ever considered getting involved, now is the perfect time to step up and help ensure our youth have the soccer season they are excited for. To become a GOLD volunteer, apply here: https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home

Let's make sure our kids get the season they're excited for!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Charlevoix 4-H Council Meeting** –6:30pm.....Date: 06-01-2026
At Boyne City – Commission Chambers
- 4-H Exploration Days Orientation** –7:15pm.....Date: 06-01-2026
At Boyne City – Commission Chambers
- Emmet-Charlevoix Market Livestock Meeting** –7:00pm.....Date: 06-15-2026
At Emmet County Fair Grounds – Community Center
- Emmet-Charlevoix Horse Council Meeting** –7:00pm.....Date: 06--2026
At Emmet County Fair Grounds – Equestrian Center
- **Market Livestock Small Animal (Duck, Geese, Rabbit, Turkey) Contracts Due** - Monday, June 15, 2026
- **Take A Day On! Beaver Island:** Friday, June 19, 2026.
- **4-H Tennis Clinic:** Monday, June 22-26, 2026 – Registration still open
- **4-H Exploration Days:** Tuesday, June 23 - 26, 2026 at MSU Campus
- **Boyne Area 4-H Swim School Starts:** Monday, June 29, 2026 – Registration Closes Friday, June 19th

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing Youth to Be Beyond Ready Through 4-H Livestock Projects



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4-H livestock projects provide powerful, real-world learning that helps youth become Beyond Ready for life, work and leadership. Caring for animals teaches responsibility, time management and problem solving, all of which are essential skills for future success. Through chores, recordkeeping and making informed decisions, youth practice accountability and perseverance.

Livestock projects also build confidence as members explain their work to judges, interact with buyers and demonstrate professionalism in the show ring. When volunteers encourage reflection, support goal setting, and help youth connect these experiences to life beyond the barn, young people begin to see how their efforts today prepare them for tomorrow. Are your project activities helping youth become Beyond Ready?

#BeyondReady

June 6: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. Find new caches, trade travel bugs, explore the gardens and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache

June 9: Online Extension Extras for Parents: Internet Safety

Online

Screens are everywhere, and children are spending more and more time in front of them. This session will discuss topics including steps to take to keep kids safe online, apps youth use and their safety, Michigan laws, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26

June 11: Adulting 101 – AI and You: Smart, Safe and Savvy

Online

As part of the Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 webinar series, this session will explore the basics of how artificial intelligence works, ways it can support you, and how to make smart decisions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai_and_you

June 18: Pirate and Pixie Garden Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Argh me mateys. Join a morning of swashbuckling fun! Go on a treasure hunt, making pixie dust, decorate an eye patch and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party

June 23: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in communities.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

July 1: 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging State Contest

Farm Bureau Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants will demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve communication and decision-making skills. Register by June 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 15. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026.



MSU Extension honors 11 Michigan 4-H volunteers for 50 years of service in 2026

For the sixth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“We give thanks for every volunteer in our program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “Michigan 4-H would not exist as it does today without the dedication of volunteers who generously share their gifts, and these 11 remarkable individuals in particular have been sharing their gifts for a half-century. We offer them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all they’ve done for our organization and Michigan 4-H’ers.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2026 are:

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| • Kay Booth, Barry County | • Deb Pincumbe, Ingham County |
| • Joyce Goerge, Clinton County | • Linda Preston, Cass County |
| • Betty Groth, Cass County, | • Peter Preston, Cass County |
| • Beverly Koppelman, Monroe County | • Kathy Williams, St. Clair County |
| • Gary Koppelman, Monroe County | • Mary Yeomans, Midland County |
| • Michael Lee, Osceola County | |

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at:

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.



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Charlevoix County 4-H Senior Spotlight



**Congratulations to Gabby
on graduating from
Boyne City High School!**

After graduation, she plans to complete her Associate’s Degree in Science at North Central Michigan College, transfer to Baker College in Cadillac to pursue nursing school, and ultimately achieve her goal of becoming a nurse anesthesiologist—a truly incredible ambition!

