

*Grand Traverse County*

# 4-H Family News

OCTOBER 2019



## Welcome to shorter days and cooler weather!

And cooler weather means a big MSU Extension (MSUE) event is coming to Traverse City this year - Fall Extension Conference! MSUE employees from across the state will be in Traverse City October 28-30th. This annual conference provides a unique opportunity for MSUE to share ideas, enhance partnerships and participate in professional development offerings. Fall Extension

Conference also provides the opportunity to recognize outstanding faculty, staff, and key partners through various awards. So if you see us out and about, please say hello!

## 4-H Online Enrollment

Have you updated your 4-H online profile? This is a very important step in the 4-H enrollment process! Please login to [4-H Online](#) and re-enroll for the 2019/2020 4-H year as soon as possible. Youth enrollments must be completed by the legal guardian. Starting **October 31st** 4-H online Broadcast E-mails regarding Grand Traverse County 4-H news and announcements will only be sent to those who are re-enrolled.

## New Requirement for All 4-H Volunteers

MSU Extension is now requiring all of its volunteers to complete background checks annually. A national background check, performed by [backgroundcheck.com](https://backgroundcheck.com) will help streamline this process. Please complete your national background check by visiting this county specific, secure link:

<https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/mla2>

If you would prefer to sign a paper to release permission to complete a background check, we can do this in the MSU Extension Office. If you need any assistance with the background check, please contact our office ASAP so that we can work with you to complete this requirement.

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## Remaining Annual 4-H Club Update Meetings:

Friday, October 4  
10:00 am

Tuesday, October 8  
3:15 pm OR 6:00 pm

*All meetings are at the  
MSU Extension Office*

## 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



The Detroit Lions are proud to offer all Michigan 4-H members a specially priced ticket package to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings on October 20th, 2019.

The Package will include:

- One (1) game ticket
- Group Gift
- \$10 donation back to your County 4-H program

Visit:

[www.detroitlions.com/tickets/partners/4-h](http://www.detroitlions.com/tickets/partners/4-h)



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience. MI 4-H scholarships provide a tremendous opportunity for 4-H youth to receive financial support toward their post-secondary education – and they are simple to complete!

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by **November 1**. For more information about the 4-H scholarships and to access the applications please visit our [4-H scholarships web page](#).

### Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarships

Award amount: Varies, two to four given annually Who can apply: Current 4-H members who will be enrolled in higher education, which includes community college, university, or trade school in the fall of 2020. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years.

### Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships

Award amount: \$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Four to Six scholarships are given annually.

Who can apply: 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

### Michigan State University - Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Michigan 4-H Foundation also offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. There is no separate application process for these scholarships – recipients are selected from the MSU 4-H Scholarship applicant pool above. Current scholarships include:

Sigma Alpha Sorority 4-H Scholarship – *NEW THIS YEAR!*

Award amount: \$1,000

Lowell and Carol Spike Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Award amount: \$1,000



The 4-H Name & Emblem is intended to represent the ideals of the program with its focus on **Head, Heart, Hands, and Health**. Today, it is one of the best-known and most valued images emblematic of a century of 4-H achievement. The 4-H Name & Emblem is very important to us as an organization because it represents who we are. 4-H members and volunteers are permitted to use the 4-H Name & Emblem once the club is chartered. The National 4-H Headquarters provides all the usage details in this document: [“Using the 4-H Name and Emblem.”](#)

4-H marketing materials for 4-H volunteers including photos, templates, toolkits, ads, and logos are available here: <https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/> (You will be required to create a free account for access)



### Upcoming 4-H and Community Events

#### 4-H CREATIVE ARTS CELEBRATION

October 18-20, 2019

#### 4-H WINTERFEST

Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2020

#### 4-H DAIRY

March 13-15, 2020

#### 4-H ROBOTICS YOUTH CHALLENGE WORKSHOP

March 20-22, 2020

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### October 5: 4-H Community Harvest Fest

*Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Chatham*

Join the third annual Harvest Fest to explore the Outdoor Learning Lab, hayrides, pizza demonstrations and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/3rd-annual-4-h-community-harvest-fest>

### October 5: Wayne County 4-H Open House

*MSU Detroit Center, Detroit*

Explore Wayne County 4-H at this free family event! Discover the different ways you can become involved as a youth or a volunteer.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-open-house>

### October 6: Montcalm County Bake-Off

*Frugthaven Farm, Greenville*

Test your baking skills at this fun event for 4-H'ers and non-4-H youth.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-bake-off>

### October 9: TSC Paper Clover Campaign

*Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide*

Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tsc-paper-clover>

### October 19: Teen “Chopped” Competition

*Harrison City Market, Harrison*

This competition is for youth, ages 13-19, to display their talent of cooking by creating a nutritious meal from locally grown items.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-chopped-competition>

### October 19: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update

*W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners*

Attend this workshop to obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP Certified Instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-proud-equestrians-program-instructor-update>

### October 20: 4-H Day at the Lions

*Ford Field, Detroit*

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. For each ticket purchased, \$5 goes back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-1>

For more 4-H events, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.



## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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**MI 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
now accepting applications

### Apply now for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of [Michigan 4-H Youth Development](#). In 2015, the [Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#) was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth programs and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

[Applications](#) are now available for the [2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#). 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at <https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO>. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.

### National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13

For the 77th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 6-12. During the 2019 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing.



From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the official 4-H Spirit Day and you're encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.

### *New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly Squat Resources*



The "[Teaching science when you don't know diddly squat series](#)" aids youth in learning the process of science; asking questions and discovering answers.

Through the various activities, young people try to figure things out for themselves, rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

In this latest activity in the series, "Why do animal poops look different?", youth experiment with why manure looks different for each animal.

To find this activity and others in the series, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching\\_science\\_when\\_you\\_dont\\_know\\_diddly\\_squat\\_series](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching_science_when_you_dont_know_diddly_squat_series).