

Gratiot County 4-H

Clubs and Program Information

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About 4-H

4-H is the largest youth development organization in Michigan. 4-H is found in almost every county across the nation and enjoys a partnership between the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA), the state land-grant university (MSU) and local county governments.

4-H is about youth and adults working together as partners in designing and implementing club and individual plans for activities and events. Positive youth development is the primary goal of 4-H. The project area serves as the vehicle for members to learn and master project-specific skills while developing basic life skills. All projects support the ultimate goal for the 4-H member to develop positive personal assets needed to live successfully in a diverse and changing world. Participation in 4-H has shown many positive outcomes for youth. Specifically, 4-H participants have higher participation in civic contribution, higher grades, increased healthy habits, and higher participation in science than other youth (Learner et al.,2005).

4-H Ages

4-H is open to all youth from age 5 to 19. 4-H age is determined by the member's age as of January 1 of the current program year (September to August). Youth aged 5 to 7 are considered Cloverbuds, this program is designed as an introduction to 4-H and is focused around participation instead of competition.

4-H Volunteers

At the core of Michigan 4-H, and critical to the success of its youth, are the volunteers who give their time and talents to grow 4-H'ers. These volunteers serve in a number of capacities: some choose to help at camp, teach a workshop or lead a club, while others chaperone an event, lend their professional skills or help at the fair. As they provide hands-on guidance and real-world experience, these volunteers also offer young people another crucially important element: a healthy adult role model who helps to grow their confidence and ignite their dreams for the future.

For more information about volunteer roles or to apply as a 4-H volunteer, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/becoming_a_4_h_volunteer/

4-H Parents

4-H is considered a family program and parents are encouraged to participate with their own children. For the safety of all our participants, parents cannot work directly with other youth or attend any overnight activities until the complete the MSU volunteer application process.

Enrollment Information



4-H enrollment is handled through 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. New 4-H members should contact a club prior to enrolling to make sure the club will be a good fit. The club leader also needs to handle parts of the enrollment process. Effective June 16, 2021, the Michigan 4-H Participation Fee has been permanently eliminated.

Local Events

Cloverbud Day Camp (may be cancelled due to Covid 19) Held in July just previous to the GCFFY Fair, a day of fun for the Cloverbuds that includes introductions to several 4-H project areas, crafts, nutrition and ends with a swimming trip!

Summer Camp (cancelled for 2021) A 3 day camp for ages 8 to 13. Stay tuned for updates. Partner counties and location may change due to Fair week change in 2022.

Gratiot County Fair For Youth The highlight of the year for many 4-H'ers, a weeklong exposition of shows, contests, judging, auctions and fun activities. 4-H projects on display include archery, arts and crafts, performing arts and the usual variety of livestock projects.

State Events

Exploration Days (will be virtual for 2021) Late June This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! About 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually. Find out about college life by living in the dorms, eating in the cafeterias and attending classes on the campus of MSU. This is a great opportunity to perfect an existing skill or learn a completely new one!

Winterfest (cancelled for 2021) Pending new location due to closure of Kettunen Center

State Shows for animal Species

State Shooting Sports Tournament

Capitol Experience (will be virtual for 2021)

State Youth Leadership Council

Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp

and many others...

National Events

Citizenship Washington Focus Every summer, high school students from across the country travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), 4-H's premier leadership and citizenship program for high school students.

CWF is more than a Washington, D.C. field trip – it's an opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn how to be citizen leaders and make a difference in their communities.

National 4-H Congress National 4-H Congress is a five-day event that engages high school aged 4-H members in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Participants not only have the opportunity to participate in state-of-the-art educational workshops and hear from world-renowned speakers, they also have the opportunity to network with other 4-H members from across the United States.

