



4-H Family News

JUNE 2026

Grand Traverse County



Sunny Skies Ahead

Summer is here and we are counting down the days until the Northwestern Michigan Fair! There are animals to raise, gardens to grow, art to create and friends to connect with at club meetings as we prepare for the most fun week of the year!

This year, **4-H Still Projects** are coming back to the Tanner Building. Be sure to read all the areas you can submit projects under so our community can see how vast the talents are in 4-H. I am not sure if I am more excited about seeing the goat and lamb evening run or llama and alpacas in dress up clothes, because I am really looking forward to both.

Until then, thank you for being brave and professional as you reach out to our local community asking them to visit us at the fair and potentially even attend the **Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Auction**. Have a great kick off to summer, spending time with your animals and preparing with your clubs for another wonderful week at the fair!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

DOG REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1ST AT 11:59PM

LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 1ST, 6:30 **CHANGE OF LOCATION - FAIR GROUNDS**

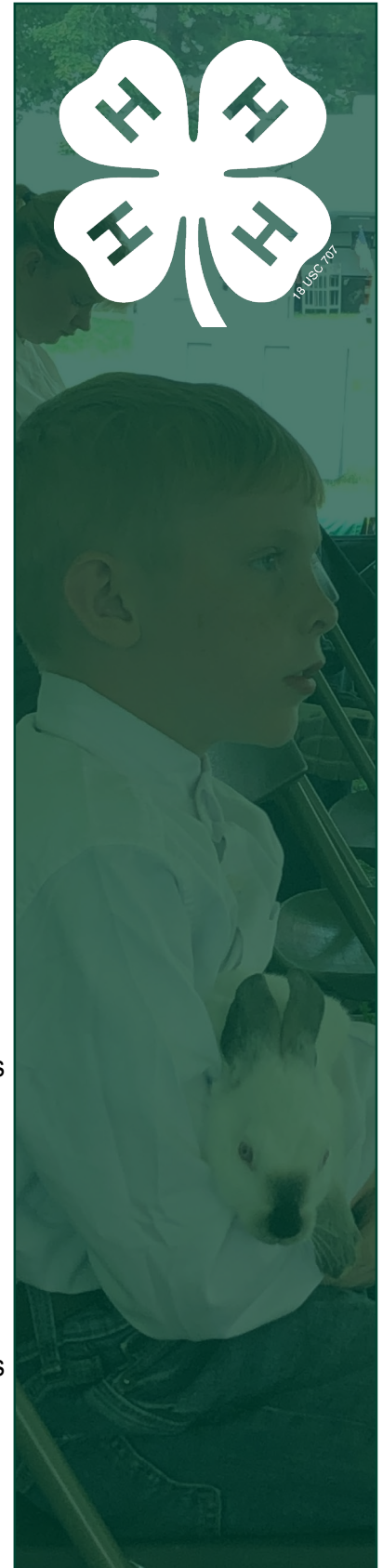
LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING: JUNE 16TH, 6:30, MSU EXTENSION OFFICE - **POSSIBLY AT THE NEW LOCATION, CALL AHEAD TO VERIFY**

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Livestock Council Meeting:** June 1st, 6:30 at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Dog Registration Deadline:** June 1st at 11:59pm
- **Lamb Sheering:** June 7th, 12:00pm – 4:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Lamb Sheering:** June 10th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Leaders Association Meeting:** June 16th, 6:30, MSU Extension Office
- **Work Bee at Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds,** June 16th, 6:00-7:30
- **Cattle Practice:** June 17th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Showmanship Clinic:** June 18th, 3:30pm – 5:30pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Rabbit/Cavy Education Clinic:** June 18th, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Livestock Council Meeting:** June 22nd, 6:30 at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Showmanship Clinic:** June 25th, 3:30pm – 5:30pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Rabbit/Cavy Education Clinic:** June 25th, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Cattle Practice:** June 25th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Alpaca Practice:** June 28th, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **4-H Still Project Registration Closes,** June 30th, 11:59 pm
- **Education Credits Due –** June 30th
- **Cattle Practice:** July 1st, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Barn Set Up:** July 12th, 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Showmanship Practice:** July 12th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Rabbit Barn Set Up:** July 12th, 1:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **W-9 Submission in FairEntry** Deadline, July 15th
- **Cattle Practice:** July 19th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Work Bee at Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds,** July 22nd, 6:00-7:30
- **Livestock Council Meeting:** July 27th, 6:30 at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Barn Set Up:** July 30th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Rabbit Barn Set Up:** July 30th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Barn Set Up / Waterfowl Pond:** August 1st, 1:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Rabbit Barn Set Up:** August 1st, 1:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Northwestern Michigan Fair,** August 9-15