Throughout her 4-H journey, she has shown dedication and growth across multiple project areas. From 2021–2023, she showed Scotty, a chestnut Quarter Horse, and continued her equine experience from 2023–2026 with April, a bay Quarter Horse. In 2026, she is excited to expand her skills into livestock, taking on her very first steer named Mocha.

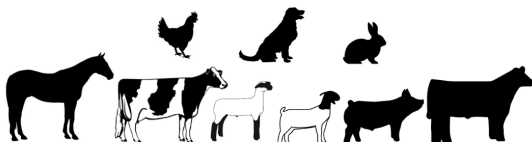
When reflecting on her favorite 4-H memories, one year stands out—2024, when her entire original club showed together. It was a season full of laughter, teamwork, and unforgettable moments. Even during stressful times at the fair, the group kept spirits high, supported one another, and created lasting memories—while “terrorizing” the fairgrounds (in the best way, of course! 😄). Their energy and positivity left a lasting impression, and their club continues to be remembered as fun, inspiring, and full of life.

We are so proud of all she has accomplished and can’t wait to see the impact she will make in the future. Best of luck on this exciting next chapter!

NEW Showmanship Guides Available!



Are you new to showing animals? Did you earn a spot in your county’s showmanship sweepstakes contest? Perhaps you’d simply like to sharpen your showmanship skills for a project you’ve been taking for a few years now... Michigan 4-H now has showmanship guides available for every species that were designed with you in mind!



With county fair season approaching, there is no better time than now to start building your showmanship skills.

You can find all the guides under the "Publications" tab on this webpage: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tag/4-h-showmanship-guides>



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Club Spotlight! Jordan Valley All Breed Horse Craft Critter 4-H Club



The members of the Jordan Valley All Breed Horse Craft Critter 4-H Club recently partnered with the local Tractor Supply Company store in Boyne City during their annual Clover Days campaign to help promote 4-H and raise funds for club activities. Club members organized and hosted a bake sale fundraiser at the store, offering homemade treats to community members while sharing information about the many opportunities 4-H provides to local youth.

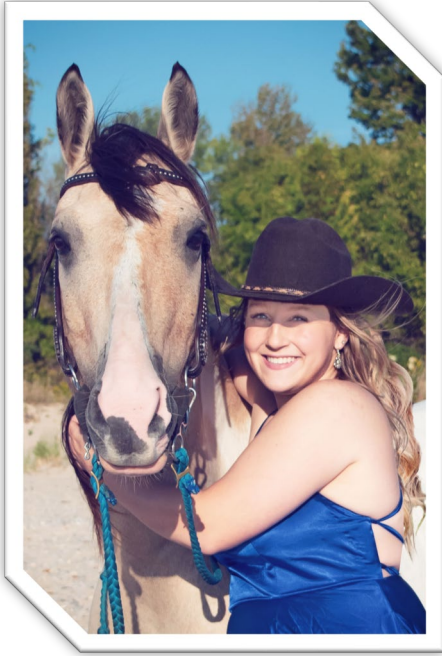
Throughout the event, members demonstrated leadership, communication, and teamwork skills as they interacted with customers and represented 4-H in a positive way. The fundraiser not only helped support future club projects and activities but also increased awareness of 4-H programs within the Boyne City community.

The club greatly appreciated the support from Tractor Supply Company and the community members who stopped by to donate, purchase baked goods, and learn more about 4-H. Partnerships like these help strengthen local youth programs and showcase the impact 4-H members make in their communities every day.



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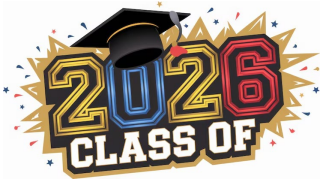
Charlevoix County 4-H Senior Scholarships



The Charlevoix County 4-H Council continues to invest in the future of local youth by sponsoring an annual 4-H Senior Scholarship program for graduating seniors. Each year, dedicated 4-H members can apply for scholarships that recognize their years of hard work, leadership, community involvement, and personal growth through the 4-H program.

