



DECEMBER 2022

4-H Family News

GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

I hope the holiday season is off to a great start for everyone!

Gratiot County 4-H will be joining in on the holiday fun! Check out our holiday craft series (page 3) and our holiday no-baking series (page 4). We'll also be participating in the "Come Home to Alma" Christmas parade on December 9th (details on page 2). We hope you'll join us for one (or more) of these holiday events!

Looking ahead to the new year, dates are beginning to be released for state-wide shows and events. Check out the state-wide calendar and state-wide news on pages 7-11 and get these opportunities on your calendars. We're also looking at planning a Gratiot County 4-H camp – please complete the survey linked on page 5 if this is of interest to you.

Please note that all MSUE staff are on holiday break from December 23rd through January 2nd. Our office will be closed during this time. Have a restful holiday and a great start to the new year!

Stacey Woggon
4-H Program Coordinator

Are you enrolled in 4-H Online?!

Don't forget that anyone participating in 4-H programs must be enrolled in 4-H Online. The 4-H program year runs September through August and annual re-enrollment is required. If you haven't already done so, please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/> to complete your 2022-2023 enrollment. Returning members will choose the "enroll now" link from the family member list. New members will need to create a family profile before enrolling. For further details, including step-by-step instructions and video tutorials, please visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment



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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- GCFFY Annual Meeting (board meeting to follow)Dec. 1, 2022 @ 6pm, Fair Office
- Holiday Craft Series – Card Making.....Dec. 6, 2022 @ 4:30pm, Extension Office
- Holiday No-Bake Series – Hot Chocolate Sticks.....Dec. 7, 2022 @ 7pm, Zoom
- Come Home to Alma – Christmas Parade.....Dec. 9, 2022 @ 6pm
- Holiday Craft Series – Glitter Ornaments.....Dec. 13, 2022 @ 4:30pm, Extension Office
- Holiday No-Bake Series – Rice Krispie Trees.....Dec. 14, 2022 @ 7pm, Zoom
- Holiday Craft Series – String Christmas Trees....Dec. 20, 2022 @ 4:30pm, Extension Office
- Holiday No-Bake Series – Oreo Truffle Balls.....Dec. 21, 2022 @ 7pm, Zoom
- Holiday Break – Office ClosedDec. 23, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023
- Training Deadline (Gold Volunteers).....Dec. 31, 2022
- MLK Day – Office Closed.....Jan. 16, 2023
- 4-H Council Meeting.....Jan. 30, 2023 @ 7pm, Extension Office

REQUIRED VOLUNTEER TRAINING REMINDER

Are you a Gold Volunteer?

Don't forget to complete the Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Training by December 31st!

Login to Volunteer Central and complete the module in 10-15 minutes.

Please reach out to the Extension Office ASAP if you have any questions regarding this training or need help completing it.

COME HOME TO ALMA FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Gratiot County 4-H will be participating in the “Come Home to Alma for the Holidays” Larry Mott Lighted Christmas Parade on December 9th. The parade begins at 6pm and we will be meeting at 5:15pm in the Frontier Parking Lot for line up. All 4-H youth, parents, and volunteers are welcome to walk with us in the parade! Please let us know if you plan on attending here:

<https://forms.gle/Cb28EQy57RbiSoge8>





Gratiot County 4-H **HOLIDAY CRAFT SERIES**

WHEN:

December 6, 13, & 20
4:30 PM

WHERE:

Gratiot MSUE Office
219 N State St, Alma

WHO:

4-H Youth ages 5-19

CONTACT:

Stacey Woggon
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December 6, 2022: Greeting Cards

Prepare to spread some holiday cheer! Participants will be making a dozen holiday greeting cards. We'll go over some simple paper folding techniques and thumb print designs. Cost \$5

December 13, 2022: Glitter Ornaments

Finish trimming your holiday tree! Participants will be making two glitter ornaments. Choose from several colors and designs. Cost \$5

December 20, 2022: String Christmas Trees

Finalize those last-minute decorations! Participants will be learning a simple mod-podge technique as they wrap yarn around a cone to create a holiday tree. Cost \$5

Pre-registration is required, and spots are limited!

Reserve your spot by dropping off the session fee(s) to the Gratiot MSUE office (checks payable to MSU)

Attend one, two or all three sessions.

All supplies will be provided.

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Prepare for the holidays
with Gratiot County 4-H!



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Gratiot County 4-H HOLIDAY NO-BAKING SERIES

WHEN:

December 7, 14, & 21
7:00 PM

WHERE:

Online via Zoom
(participants will be
emailed the link)

WHO:

4-H youth ages 5-19
(younger members should
have a helper available in the
kitchen)

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December 7, 2022: Hot Chocolate On A Stick

This simple recipe not only makes a great drink but also makes an amazing gift! Customize with any flavors you like.