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

GARDEN SPIN CLUBS & SUMMER CAMP: REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR ALL!



4-H Fun with Art in the Garden

SPIN Club #1

Six Weeks Every Monday

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

June 1st - July 6th, 2026

T.C. Community Garden at the Botanic Garden
Traverse City, MI

AGES 5-12

FREE

Join us for fun adventures in the garden nurturing resilience, kindness, mindfulness, community & creativity. This SPIN Club is designed to encourage sustainability, confidence & growth from the inside out through a fun & engaging hands-on approach with **snacks**, **art**, **music** and **games** in nature. ALL are welcome. Registration begins **TODAY!** **Space is Limited.** REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)

4-H Fun with Art in the Garden

SPIN Club #2

Six Weeks Every Friday

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

May 22nd - June 26th, 2026

GTA Children's Garden at the Traverse City District Library
Traverse City, MI

AGES 5-12

FREE

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4-H Garden Adventures

Summer Camp 2026

Session I

Monday, July 27th - Thursday, July 30th

Session II

Monday, August 17th - Thursday, August 20th

8:50 a.m. Drop-off - 12:50 p.m. Pick-up

The Botanic Garden
Traverse City, MI

AGES 7-12

\$44
PER SESSION
SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE

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For Questions and Scholarship Opportunities: Please Contact Crystal at 231-715-1077 turne680@msu.edu



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SUBMITTING W9 USING FAIR ENTRY



Visit <https://bit.ly/4u3VtOF> for a short walk through on how to submit market youth's required information for the generation of their W9 and 1099-MISC using Fair Entry.

The deadline for entering the SSN OR completing a paper W9 in office is July 15, 2026.

Please see attached handout for more information titled, "Tax Form Requirements for 4-H Auction Participants (W-9 and 1099-MISC Information)"

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From Allison Ballard April 16th, 2026

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN FAIR 4-H STILL EXHIBITS

Do you have an artistic side? Do you garden? Do you have an amazing invention you want to share with the world?

Show off your work! Eligible projects may be sold at auction!

Registration open now through June 30

<http://NWMIFair4HStillProjects.fairentry.com>

Please see attached handout for all available still projects.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS AT OLD TOWN PLAYHOUSE

Our final Young Company production for the 25-26 season, [Once Upon a Mattress](#), will begin in a couple of weeks! We would like to invite your group to the dress rehearsal. The dress rehearsal is **Thursday, June 4 at 7:00 pm**.

About Once Upon a Mattress

Princess Winnifred, an unconventional and spirited woman, vies for the hand of Prince Dauntless, but must pass a test devised by his domineering mother, Queen Aggravain. Full of humor, quirky characters, and catchy songs, this comedic musical retelling of the classic fairy tale The Princess and the Pea is a lighthearted tale of love and defying expectations.

This show is appropriate for all ages.

[Visit our website for more information about this show](#)

Attending the Dress Rehearsal

If you are interested in bringing a group, please respond to this e-mail with an approximate count of how many will be attending and if you will need the elevator or wheelchair spaces. The performance should last about 75 minutes with no intermission.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



Beyond Ready

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/>.



Tax Form Requirements for 4-H Auction Participants (W-9 and 1099-MISC Information)

What do you need to know?

Beginning with the 2026 fair season, MSU Extension must follow Federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations requiring livestock and still exhibit auctions to issue a 1099-MISC to any youth who receives \$2,000 or more in total payments from the sale of animals, still exhibits, or related activities within a calendar year. This handout explains what families need to know and how to prepare.