This year, the council awarded both a \$2,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship to outstanding graduating seniors. As part of the application process, applicants completed a detailed scholarship application and participated in formal interviews with members of the Charlevoix County 4-H Council.

Applicants were evaluated on a variety of important life and career readiness skills including preparedness, promptness, proper attire, greeting and introduction skills, eye contact and body language, speaking skills and articulation, project portfolios of their 4-H experiences, and the thoroughness of their interview responses. Their project portfolios highlighted years of involvement in leadership activities, community service, animal science projects, educational presentations, and other hands-on learning experiences gained through 4-H.



During the interview process, seniors were asked thoughtful questions that encouraged them to reflect on their 4-H journey and future goals. Applicants shared what legacy they hoped to leave behind for younger 4-H members and how their time in 4-H has prepared them to make a difference in the future. They also discussed challenges they faced during their 4-H experiences and how perseverance helped them continue working toward success. Additional interview questions focused on personal achievements, including goals they were proud to accomplish and the dedication it took to achieve them. Members also reflected on what excites them about their communities and the type of future community they hope to help create through leadership and service. Seniors shared information about their future field of study, explaining why they chose their career paths and how their experiences in 4-H helped influence those decisions.

The scholarship interview process not only recognizes outstanding youth, but also helps prepare members for future college, scholarship, and career interviews by building confidence, professionalism, and communication skills. Through opportunities like these, 4-H continues to help young people develop leadership abilities and workforce readiness skills that will benefit them long after graduation.

This year we are PROUD to recognize Abby Potter and Jaylynn Hoppe as recipients of the scholarships!



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Take A Day On – Beaver Island 2026 – Community Service Program Details

LET'S GO TO BEAVER ISLAND!

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL
Please meet at the Beaver Island Boat Company promptly! The boat will not wait for late arrivals. Please be to the boat dock no later than 7:45 am. Plan to pick your child up from the boat dock at 4:20 or 7:20 pm depending on the departure time you chose.

GIVING BACK - MAKING THE BEST BETTER!
Once we arrive to the Emerald Isle, we will head to the Community Center and the Beaver Island Food Pantry to learn about what they do and how they help make an impact on the island!

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES
After lunch and our community service work is complete, we will visit the Marine Museum, McDonough's Market, and the Print Shop Museum if you are staying for the later ferry.

BOOST ENGAGEMENT & CURIOSITY
4-H'ers will have time to explore Main Street and souvenir shop before heading back to the boat dock at 5 pm. Dinner will be provided on the boat ride home for the later ferry time!

Registered 4-H Youth will meet **Friday, June 19 at 7:45 am** at the **Beaver Island Boat** in Charlevoix. We will be riding the Emerald Island over to Beaver Island to work with the Community Center & Food Pantry. During the day we will be working at the Community Center and stocking shelves with our donation items at the Food Pantry. We will also be touring the island. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Depending on your departure time we will be leaving the island at 2:20pm or 5:20pm to arrive back in Charlevoix around 4:20pm or 7:20pm.

If you get motion sickness, please plan ahead with the method that helps you best as the ferry ride is 2 hours long.

Donation Item to Bring: ~ Non-Perishable Food Items ~ Required

Participants should wear work clothes, close-toed shoes, and gloves.

Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the Beaver Island Boat Company in Charlevoix.

**Beaver Island Boat Company Address:
103 Bridge Park Drive,
Charlevoix, MI 49720**





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Dairy Quiz Bowl



"Registration for the 2026 Michigan 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is now open! This contest is open to any Michigan 4-H youth who are interested in dairy and/or animal science. The contest is open to youths aged 8-19 as of January 1, 2026. The registration cost is free. The contest will be held in Anthony Hall on Saturday, June 27th, 2026, and begin at 10:00 a.m. Registration closes on June 15th, 2026. Both county teams and individuals interested in competing are encouraged to register! Please reach out to Kendra Van Order at vanorde4@msu.edu for any questions.