Club Contact and Activity Information

ASHLEY ITHACA LIVESTOCK 4-H CLUB

Doreen Slavik 989-000-0000

Animal Evaluation, Aquatic Science, Beef, Birds & Poultry, Business & Entrepreneurship, Clothing & Textiles, Community Service, Dairy Cattle, Entomology & Bees, Expressive Arts, Financial Literacy, Food & Nutrition, Health & Fitness, Horticulture, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Leisure Education, Life Skill & Character Education, Meat & Food Science, Mechanical Sciences, Outdoor Education/Recreation, Rabbits/Cavies, Robotics, Service Learning, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Swine

BACKYARD BARN BELIEVERS 4-H CLUB

Beef, Birds & Poultry, Cats, Child Development, Child Care, Clothing & Textiles, Community Service, Dogs, Entomology & Bees, Expressive Arts, Food & Nutrition, Horse & Pony, Horticulture, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Poultry Science & Embryology, Rabbits/Cavies, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Swine, Veterinary Science

BARNYARD BUNCH 4-H CLUB

Aileen Waldron 989-463-6381

Aerospace, Ag in the Classroom, Agronomy, Alpacas and Llamas, Animal Evaluation, Aquatic Science, Beef, Biological Sciences, Birds & Poultry, Business and Entrepreneurship, Career Exploration and Workforce Preparation, Cats, Child Development, Child Care, Citizenship and Civic Engagement, Clothing & Textiles, College & Independent Living Readiness, Communication, Community Service, Computer & Digital Technology, Dairy Cattle, Dogs, Emus & Ostriches, Engines & Transportation, Entomology & Bees, Environmental Resource Management, Environmental Science and Natural Resources, Expressive Arts, Financial Literacy, Food & Nutrition, Global & Cultural Education, Goats, GPS/GIS, Health & Fitness, Horticulture, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Leisure Education, Life Skill and Character Education, Meat & Food Science, Mechanical Sciences, Outdoor Education/Recreation, Physical Sciences, Plant Science, Poultry Science & Embryology, Rabbits/Cavies, Safety, Service Learning, Sheep, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Soils & Soil Conservation, Swine, Veterinary Science, Wildlife & Fisheries

BEEBE BEEF 4-H CLUB NOT CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

Beef, Sheep, Swine

BETTER TOGETHER 4-H CLUB

Stephanie Lamey 989-763-2292

Birds & Poultry, Community Service, Expressive Arts, Food & Nutrition, Introductory 4-H Projects, Poultry Science & Embryology, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals

CIRCLE B TRAIL RIDERS 4-H CLUB

Kelly Becker 989-239-0510

Ag in the Classroom, Agronomy, Animal Evaluation, Aquatic Science, Birds & Poultry, Communication, Community Service, Dogs, Environmental Science and Natural Resource Management, Expressive Arts, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Health & Fitness, Leadership Skills Development, Rabbits/Cavies, Robotics, Safety, Service Learning, Sheep, Soils & Soil Conservation, Swine, Wildlife & Fisheries

CRITTERS AND CRAFTS 4-H CLUB

Angela Munro 989-763-5630

Dogs, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Introductory 4-H Projects, Rabbits/Cavies,

DOUBLE C 4-H CLUB

Jenni Derby 989-875-5116

Beef, Business & Entrepreneurship, Clothing & Textiles, Communication, Community Service, Environmental Resource Management, Environmental Science & Natural Resources, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Horse & Pony,

Horticulture, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leisure Education, Life Skill and Character Education, Meat & Food Science, Outdoor Education/Recreation, Rabbits/Cavies, Robotics, Safety, Service Learning, Sheep, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Soils & Soil Conservation, Swine, Veterinary Science, Wildlife Fisheries

FARM FRIENDS 4-H CLUB

Karmen Sanders 989-620-5462

Beef, Birds & Poultry, Business & Entrepreneurship, Career Exploration & Workforce Preparation, Child Development, Child Care, Citizenship & Civic Engagement, Clothing & Textiles, Communication, Community Service, Dairy Cattle, Entomology & Bees, Food & Nutrition, Global & Cultural Education, Goats, Health & Fitness, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Leisure Education, Outdoor Education/Recreation, Poultry Science & Embryology, Rabbits/Cavies, Safety, Sheep, Swine

GRATIOT 4-H STATE EXCHANGE CLUB

Patty Macha 989-763-4246

Communication, Community Service, Global and Cultural Education, Leadership Skills Development, Leisure Education, Life Skill and Character Education

GRATIOT COUNTY LUCKY STARS 4-H CLUB NOT CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

Animal Evaluation, Birds & Poultry, Cats, Clothing & Textiles, Communication, Community Service, Dairy Cattle, Dogs, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Horse & Pony, Horseless Projects, Introductory 4-H Projects, Poultry Science & Embryology, Rabbits/Cavies, Sheep, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Swine