Why is this happening?

We recently identified a gap in our reporting process and are taking steps to address it moving forward. To avoid placing an unnecessary burden on youth who participate in 4-H auctions, we will not apply the requirement retroactively.

Under federal tax regulations, auctions are required to issue a 1099-MISC form to any youth who receives \$2,000 or more in payments during the calendar year from livestock sales or related activities. To comply, we must collect a W-9 form from youth who meet or may meet this threshold. **This is a federal reporting requirement, not a new MSU policy.**

What counts toward the \$2,000 threshold?

The IRS requires us to include all payments made directly to the youth when calculating this amount. This includes animal auction proceeds, add-ons, and still-exhibit auction proceeds. If the total payments made to a youth reach \$2,000 or more within a calendar year, a 1099-MISC form will be issued by the MSU Controller's Office (more information below).

Does my child need to complete a W-9?

Counties conducting 4-H Auctions will require all 4-H youth to submit a W-9 before they are eligible to market their animals or still exhibits, ensuring timely processing. Requirements for completing W-9 forms and issuing 1099-MISC documents for auctions run by fairs or other organizations will be determined by those entities.

How will W-9s be collected?

W-9 forms will be collected prior to the youth livestock auction through a secure system. The platform ensures that each submitted Social Security Number is digitally encrypted and accessible to an authorized state-level administrator for processing a 1099-MISC.

Who sends the 1099-MISC?

The MSU Controller's Office will mail 1099-MISC forms directly to families by February 1, 2027, for income earned in 2026. Requirements for completing W-9 forms and issuing 1099-MISC documents for auctions run by fairs or other organizations will be determined by those entities.

To contact an expert in your area, visit extension.msu.edu/experts or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-678-3464)

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For additional information, visit extension.msu.edu

Will my child need to file taxes?

Tax filing requirements vary. **MSU and MSU Extension cannot provide tax advice, but families may consult a tax professional or IRS resources. Receiving a 1099-MISC does not automatically mean your child owes taxes.**

What should families do now?

Be aware of the new reporting requirements for 2026, plan to complete a W-9 if your child participates in 4-H auctions, and ask questions early.

Questions?

Please contact your local MSU Extension 4-H staff.

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closes June 30**

Department 1: Educational Posters (Not Considered for Auction)

Project consists of posters made to demonstrate a topic or skill a youth has learned. Poster must be constructed by the youth and demonstrate details that are age appropriate, and consider the following:

- How & why did you choose this topic and/or skill?
- What did you need to do to start this project?
- What was your intended project goal?
- In completing this project, what three (3) things did you learn that you did not know before?
- Did you accomplish your intended goal, or did you meet an unexpected goal?
 - Education poster

Department 2: Animal Products

No meat products will be accepted under this or any category.

2.1 Animal Fiber

Fiber must be clean and appropriately prepared. Projects should demonstrate understanding of fiber quality and handling. Fiber should be in ONE piece and sealed in a clear plastic bag.

- 2.11 Sheep wool
- 2.12 Llama wool
- 2.13 Alpaca wool
- 2.14 Angora Wool
- 2.15 Cashmere
- 2.16 Mohair

2.2 Honey

Project consists of honey and bees wax items produced by bees managed or studied by the youth. Honey must be properly sealed and labeled and follow food safety guidelines.

- 2.21 Honey – Ineligible for Auction
- 2.22 Bees wax candles

2.3 Eggs – Ineligible for Auction

Eggs must be clean, uniform, and displayed in carton. Refrigeration requirements must be followed, and eggs must be produced within food safety guidelines.