Link to register: <https://pears.io/events/msuext/6444/> "

National 4-H Animal Science Career Night

Interested in careers in Animal Science? Here is a great opportunity to learn more from some great individuals!

NAE4-HYDP Animal Science Night

Speakers: Dr. Mark Hoge, Associate Professor of Animal Science and Livestock Judging Coach, Western Illinois University and Mr. Kevin Robinson, Senior Animal Care Specialist, Sea World San Diego.

Date and Time: June 18, 2026 7-8:30 p.m. EST

Registration: Register by 11:59 p.m. EST at go.illinois.edu/CareerNight

Adulting 101 – Cooking with Confidence



Cooking doesn't have to be intimidating!

In Cooking with Confidence, part of MSU Extension 4-H Adulting 101 webinar series, you'll explore simple ways to:

- Understand recipes and kitchen terms
- Get creative with ingredients
- Make tasty meals without stress or waste

Monday, May 18, 6:30–7:30 PM (EST) on Zoom

Join us and feel more confident in the kitchen!

Details and registration at:

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



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GROWING TOGETHER
STRONGER THAN EVER

4-H EXPLORATION DAYS 2026

2026 4-H Exploration Days @ MSU June 23-26 – Page 1

Ready for 4-H Exploration Days 2026: A Tip Sheet

So you are going to 4-H Exploration Days, what do you need to know?

Before the Event

- Check your email for event communication and bring any items needed for your sessions. Many sessions require closed-toed shoes, long sleeves, athletic clothes or clothes that can get dirty. You will also want to bring items to be ready for all weather (raincoat, umbrella, sweatshirt).
- Pack:
 - Casual clothing (shorts, T-shirts, jeans, jacket)
 - Comfortable walking shoes and tennis shoes are recommended! This should be something more sturdy than flip flops.
 - Watch
 - Phone Charger or Alarm clock
 - **Fan (the residence halls run hot and have no air conditioning)**
 - Sports/reusable water bottle with your name on it (to fill up at appropriate areas, not in cafeteria)
 - Wash cloth (if you want one)
 - Hand soap for bathroom sink
 - Bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, personal toiletries, etc.
 - Sunscreen
 - Spending money for souvenirs and/or snacks (smaller bills are necessary due to limited cash back options)
 - Specific items for your session (check your event email for specifics)
 - A small bag or tote to carry items in (optional)
 - Umbrella or rain jacket (optional but highly encouraged)
 - Hangers (optional)

Do not pack:

- Valuables (such as handheld electronics and expensive jewelry) *MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H, and Michigan State University are not responsible for loss or damage to personal items.** Please take care of your belongings.
- Towels, sheets, pillows – they're provided unless you want your own.
- Large appliances or equipment

During the Event

Key Points:

- Represent yourself, your county, and our program well while on campus. Know and follow the 4-H Code of Conduct and Exploration Days rules and expectations found in the Handbook.
- If you are sick, stay home! If you become sick during your time at the event, a parent/guardian or trusted adult will need to pick you up and take you home.
- Each county has a male and female Lead Chaperone. The Lead Chaperone serves as head chaperone for the county. There are also often other chaperones within a county group. Adults also serve as session and activity hosts and are available to assist you.