December 14, 2022: Rice Krispie Trees

Add some green food coloring to rice Krispie's and marshmallow, then shape into a cone and decorate. A fun snack or dessert for kids of all ages!

December 21, 2022: Oreo Truffle Balls

Try out this spin on milk's favorite cookie! Combine crushed Oreos with cream cheese then dip in chocolate for a delicious dessert that is sure to please at all your holiday gatherings.

Pre-registration is required, and spots are limited!

Call (989-875-5233) or email (woggonst@msu.edu) to reserve your spot.

There is no cost to register, but participants will need to provide their own ingredients and kitchen space. A shopping list will be emailed out prior to each session. Attend one, two, or all three sessions.

Make some
delicious holiday treats
with Gratiot County 4-H!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Interested in 4-H Camp??

There has been some interest expressed in re-starting a Gratiot County 4-H camp program. Please fill out the following survey if you have a youth interested in attending and/or are interested in volunteering for camp. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/FY12uaoLmy1Y7Nbi9>



We're looking for volunteers!

Are you able to help out with either of the following?

- **Shooting Sports Instructor** (certification is available through MSUE)
- **Livestock Judging Coach**

Have other ideas for SPIN Clubs or workshops you'd like to host?
We are open to any and all ideas!

Contact Stacey (woggonst@msu.edu) or visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/becoming_a_4_h_volunteer/ for more information on becoming a 4-H volunteer.





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Holiday Gnome Crafting



The Gratiot County 4-H Council resumed their education series last month with a holiday gnome crafting class on November 6th. Thank you to our instructor, Kim Reisterer, and to everyone who joined us for this class. Stay tuned for future classes in the education series!

Exchange Club Pumpkin Roll Bake

The Gratiot County 4-H Exchange Club held their annual pumpkin roll bake on November 12th. This group made a total of 507 pumpkin rolls in under 10 hours! Profits from this fundraiser will help to cover the costs of their hosting week this summer when our Texas 4-H friends visit. Thanks to everyone for their work and support of this fundraiser!



4-H Council Updates

The Gratiot County 4-H Council held their election this fall.

Council members include:

- Kelly Becker (President)
- Brian Bloomquist (Treasurer)
- Nicole Gorsuch (Vice President)
- Amanda Grigar (Secretary)
- Erica Grover
- Tracie McCune
- Kim Reisterer

Teen representatives include:

- Julie Becker
- Marissa Bloomquist
- Miranda Bloomquist
- Sophie Gardner
- Kali Gorsuch
- Lauren Gorsuch

Council meetings are open to the public and typically held the last Monday of the month, 7pm at the Gratiot County MSU Extension Office. The next meeting is January 30th (there is no December meeting due to the holidays). We are always looking for additional youth and Gold Volunteers to serve on committees.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 13: Wild Spartans –Special Education to Wildlife Biologist
Online

Take a closer look at charismatic microfauna and hop along to uncover the hidden world of herpetology. Meet Erim Gómez, assistant professor of wildlife biology at the University of Montana. Learn about his field work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will partake in a live Q&A. This free series is open to youth ages 12-19 years.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-december-2022>

December 15 –January 2: Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl
Online

4-H members are encouraged to test their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources in the 2022 Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl. Ages 5-19 welcome to play.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/hunting-wildlife-quizbowl>

December 31: 2022 Re-Certification for Shooting Sports Instructors
Online

Deadline for instructor re-certification efforts. Policy and application available online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-re-certification-for-shooting-sports-instructors>

January 7: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop
Four Square Sportsman's Association, Jeddo

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration deadline is December 15.

[4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop - 4-H Shooting Sports \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop)

January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

One day event for Michigan 4-H members who own rabbits or cavies. Enter day of show.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Save the Dates

Save the Date

State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

Saturday, January 28, 2023

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture
and Livestock Education

4301 Farm Ln
East Lansing, MI



Enter Day of Show



SAVE THE DATE!
**MICHIGAN 4-H
DAY AT THE
BRESLIN**
February 12, 2023

4-H GROWS HERE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Leader Meet

Come together with leaders from across District 8 (Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham) to re-energize through networking, learning and fun!