- 2.31 Chicken Eggs (1 doz)
- 2.32 Duck Eggs (1 doz)
- 2.33 Goose Eggs (1 doz)
- 2.34 Quail Eggs (1 doz)

Department 3: Plant Science

3.1 Flowers

- *All live plant material must have been grown in Michigan by the exhibitor.*
- *Cut flower and rose entries must be in a clear plastic container with no labels, except for arrangements which can be in any appropriate watertight container.*
- *Container grown plant must have been in the current container for a minimum of three (3) months.*
 - 3.11 Cut annuals
 - 3.12 Cut perennials
 - 3.13 Potted annuals
 - 3.14 Potted perennials
 - 3.15 Silk/Artificial flower, self-crafted

3.2 Vegetables

- *All entries must have been grown in Michigan by the exhibitor.*
- *Entries should be displayed on a paper plate or in a box, except when impractical or otherwise indicated.*
- *Individual vegetables must be labeled. Use plate or box appropriate in size to the number of vegetables. Sturdy, clean boxes ONLY!*
- *Judging criteria includes representation of variety, conformity, maturity, color, freedom from pest and disease injury, cleanliness and adherence to class description.*

- 3.21 Sunflowers
- 3.22 Cucumbers
- 3.23 Zucchini
- 3.24 Squash
- 3.25 Gourds
- 3.26 Pumpkins
- 3.27 Watermelon
- 3.28 Melons
- 3.29 Corn
- 3.211 Potatoes
- 3.212 Other root crops

3.3 Fruits

- *All entries must have been grown in Michigan by the exhibitor.*
 - *Entries should be displayed on a paper plate or in a box, except when impractical or otherwise indicated.*
 - *Individual fruits must be labeled. Use plate or box appropriate in size to the number of fruits. Sturdy, clean boxes ONLY!*
 - *Judging criteria includes representation of variety, conformity, maturity, color, freedom from pest and disease injury, cleanliness and adherence to class description.*
- 3.31 Apples
 - 3.32 Pears
 - 3.33 Peaches
 - 3.34 Cherries
 - 3.35 Apricot
 - 3.36 Raspberries
 - 3.37 Black Berries
 - 3.38 Strawberries
 - 3.39 Fruit bush or tree

3.4 Herbs

- All entries must have been grown in Michigan by the exhibitor.
 - Entries for Fresh Herbs should be displayed in a small potted container, preferably plastic, and properly labeled.
 - Entries for Dried Herbs should be displayed in a clear plastic container and properly labeled.
- 3.41 Fresh Herbs
 - 3.42 Dried Herbs

3.5 Flower Arrangement

- Arrangements must be arranged by the exhibitor.
 - Flowers used in this section need not be grown by the exhibitor.
 - Entries will be judged on design, color, conformity, originality, conditions and mechanics.
- 3.51 Flower Arrangements
 - 3.16 Silk/Artificial Flower Arrangements

Department 4: Textiles

- *Please display entry on a plastic or felt clothes hanger.*

4.1 Needlework

- 4.11 Sewed clothes
- 4.12 Sewed toys
- 4.13 Woven rugs
- 4.14 Wall hung quilt
- 4.15 Embroidered clothes
- 4.16 Embroidered pillows
- 4.17 Candle wicking
- 4.18 Cross stitched clothes
- 4.19 Other cross stitched items
- 4.111 Other sewed items

- 4.112 Quilted potholder
- 4.113 Quilted table runner
- 4.114 Quilted pillow
- 4.115 Doll quilt
- 4.116 Twin sized quilt
- 4.117 Crocheted scarf
- 4.118 Crocheted clothes
- 4.119 Other crocheted items

Department 5: Creative Arts and Crafts

- *Entries in this Department are preferred to be of original composition.*
- *Entries created from kits will be judged as participation and not eligible for awards or Auction.*

5.1 Basket Making - Baskets must be structurally sound.

- 5.11 Baskets

5.2 Beading - Must be securely assembled.

- 5.21 Beaded Jewelry
- 5.22 Beaded Decorations

5.3 Ceramics - Must be safely finished. Small or unstable entries MUST BE SECURED to base, pedestal, or shadowbox.

- 5.31 Clay sculptures
- 5.32 Pottery hand thrown
- 5.33 Pottery wheel thrown

5.4 Jewelry - Must be safe and wearable.

- 5.41 Non-beaded jewelry

5.5 Leatherwork

- 5.51 Leather crafts
- 5.52 Leather tooling/carving

5.6 Mosaic - Art created from assembled pieces, of original composition by the exhibitor. Small or unstable entries MUST BE SECURED to base, pedestal, or shadowbox.