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STRONGER THAN EVER

4-H EXPLORATION DAYS 2026

2026 4-H Exploration Days @ MSU – Tip Sheet – Page 2

- Each youth will be assigned to a specific chaperone to whom they are accountable. Youth participants and the assigned adult chaperone need to keep each other informed of where they will be, when and with whom.
- All chaperones will create a system to ensure all parties know where they are. This could be using Whereabouts Schedules posted on residence hall doors, group texting or another method that all parties choose.
- The event General Headquarters is in West Holmes Lounge. The phone number is 517-432-7611 and is listed at the bottom of the name badges. This number can be used for phone calls or text messages. For night time assistance, contact the West Holmes night receptionist at 517-353-6360 and ask to speak with a 4-H Exploration Days team lead. The night receptionist number can only make phone calls.
- Lose or find an item? Stop by the 4-H Exploration Days Headquarters for the lost and found area.
- The Activity Guide lists where and when everything is being held and includes a campus map with a building index.
 - There are two shuttle busses so space is extremely limited; please walk to your destinations as much as possible. You can view the Activity Guide on-line before the event.
 - Tip: if your destination is on the right side of the centerfold map, you should walk there, if not, ride the shuttle bus!
- You will have an assigned lunch and dinner time (Green or White Group). Please try to honor this to help with food readiness and seating options. However, if you cannot due to a time conflict, make sure you go during open hours.
- An onsite Nurse's Station will be staffed from 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday to 1:00 p.m. on Friday of the event and the residence hall location will be noted in the Activity Guide/Yapp app. This service is available to participants at no charge. If healthcare is needed beyond what the nurse can provide, participants will be taken to a Lansing-area health care facility. The cost of treatment will be billed to the youth, parents or guardians.
- If you are missing basic items during your stay, Sparty's store is open in McDonnell on the 1st floor from 7am-10pm. Please pay with small bills (cash) or credit/debit card.
- Need a quiet moment during the event? The Mindful Minutes room is a space where youth can regroup, relax, and ground themselves before sessions or free time. Ask headquarters, a chaperone, or check the app for the location.
- Download and use the Yapp app for event communication. Visit <http://my.yapp.us/4HEXPO> in your browser and follow the instructions on the page, or scan the code below with your phone's camera to open the link directly.

Charlevoix County 4-H Exploration Days Orientation Meeting – June 1st at 7:15pm in BC Hall Commission Chambers (following the 4-H Council Meeting)

MSU Charter Tour Bus we be taking us down on 6/23 at 12:30-12:45 pm to MSU and back home on 6/26 appx 4:30 pm - pick up and drop off at Northern Michigan Livestock Yard (1848 N. Townline Rd, Gaylord, MI)

****Reminder that there are NO bathrooms at the Livestock Yard, so be sure to go before getting dropped off**

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY'S THAT APPLY TO YOU!

Emmet-Charlevoix 4-H Market Livestock Survey

Youth form- <https://forms.gle/dTezL9oinRSXkaSV9>

Adult form- <https://forms.gle/JNoeApWyhsVGxaBP8>



Emmet-Charlevoix 4-H Horse Council Survey

Youth Survey- <https://forms.gle/SNKRJ1WhAvK84qGZ7>

Adult Survey- <https://forms.gle/VPpocuEaKUNNJciC8>



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LOCATION: WHITING PARK OFF LAKE SHORE RD
(BETWEEN ADVANCE AND THE IRONTON FERRY)

JUNE 29 – AUGUST 11, 2026

COST: REGISTRATION FEE \$120.00 PER CHILD
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

Child must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2026. Payment must accompany registration to secure a spot.

REGISTRATION OPEN from Now – FRI. JUNE 19th

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM PH. 231-582-6232

CASH OR CHECK (PAYABLE TO BOYNE 4-H SWIM SCHOOL)

CLASSES OFFERED:

SWIM LEVELS 1 - 7

MONDAY'S & WEDNESDAY'S or TUESDAY'S & THURSDAY'S

Each class is 30 minutes long

A.M. SESSIONS (9:30, 10:00, 10:30) or P.M. SESSIONS (12:00, 12:30, 1:00)

Class size max of 8 youth with one instructor and one beach aide

LEVEL 5 & UP - TRIANGLE SWIM OPTION: FRIDAY'S 10:00-12:00PM *this option is in addition to M/W or T/Th classes, if needed*

Levels 5 & up: require 5 miles of triangles to be eligible for the lake swim

INTSTRUCTIONS



1. Select your child's swim level
2. Select M/W or T/Th classes during the week
3. Select A.M. or P.M. time slot option - you cannot pick a specific class time

Exact class times will determined after registration closes

Phone calls & emails will be made the week of June 22nd with exact class times and instructors names.

