

4-H Family News

INGHAM COUNTY

COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 14, 7:00 pm - Horse Committee Meeting Dec 21, 7:00 pm - 4-H Council Committee Meeting Dec 23 - Holiday Break, Office Closed Dec 26 thru 30 - Holiday Break, Office Closed



One week. SO many experiences.

WASHINGTON FOCUS



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. To express your interest, contact Rachel at <u>ochylski@msu.edu</u> by **December 5th**.



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Junk Drawer Robotics

Special Interest club members had fun designing and building marshmallow catapults last week. Members will test their catapults and learn about mechatronics and circuits before the holiday break!





Send photos from your club meetings to Rachel at <u>ochylski@msu.edu</u> for a chance to be featured in our newsletter!

4-H Awards Celebration October 30, 2022



Katie Meade, Leanne Barnett, Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Debbie Miller, Jason Meade, David O'Daniel Still Life Committee Members



Leanne Barnett, Stacey Bliesener, Marci Charest, Debbie Miller, Vivian Brown, Sophia Nielson 4-H Council Committee Members



Jason Meade Lilly Meade Katie Meade David O'Daniel

Shooting Sports Committee Members



Michael Curtis Cloverbud Certificate



Katie Meade - Parker Corbett Outstanding Teen Leader



Debbie Miller Leaders Years of Service - 37



Janel Horrocks-Boehmer Leaders Years of Service - 39



Michelle & Matt Marion Livestock Committee



Debbie Pincomb Leaders Years of Service - 46



Brenna Marshall Earl Threadgould Scholarship Participant



Kellie Mattox - Fit to Show Leader of the Year 1-5 yrs



Sophia Nielson Jr. Dairy Science State Award Candidate

Ruby Eastman County Medal-Horse Project County Medal- Poultry Project



Holiday Baking & Crafting

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talent to help with our holiday baking, crafting, and card-making event! 4-H members from Aurelius 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, White Oak 4-H Club, and Town N Country 4-H Club are pictured below with their baked goods and crafts.





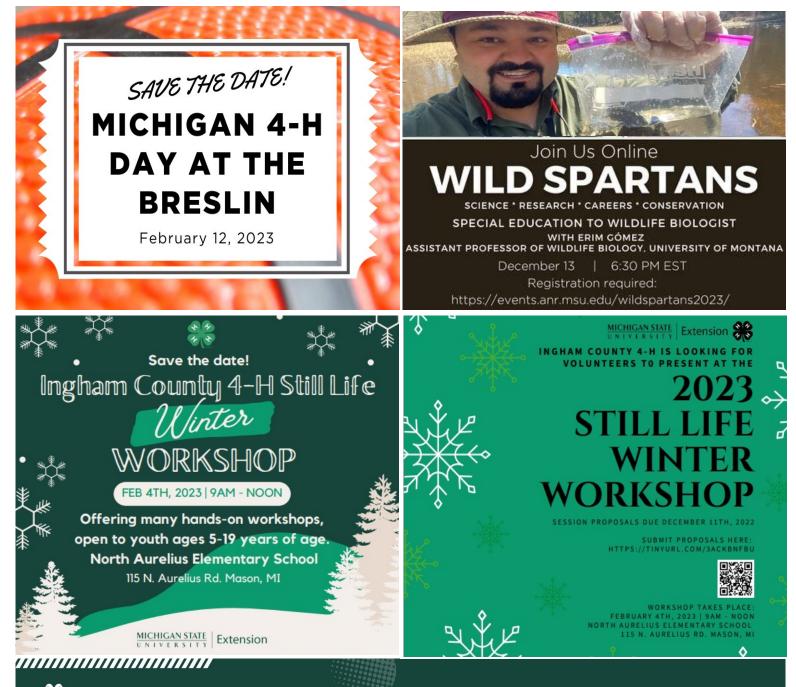












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SAVE THE DATE!

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 MSU Campus

The Michigan 4-H Leader Meet is an event for adult and teen leaders in Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. The Leader Meet will feature a wide variety of

fun and interactive sessions, informative presentations, and useful tips for your meetings. This Leader Meet is open to all teen leaders (ages 13+ by Jan. 1, 2023) and adult leaders who have Gold Level volunteer status with MSU Extension. The Leader Meet will take place on MSU's campus and registration details will be available and shared in early January



BECOME A 4-H EMBASSADOR

What is a 4-H Ambassador? 4-H ambassadors represent and promote 4-H, as well as assist with county-wide 4-H activities. A 4-H Ambassador is a motivated individual who seeks to become a leader, mentor and teacher, inspiring positive change in their community.

Why should you become a 4-H Ambassador?

The Ambassadors program builds self-confidence, personal growth, communication, and leadership skills. You will have an opportunity to meet new friends, make new connections, engage in public speaking, enhance your portfolio and resume and so much more.