- 5.61 Glass mosaic items
- 5.62 Stone mosaic items
- 5.63 Metal Mosaic items

5.7 Stained Glass - Must be safely edged and framed.

- 5.71 Stained glass items

5.8 Yard Art - Outdoor decorative items. Art must be weather-appropriate and safe.

- 5.81 Yard art items

5.9 Paper Craft - Projects created primarily from paper. Must demonstrate technique beyond simple assembly.

- 5.91 Scrapbooks
- 5.92 Cards
- 5.93 Decoupage
- 5.94 Origami
- 5.95 Other paper crafts
- 5.96 Calligraphy
- 5.97 Stenciling

5.A Upcycled / Recycled Items - Items created from reused materials. Original transformation required.

- 5.A1 Upcycled/recycled items

Department 6: Expressive Arts

6.1 Photography - *Must be 8 or more prints, mounted on mat board or displayed in album. Central theme/title must be evident and visible. 4x6 minimum size.*

- 6.11 Black and white prints
- 6.12 Color prints

6.2 Drawing – *All Exhibits MUST be framed and/or matted and equipped for hanging. **No Glass in Frames.***

- 6.21 Chalk drawing
- 6.22 Charcoal drawing
- 6.23 Ink drawing
- 6.24 Pencil drawing
- 6.25 Color pencil drawing
- 6.26 Other medium drawing
- 6.27 Pastel drawing

6.3 Painting – *All Exhibits MUST be framed and/or matted and equipped for hanging. **No Glass in Frames.***

- 6.31 Acrylic painting
- 6.32 Oil painting
- 6.33 Water color painting

6.4 Sculpture - *Three-dimensional art. Small or unstable entries **MUST BE SECURED** to base, pedestal, or shadowbox.*

- 6.41 Metal sculpture (Welded)
- 6.42 Other non-ceramic sculpture

6.5 Digital Arts - *Digitally created designs. AI use must be disclosed in artist statement/verbal interview judging. **All Exhibits MUST be framed and/or matted and equipped for hanging. **No Glass in Frames.*****

- 6.51 Graphic art
- 6.52 AI art - Artwork created using AI tools.

6.6 Writing - *Original written work. For work longer than 3 pages, please submit to 4-H Program Coordinators for content review 2 weeks prior to fair.*

- 6.61 Poem
- 6.62 Short story
- 6.63 Novel

Department 7: Science and Inventions

Projects that are operational: must be capable of being safely displayed in a public setting. Power sources, moving parts, or electrical components may be limited and/or restricted by 4-H staff.

7.1 Music and Sound Technology - *Projects involving sound or music technology.*

- 7.11 Music and sound technology

7.2 Computer Technology - *Digital or hardware-based projects.*

- 7.21 Computer technology

7.3 Robotics - *Robotic builds or programming projects.*

- 7.31 Robotics

7.4 Automotive - *Automotive-related projects.*

- 7.41 Automotive technology

7.5 Engines

- 7.51 Model engine

7.6 Agriculture - Agricultural machinery-related projects.

- 7.61 Tractor models
- 7.62 Other agricultural technology

7.7 Health Technology - Health-related technical projects.

- 7.71 Fitness technology
- 7.72 Medical technology

7.8 General Inventions - Must be clearly explained within display or artist statement.

- 7.81 Original inventions.

Department 8: Food and Nutrition

- *Canned Goods **MUST** be labeled – including processing method.*
- ***MUST** attach recipe on 3x5 card. Typed preferred, if handwritten – **MUST** be legible*
- *For baked goods, no commercial mixes are allowed. Must be made from scratch.*
- *Dried Veg/Fruits **MUST** be in a sealed, transparent display for protection.*
- ***Use current USDA Guidelines. Call your local MSU Extension Office for info.***
- ***No items in this Department are eligible for Auction.***