* PLEASE NOTE: SWIMMERS WILL BE TESTED THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. CLASS TIMES MAY CHANGE IF THEY ARE AT AN INCORRECT LEVEL.

Updates for 2026 :

- Swim school will be 6 weeks long & end with beach games/award day on the last day so for Mon/Wed classes it will be August 10th & for Tue/Thur classes it will be August 11th.
- Pre Lake Swim: Friday, July 31st at 10:00 a.m.
- LAKE SWIM - Friday, August 7 at 8:30 a.m. (make up date due to weather August 10)
~YOUNG STATE PARK TO WHITING PARK~

For more information: call 231-582-6232

4-H SWIM SCHOOL IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROVIDING AFFORDABLE SWIMMING INSTRUCTION ON LAKE CHARLEVOIX AND PROMOTING WATER SAFETY TO THE COMMUNITY OF BOYNE CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS. BOYNE AREA 4-H SWIM SCHOOL STAFF ARE TRAINED AND CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS/AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION IN WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTION OR LIFE GUARDING AND CPR / FIRST AID. MSU IS AN AFFIRMATIVE-ACTION OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS ARE OPEN TO ALL WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, RELIGION, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, DISABILITY, POLITICAL BELIEFS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILY STATUS OR VETERAN STATUS.



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2026 Charlevoix County 4-H Tennis Clinic



You're All Invited to
HIT The Courts!



JUNE CLINIC

AUGUST CLINIC



Dates: June 22-26, 2026

Dates: August 3-7, 2026

Session 1: 9:00 - 10:30 am

Session 3: 9:00 - 10:30 am

This session is ideally for ages 5-13 and for players wanting to learn the game & play fun drills.

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Session 2: 10:30 am - 12:00pm

Session 4: 10:30 am - 12:00pm

This session is ideally for ages 8-16 and for players who have had tennis experience & want to play more competitively.

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Rotary Park in Boyne City

All classes are designed to have fun & help players learn to love the sport!

Tennis Sessions

Registration fee per session

\$65.00

Scholarships are available upon request.

Checks made payable to:
Charlevoix Community 4-H Tennis

Meet Our Instructor!
Susan Lahti

She played tennis for Michigan Tech & has been teaching 4-H for 21 years and plays competitively for the USTA.

If you have questions or for weather cancellations, please contact:

Program Leader: Susan Lahti
(231) 313-6968

OR

Leah LaVanway: 4-H Coordinator

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Boyne City, MI 49712

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Emmet-Charlevoix 4-H Horse Council

Presents



Kickin' Up Dust

Twilight Horse Show Summer Series

May 31- Ranch Riding at 2pm
Intro to ranch riding clinic 11-1pm

June 28 - Speed at 2pm

July 19- Speed at 2pm

August 9- Dressage at 2pm (English or Western)
Intro to dressage clinic 11-1pm

September 20- Speed at 2pm

Emmet County Fairgrounds

4-H Member: \$15

Non 4-H-Member: \$20

Questions? Call Amanda at (231)439-8974



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2026 MICHIGAN 4-H STATE HORSE SHOW

Thursday, August 13: Ranch Day

Friday, August 14: Gymkhana and Mini Day

Saturday, August 15: Senior Day

Sunday, August 16: Junior Day

August 13 to August 16, 2026

Registration opens on June 1, 2026



ALL counties must have their COMPLETE volunteer quota before they receive the registration link!

Questions?

Reach out to David at lindsa75@msu.edu



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2026 Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase



Prepare for the Michigan 4-H and Youth State Fair Virtual Showcase

WHAT IS THE VIRTUAL SHOWCASE?