Contact Glenda (weissgle@msu.edu or 517-676-7303) to become an Ingham County 4-H ambassador

JANUARY 14-15 - MI 4-H HORSE JUDGES AND SHOW VOLUNTEERS CONFERENCE

2023 MI YOUTH HORSE PROGRAMS

- 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

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4-H LEAGUE OF CLOVERS: CANDY CANE CRUSADES

"An Elf, a Reindeer, and a D20...what could go wrong?"

Mason/Lake County 4-H is going to be hosting a special holiday-themed D&D workshop over the holiday break, completed with festive characters, a grand holiday adventure, and prizes to give away.

> Dec. 19 thru 23, 2022 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Lake County MSU Extension 820 Michigan Ave, #601 Baldwin, MI 49304



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Rally to the Banner: ...for now is the season of cheer, food, and victory!

Join the 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society as we journey out for a festive yule-tide adventure in 4-H League of Clovers: Candy Cane Crusades. Participants will take part in a multi-day workshop over the holiday break in which they will learn how to craft special holiday themed Dungeons & Dragons characters and use them in a yule-tide D&D adventure to try out their characters.

Participants in this program must be 9 years of age or older.

This workshop will be a hybrid format so participants will have the option to attend sessions in person or via zoom. All of the activities will be designed in such a way that participants will be able to easily interact and take part with each other regardless of their location.

Participants will also be able to walk away with some awesome D&D and 4-H swag during the event

The sessions will take place from December 19 thru December 23, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Lake County MSU Extension office. The event is free to take part in and those attending in person will have all the necessary materials provided. Due to the meeting times, Lake County 4-H will also be providing dinner for our participants.

Please visit the following link to register:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/CandyCaneCrusades/

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Opportunity to teach at 4-H Exploration Days 2023

Annually, MSU Extension holds <u>4-H Exploration Days</u>, 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/.



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







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 The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 3: Family Holiday Craft Day

Arthur Center Church of God, Clare Bring the family and get crafty! This event is \$5 per participant. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-craft-day

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 14: Cloverbud Fun Night

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo Join us for a day of games, activities and crafting fun! https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-fun-night-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)





For over 40 years, the First Lady of the United States is presented with a beautifully decorated Commemorative Easter Egg by America's egg farmers to celebrate Easter. To mark the 2022 Easter season, all 40 eggs presented to past First Ladies were displayed in a special exhibit.

During the 2023 Easter season, a new exhibit will feature decorated eggs from each U.S. state/territory designed by kids across the country. We are calling on parents with kids aged 5-18 to design an egg under the theme of "United States of Possibility" that represents their home U.S. state or territory. Here's how parents can help their child get involved:

Design and Entry Submission Process

- Download the PDF included in the submission form, and use the template provided to have your child create his/her own egg design and corresponding design inspiration statement explaining your child's vision behind the idea. The design statement should be no longer than 50 words in length.
- 2. Your child should embrace his/her personal artistic style be bold, fun, and unique. Your child can use any medium of choice (crayons, watercolors, paint, etc.) for the egg design. Art should be your child's original creation, and not feature assets from third parties (unless in the public domain). Anything not original or not in the public domain may not be included in any entries.
- 3. Fully complete the submission form, including your contact information and your child/artist's full name, so you can be contacted if your child's egg design is selected.
- 4. Upload your child's submission, including your child's egg design, to the submission portal at www.incredibleegg.org/unitedstatesofpossibility by 11:59:59 PM ET on Saturday, December 31, 2022.
- The American Egg Board selection committee will review all submissions and select one egg design per state/territory, which is expected to serve as inspiration for a unique exhibit during Easter 2023.
- 6. Parents of selected egg design submissions will be notified by March 10, 2023, and selected egg designs will be created by egg artists across the country for a special exhibit, as determined by sponsor and artist in their sole discretion.

United States of Possibility Theme - How to Get Started Your Child Started

Each U.S. state and territory is special. From the mountain ranges of Washington to farmlands of Iowa to beaches in Florida, our different locations combined make up a diverse and united country and give us a special sense of local and national pride. So how can our differences contribute to the future of the United States?

This is the United States of Possibility. What role will your individual state or territory play in the next 5, 10 or 15 years? What are some special aspects that you think will contribute to our country's unity? We're looking for egg designs that show how your state/territory might make a difference in the future of our country. Consider your home's unique natural resources, scientific and technological inventions or cultural developments in the arts, sports or film. Then put it into an egg design...

Here are some questions to ask your child when thinking about their egg design:

- What is the thing I love most about my state or territory?
- · What makes my state/territory unique?
- · What makes my state's/territory's citizens different?
- · And how can any of these things contribute to the unity of our country in the future?

For full rules and terms and conditions of entering this opportunity with American Egg Board, please visit www.incredibleegg.org/unitedstatesofpossibility/rules.

Egg Design Submission Document

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America's Egg Farmers U.S. State and Territory Egg Design Submission Form

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