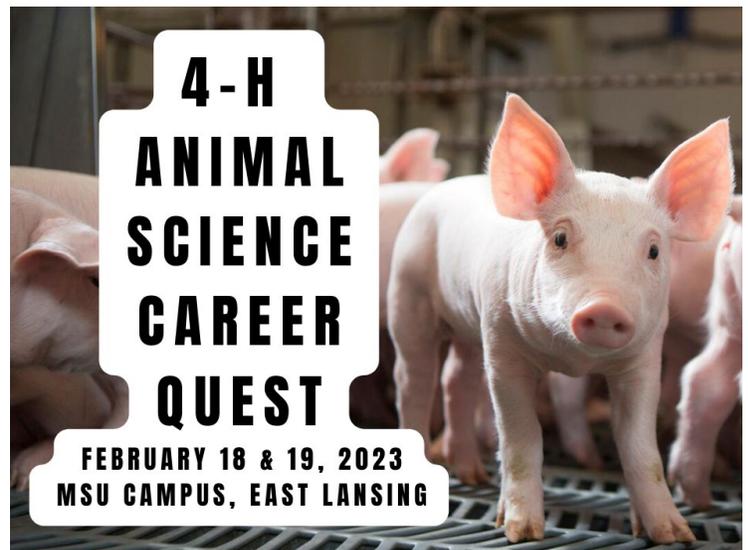
Feb 25th, 2023

10am - 3pm

check in 9:30am - 10am

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ANIMAL
SCIENCE
CAREER
QUEST**
FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2023
MSU CAMPUS, EAST LANSING





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Save the Dates

SAVE THE DATE

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
returns March 3-5, 2023!

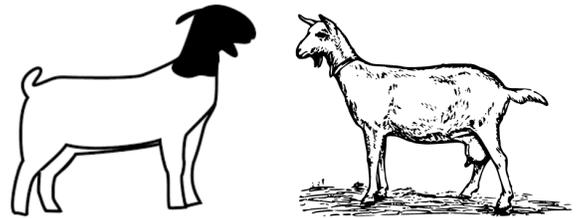
RALPH A. MACMULLAN CONFERENCE CENTER
104 Conservation Dr.
Roscommon, MI 48653

Topic: Dairy
Cattle
Nutrition

Registration opens
early 2023

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Save the Date



Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

Saturday, June 17, 2023
MSU Pavilion South Barn

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SAVE THE DATE 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

June 21-23
2023

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SAVE THE DATE 2023 MI YOUTH HORSE PROGRAMS

- JANUARY 14-15 - MI 4-H HORSE JUDGES AND SHOW VOLUNTEERS CONFERENCE
- FEBRUARY 3-4 - HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP AND MINI JUDGING CONTEST
- MARCH 18 - MI 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST
- APRIL 15 - HAIRY HORSE SHOW
- APRIL 16 - MI 4-H/FFA HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
- AUGUST 18 -20 - STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

More information on these events will be forthcoming! Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/Events/> for the latest listing of events happening around the state.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Citizenship Washington Focus: Travel to DC with Michigan 4-H!

Learning about our nation's history empowers today's youth to forge a brighter future. What better place to do that than Washington, DC! Teens, ages 14-19, are invited to join the Michigan 4-H delegation from June 24th to 30th, 2023 for the week-long trip. Experience Washington, DC like never before or ever again. With a tour guide providing background information for many monuments and programs that teach life skills such as civil discourse and critical thinking, youth will be able to use their voice and expand their horizons. Cost is \$2000 and 7 meals enroute.

The Michigan 4-H Delegation will visit the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania and then overnights in Gettysburg to tour the battlefields (June 24-25) before CWF (June 25-30). These side trips provide youth with a historical background to our government.

County reservations are due no later than December 5th, so please contact Stacey (woggonst@msu.edu) as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. For more information visit <https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/>



One week. SO many experiences.



June 24-30, 2023





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Opportunity to teach at 4-H Exploration Days 2023

Annually, MSU Extension holds [4-H Exploration Days](#), a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2023 event is set for June 21-23 on the campus of MSU.

This exciting event is a team effort and we need you! We're currently seeking inspiring and fun educational and free time session proposals. Think outside the box for ideas! Youth like sessions on career paths, cutting edge research/work, animals, life skills for their future, recreational activities and new and emerging activities/topics. Some of the areas requested by youth also include: robotics, drones, music, outdoor activities like biking, rappelling, kayaking and nature sessions.



Session and free time proposal requests are now open until December 5. More information on the adult instructor role and the youth co-instructor role, as well as details about proposal requirements, can be found at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs
2023 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS
Costa Rica · Japan · South Korea

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries?
Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most tourists rarely get to see.

Travel abroad with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

Want to see another part of the world? Michigan 4-H is accepting applications for the Summer 2023 outbound international exchange program! Explore a new country and culture via an immersive international exchange experience.

Michigan 4-H has been in a partnership with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs for many years and through this collaboration, American 4-H youth have the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer

host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Enrich your 4-H experience and apply today to travel abroad in the summer 2023! Michigan 4-H is currently planning to offer trips to Japan, Costa Rica and South Korea. Visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> to learn more and apply by January 1, 2023.

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>. Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H! JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.



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