The Michigan 4-H and Youth State Fair Virtual Showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas, receive feedback, and if age-eligible, apply for a scholarship of up to \$1,000 for post-secondary education. The Virtual Showcase is open for entries in late spring through the beginning of August and is free for youth, ages 5-19 years old, to enter.

HOW TO PREPARE

To avoid last-minute stress and ensure your project shines, here are some helpful tips to let you prepare now for your entry:

- Review the guidelines for your [department](#) and confirm what is required for judging. Make a checklist of materials, photos, and documentation you'll need.
- Take high-quality photos and write descriptions before it's consumed or goes bad. Capture multiple angles and include any details that show your skills and effort.
- Take a photo of you, the exhibitor, with your project.
- Videos should be no longer than 90 seconds and continuous in nature. Use multiple angles for your video depending on requirements. Upload onto YouTube set to unlisted.
- Upload photos and descriptions to a safe place as soon as possible so you're ready when registration opens.
- If you're unsure about requirements, reach out to find out more now—don't wait until the deadline.

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More information at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/> or <https://bit.ly/4idDMHG>





COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2026 EMMET-CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAIR CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

	SUNDAY AUGUST 23	MONDAY AUGUST 24	TUESDAY AUGUST 25	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26	THURSDAY AUGUST 27	FRIDAY AUGUST 28
FRIDAY AUGUST 21	7:00 am - 12:00 pm Livestock Animals Arrive	4-H Horse Shows Showmanship ~ 10:00 am	Poultry Shows 9:00 am 1st - 4-H Market Livestock 2nd - 4-H Cloverbud Show 3rd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 4th - Open Class Show	Rabbit Shows 9:00 am 1st - 4-H Market Livestock 2nd - 4-H Cloverbud Show 3rd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 4th - Open Class Show - Barn 1 -	4-H Horse Shows 9:00 am Bareback & English	4-H Horse Show 9:00 am Western
4:00 - 7:00 pm 4-H Still Projects Drop Off & Judging	9:00 am - 12:00 pm Small Animals Arrive	 Trail - 1:00 PM - Horse Arena -	 - Barn 1 -	Following Rabbit Show Pocket Pet Shows 1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show - Barn 1 -	 - Horse Arena -	 - Horse Arena - 4-H Overall Master Showman Show 2:00 pm - All Barns -
 In Barn #2	9:00 - 11:30 am Pullorum Testing for all Poultry (just outside of the small animal barn - # 1)	AH & Open Swine Shows 4:00 pm	Following Poultry Show Waterfowl Shows 1st - 4-H Market Livestock 2nd - 4-H Cloverbud Show 3rd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 4th - Open Class Show - Barn 1 -	4-H Horse Show Ranch Riding - 9:00 am - Horse Arena -	3:00 - 6:00 pm 50th Annual 4-H Market Livestock Auction Sale Order Large Beef Chickens Swine Duck Lamb Rabbit Goat Geese Jr. Beef Turkey Dairy Feeder - T-Barn -	SATURDAY AUGUST 29
SATURDAY AUGUST 22	12:00 - 6:00 pm All Horses & Exotics Arrive	1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show - T-Barn -	4-H Horse Shows Dressage - 9:00 am Speed - 4:00 pm - Horse Arena -	4-H Exotic Animal Shows 1:00 pm Obstacle Course - Horse Arena -		4-H Horse Show 9:00 am Costume - Horse Arena -
9:00 am - 11:00 am 4-H Still Projects Drop Off & Judging	MKT Livestock Meeting in the T-Barn Time TBD after weigh-in is complete (typically around 1 pm)	4-H Market Livestock Swine Show 6:00 pm - T-Barn -	AH & Open Goat Shows 5:00 pm 1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show AH & Open Lamb Shows 1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show - T-Barn -	AH & Open Beef & Dairy Shows 4:00 pm 1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show - T-Barn -		SUNDAY AUGUST 30
In Barn #2	12:00 - 6:00 pm 4-H Club Booths Set Up in Barn #2		4-H Market Livestock Goat Show 5:30 pm - T-Barn -	*Following above AH/Open shows 4-H Market Livestock Dairy Feeder & Jr. Beef Show - T-Barn -		T-BARN: 7:00 am - 10:00 am - Animals Released By 10:00 am - T-Barn Cleaned
1:00 - 6:00 pm 4-H Club Booths Set Up in Barn #2	2:00 to 6:00 pm MKT Record Books Checked In & Judged in Barn #2		4-H Market Livestock Lamb Show 6:00 pm - T-Barn -	4-H Market Livestock Large Beef Show 6:00 pm - T-Barn -		SMALL ANIMAL BARN 7:00 am - 10:00 am - Animals Released By 12:00 pm - Barn Cleaned
6:00 pm Barn #2 Closed	6:00 pm ALL Barns Closed	4-H Horse Show 7:00 pm Jumping - Horse Arena -				HORSE BARNs: 7:00 am - 10 :00am - Animals Released By 12:00 pm - All Barns Cleaned
						BARN #2 PICK UP YOUR 4-H STILLEXHIBITS 7:00 am - 12:00 pm! Exhibits not picked up by 12:00 pm on Sunday, will be available at the MSUE offices, but only until the end of September, when they will be recycled or disposed of.



