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4-H Family News

Ingham County



4-H VOLUNTEER SURVEY



Please complete survey by October 14th

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October 14 | 6:30 PM EST

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<https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildSpartansSeriesFall2025Spring2026/>

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HELP PROTECT THE FUTURE OF MSU EXTENSION & INGHAM COUNTY 4-H



At the October 8 Finance Committee meeting, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approved:

- Restored base assessment funding for Ingham County 4-H
- Funding for a 0.5 FTE Consumer Horticulture Educator to support the Master Gardener Program



**WE NEED YOU TO SHOW UP AND
SPEAK OUT!**

TUESDAY

14

6:30 PM

Board of Commissioners
3rd Floor, Ingham County Courthouse
315 S Jefferson St, Mason, MI

FINAL BUDGET VOTE!

6:30 PM

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TUESDAY

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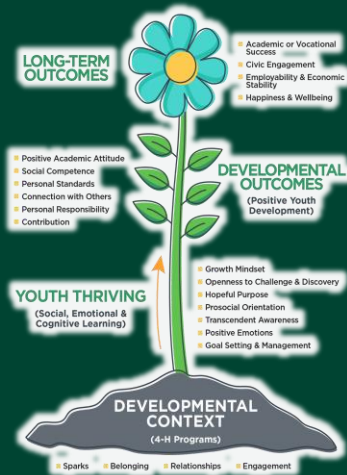
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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Why 4-H? This is a question asked many times of our youth and adults. What made you want to get involved and what keeps you coming back?

This is the SPARK of 4-H and serves as one of the four developmental context areas of the Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development. We strive to reach our members where they are and help them grow through the 4-H program.

To do this, we need to know what your spark is...

- Is there a specific project that brought you here?
- Is there a project you would like to see us add?
- Did you show up because you had friends in the program?

Reach out to your local 4-H staff to share your ideas.

October 4: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2025

October 5-11: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H in various ways!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 6: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Beyond Ready: Equipping Youth With Skills for Life

Online

Life doesn't come with a manual—but 4-H comes pretty close! Join Michigan 4-H State Leader Jodi Schulz for a fun and practical look at how volunteers can help young people build the skills they need to be Beyond Ready. This session will be offered twice:

- 12 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life
- 7 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life-7pm

October 14: Wild Spartans – Helping Others Help Nature

Online

Join 4-H staff for a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This session will feature Trish Brockman, and ecologist with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., who will help to explore the world of helping threatened and endangered wildlife. Open to youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026

October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Officers in Action: Empowering Youth through Leadership Roles

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. Learn how to support club officers in meaningful ways that promote responsibility, teamwork and real-life leadership skills. This session will be offered twice.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-noon

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Do you know someone deserving of the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year?

Can you think of someone who displayed extraordinary sportsmanship at a recent 4-H animal science program? Perhaps at a club meeting, clinic, or the county fair? Nominate them for the 2025 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award!

This annual award recognizes one youth member and one adult 4-H leader who exemplify the definition of sportsmanship and have gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those around them during animal science programs. Nominations are due **October 15**. You can find full details, including the nomination form, at: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Hey, leaders of tomorrow - if you're age 12-19 and ready to grow skills, make friends, and become beyond ready for your future, join the 4-H Future Squad!

4-H Future Squad is a virtual 4-H club that was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fifth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2025 through May 2026, virtually through Zoom. Topics for education include financial literacy, college and career readiness, stress management, building healthy relationships, studying abroad, goal setting, nutrition, and much more... based on the topics you share that will help you be beyond ready for your future!

Club meetings for the 2025-2026 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail. This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.

4-H scholarships available!

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.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at:
www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.





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MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR:

OFFICERS IN ACTION: EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH LEADERSHIP ROLES

OCTOBER 23, 2025 12:00PM – 1:00PM ZOOM

OCTOBER 23, 2025 7:00PM – 8:00PM ZOOM

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT CLUB OFFICERS IN MEANINGFUL
WAYS THAT PROMOTE RESPONSIBILITY, TEAMWORK, AND
REAL-LIFE LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/INGHAM/4-H/EVENTS-CALENDAR](https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/events-calendar)

4-H FUTURE SQUAD

ADULTING 101-
FIRST CLUB MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 7:00-8:00 PM
VIRTUAL 4-H CLUB

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/4-H-FUTURE-SQUAD/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/)

2026 Cash Composition Contest

September 16, 2025 – March 1, 2026

Win a \$100 gift card.

2026 Cash Composition Topic:

Scams and fraud can happen to anyone, even if you're careful. In your essay, explain how you protect yourself from fraud or scams and what steps others your age can take to stay safe. What are some warning signs to look out for? If you or someone you know has ever experienced a scam, what did you learn from it? Why do you think some people still fall for scams, even when they know the risks?

Timeline:

All essays are due March 1 by 11:59 p.m.