GRATIOT COUNTY NON-TYPICAL SHOOTERS 4-H CLUB *Darren Fish 989-388-3001*

Participant must be at least age 8 to participate in 4-H Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports, Archery

GRATIOT LIVESTOCK CREW 4-H CLUB

Carrie Jolliff 989-708-3777

Ag in the Classroom, Beef, Birds & Poultry, Clothing & Textiles, Communication, Community Service, Dairy Cattle, Expressive Arts, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Horse & Pony, Horseless Projects, Horticulture, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Life Skills & Character Education, Mechanical Sciences, Outdoor Education/Recreation, Plant Science, Poultry Science & Embryology, Proud Equestrian Program, Rabbits/Cavies, Safety, Sheep, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Swine, Veterinary Science, Wildlife & Fisheries

HOOVES AND BOOTS 4-H CLUB

Samantha Sinclair 989-708-3595

Ag in the Classroom, Beef, Birds & Poultry, Clothing & Textiles, Cats, Clothing and Textiles, Communication, Community Service, Dairy Cattle, Expressive Arts, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Horse & Pony, Horseless Projects, Horticulture, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Life Skills & Character Education, Meat & Food Science, Mechanical Sciences, Plant Science, Poultry Science & Embryology, Rabbits/Cavies, Safety, Sheep, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Swine, Veterinary Science, Wildlife & Fisheries

KIDZ-N-KRITTERS 4-H CLUB

Kim Reisterer 989-620-0643

Beef, Swine

KOUNTRY KIDS 4-H CLUB

Community Service, Horse & Pony, Leadership Skills Development

MOONLIGHT CLOVERS 4-H CLUB

Jennifer Courter 989-388-6317

Beef, Goats, Rabbits/Cavies, Swine

NORTH GRATIOT LIVESTOCK 4-H CLUB

Ashlee Gibson 989-488-7047

Beef, Birds & Poultry, Dairy Cattle, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Rabbits & Cavies, Service Learning, Sheep, Swine

PUPS R US 4-H CLUB

Linda Morrow 989-875-8929

Dogs

SEVILLE SUPERSTARS 4-H CLUB

Shelley Cary 989-506-6143

Agronomy, Animal Evaluation, Beef, Birds & Poultry, Citizenship & Civic Engagement, Clothing & Textiles, Communication, Community Service, Expressive Arts, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Horticulture, Introductory to 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Mechanical Sciences, Plant Science, Poultry Science & Embryology, Rabbits/Cavies, Sheep, Small Animals/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Swine

SOMETHIN' SPECIAL 4-H CLUB

Rebecca Hirschman 989-875-3355

Beef, Birds & Poultry, Business & Entrepreneurship, Clothing & Textiles, Expressive Arts, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Health & Fitness, Introductory 4-H Projects, Leadership Skills Development, Leisure Education, Life Skill & Character Education, Plant Science, Rabbit/Cavies, Sheep, Swine

WHEELER WILLING WORKERS 4-H CLUB

Carman Lang 989-513-2334

Beef, Birds & Poultry, Clothing & Textiles, Communication, Entomology & Bees, Environmental Resource Management, Environmental Science and Natural Resources, Expressive Arts, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Horticulture, Leadership Skills Development, Meat & Food Science, Mechanical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Plant Sciences, Poultry Science & Embryology, Rabbits/Cavies, Sheep, Small Animal/Pocket Pets/Lab Animals, Swine

List of Clubs by Cities

Alma/Elwell

Backyard Barn Believers
Gratiot County Lucky Stars
Kountry Kids
Moonlight Clovers
North Gratiot Livestock
Seville Superstars

Ashley

Ashley/Ithaca Livestock

Breckenridge/Wheeler

Beebe Beef
Circle B
Gratiot Livestock Crew
Wheeler Willing Workers

Ithaca

Critters & Crafts
Double C 4-H Club
Somethin' Special

North Star

Better Together

St. Louis

Birds of a Feather
Farm Friends
Hooves and Boots

Sumner

Barnyard Bunch
Kidz-N-Kritters

County Wide Programs

Non-Typical Shooters
Pups R Us—Dog
4-H Teen State Exchange Club