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2025-2026 Charlevoix 4-H Council Meeting Dates

*Every 1st Monday of the month unless it falls on a holiday week
at Boyne City - City Hall in the Commission Chambers (2nd floor) or Zoom*

**Youth (8-19) are required to attend 2 council meetings & 1 Educational Event
OR 3 Council meetings to be eligible to show at fair.**

September 8, 2025 - BC City Hall - Commission Chambers 6:30 pm

October 26, 2025 - Sunday, 2:00 pm Awards Banquet @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

November 3, 2025 - Zoom 6:30 pm (*Leader In-service following mtg*)

**Hilltop Renegades*

December 14, 2025 - Sunday, 2:00 pm Holiday Party @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

**Mavericks & Charlevoix County Critter Club
(Responsible for Holiday Games & Activities)*

January 2026 - *NO MEETING*

February 2026 - *NO MEETING*

March 2, 2026 - Zoom 6:30 pm

**Jordan Valley All Breed Horse Craft & Critter Club*

April 2026 - *NO MEETING*

May 4, 2026 - BC City Hall - Commission Chambers 6:30 pm

**Maple River Hoof Prints*

June 1, 2026 - BC City Hall - Commission Chambers 6:30 pm

**Charlevoix County Creature Clan*

July 19, 2026 - Sunday, 2:00 pm Annual Picnic @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

**Country Kids*

August 2026 - *NO MEETING*

**4-H club responsible for Education/Social Activity at meeting*



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4-H Market Livestock Meeting Dates

**Every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the
Community Center or T-Barn in Petoskey**

Youth (8-19) are required to attend 5 Market Livestock meetings, 2 work bees, 1 Fundraiser as needed by the association and actively participate on a committee to be eligible to show at fair.

Youth are required to be at October or November Meeting

Youth are required to be at July or August Meeting

September 28, 2025 (Sunday) - cookout at 4:00 pm, meeting at 6:00 pm October 20, 2025

October 20, 2025 - Review and approval of Bylaws, Rules, Enrollment & Contracts

November 17, 2025 - Enrollment Form & Large Beef Contracts Due

December 2025 - NO MEETING

January 19, 2026 - Held on Zoom (No in person meeting)

February 16, 2026 - Held on Zoom (No in person meeting)

March 16, 2026

April 20, 2026

May 18, 2026 - Dairy Feeder, Goat, Jr. Beef, Lamb & Swine Contracts Due

June 15, 2026 - Duck, Geese, Rabbit & Turkey Contracts Due

July 20, 2026 - Pre Fair Meeting, Fair Registration & Chicken Contracts Due

August 3, 2026 - Pre Fair Meeting

August 23, 2026 - Fair Animal Weigh-In from 7:00 - 12:00pm & meeting at 1:00pm