8.1 Food Preservation

- 8.11 Canned fruit
- 8.12 Jam
- 8.13 Jelly
- 8.14 Pickles
- 8.15 Relish
- 8.16 Sauces
- 8.17 Canned vegetables
- 8.18 Butter
- 8.19 Dried fruit and vegetables

8.2 Baked Items

- 8.21 Cake
- 8.22 Other decorated deserts
- 8.23 Bread
- 8.24 Cookies
- 8.25 Pies

8.3 Candy and Confections

- 8.31 Fudge
- 8.32 Hard Candy
- 8.33 Other Candy

Department 9: Woodworking

- *Entries in this department are preferred to be of original composition.*
- *Entries created from kits will be judged as participation and not eligible for awards or Auction.*
- *Projects must be safely created.*

9.1 Wood Projects

- 9.11 Wood carving
- 9.12 Wood burnings
- 9.13 Wood Crafts
- 9.14 Other wood projects



2026 Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase

ENTER PHOTO AND VIDEO PROJECTS IN SHOWCASE

Michigan youth ages 5-19 as of Jan 1, 2026 are eligible to enter the Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase and share their projects online. There is no fee to enter and 4-H membership is not required.

There are classes in livestock and animal showmanship, still exhibits, contests, educational and leadership, and more! Youth can enter multiple classes and receive positive and constructive feedback from evaluators. Youth can enter the same project in a local or county fair but cannot enter the same project in the in-person Michigan State Fair.

The registration deadline is August 7, 2026.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase also can apply for up to \$1,000 in post-secondary education scholarships.

Michigan youth, ages 8-19 years old as of Jan. 1, 2026, who submit a project in the virtual showcase are eligible to apply in their age bracket (8-11, 12-15 and 16-19). The deadline to apply for scholarships is Monday, August 10, 2026 at 4 p.m. EST.

The Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase Scholarship is provided by the Michigan State Fair Foundation and supported by the Bowman family.



For more information:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/>

Questions, please contact Janelle Stewart at stewa191@msu.edu or Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu.

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MSU Extension Presents: Online - Extension Extras for Parents June 2026

DATES:

6/2/2026 Mindfulness for
Children

6/9/2026 Internet Safety

6/16/2026 Potty Training

6/23/2026 Learning to Talk

6/30/2026 Essential Skills

TIME: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Download Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/download>

Registration:

[https://msu.zoom.us/
webinar/register/](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/)

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Ca5vmw](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_niFCQDzYRKGcnu3qCa5vmw)



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DESCRIPTION:

These **FREE** online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents and caregivers as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting.

Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish.

The workshops are on Tuesday evenings as follows:

6/2/2026 Mindfulness for Children

6/9/2026 Internet Safety

6/16/2026 Potty Training

6/23/2026 Learning to Talk

6/30/2026 Essential Skills

HOW TO REGISTER:

Register in advance for any of the webinar workshops at the following link:

[https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/
WN_niFCQDzYRKGcnu3qCa5vmw](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_niFCQDzYRKGcnu3qCa5vmw)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

*Accommodations should be requested before class

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TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center (TBCAC) is expanding their evidence-informed and evaluated Talk Protect Report™ (TPR) program! With a focus on the primary and secondary prevention of child sexual abuse, TPR equips adults with the tools they need to keep kids safe.

TPR Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Certification Course - **\$595**




TPR-TTT Annual Recertification - **\$95**

SEEKING TRAINERS FROM:

- Education ⬅
- Early Childhood/Daycare ⬅
- Youth-Serving Organizations ⬅
- Social Work ⬅
- Mental Health ⬅
- Healthcare ⬅
- Child Welfare ⬅

WHAT WILL YOU GET:

- 12 Contact Hours of Training (Curriculum Deep-Dive)
- Program Slide Deck + Sources
- Facilitator Sample Scripts
- Participant Certificate Template
- Program Handouts & Resources
- Pre & Post Surveys/Evaluation Forms
- Outreach Materials
- Access to Trainer Network

 Date June 24-25	 Time 9 AM - 4 PM	 Place Online (Zoom)
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Don't miss this chance to sharpen your skills, connect with people, and take your prevention efforts to the next level!

Scan the QR code to learn more and to register!

