



FEBRUARY 20, 2026

# 4-H Family News



## Ingham County

Beyond Ready



Interested in applying for a Michigan 4-H State Award but not sure where to start?



Join us on a webinar to learn more!!

February 25 @4:00 p.m.



# STILL LIFE WORKSHOP



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SATURDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 AM - 02:30 PM

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# KIDS ACTIVITIES @QAS

Join us at the Quiet Adventures Symposium on February 28. Lead your own activity or work with Rachel to pick one from our 4-H curriculum.

**FEBRUARY**  
**28**

**MSU PAVILION**



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More Information  
<https://quietadventures.org>

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## 2026 Ingham County 4-H Still Life Winter Workshop Sessions

### 1 Hour Long Sessions

<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	
Trash to Treasures: Rag Rugs	Trash to Treasure as you learn how to make a rug from scrap material.
Candle Making (Repeats 10:00 – 11:00)	Ever wanted to make a custom candle that’s totally unique to you? You’ll get hands-on experience working with soy wax and the best way to let your candle cure for a great burn. Choose your favorite scent to create a high-quality candle you’ll be proud to show off and enjoy!
First Aid and Safety	Are you ready to handle first aid and safety at home or while babysitting? Learn the importance of staying calm, how to bandage, guiding and protecting children in your care, how to use a fire extinguisher and lots more. You can be a confident first aider in everyday emergency situations! Yes you can!
Charcoal Drawing	Discover the expressive world of charcoal as you create your own unique design! Learn simple shading and blending techniques, then bring your ideas to life with bold, textured charcoal. No experience needed!
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	
What’s All The Buzz? Michigan Pollinators & How To Help Them Thrive (Repeats 11-00 – 12:00 & 12:30 – 1:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let’s have fun soaring with our Michigan pollinators in understanding the roles between plants and pollinators.</li> <li>Focus will be specific to Michigan plants and pollinators.</li> <li>Focus will include what food crops need pollinators.</li> <li>We will learn how native plants support our very important pollinators and why they matter.? You will create a bee habitat and a pollinator watering station to take home to support your own growing landscape.</li> </ul>
Design and Create A Special	Unleash your inner designer and level up your wrist game in this hands-on jewelry workshop! Use colorful beads and expressive word beads to craft a set of

Word Bracelet (Repeats 11:00 – 12:00)	bracelets that are as unique as you are. Along the way, you'll learn double-stringing and the "invisible knot" technique to ensure your creations are durable for every adventure.
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Diamond Dot Keychains	Join us to learn the new art that is trending. You will complete a diamond painted butterfly key chain as you learn.
Beginning Archery  (repeats 12:30 – 1:30) 11:00 – Noon	Would you like to learn to shoot a bow and arrow? Bullseye! This hands-on session is all about learning archery skills that are used in 4-H all the way up to the Olympics! You will get to experience different types of equipment and how to develop good shooting form while shooting at official competition sized targets. All equipment is supplied; the only requirement is that you must wear closed-toe shoes (no sandals, etc.).
Take Your Best Shot (Repeats 1:30 – 2:30)	Whether you are brand new to shooting sports or you have some experience at home, join us to learn more about the fundamentals of great target shooting. The techniques we will explore are used in 4-H, collegiate competitions, and even in the Olympics! In this hands-on session, we will focus on 10-meter air rifle and 5 meter BB gun events. We will also discuss the other shooting sports events available in Ingham County 4-H. All equipment will be supplied, just make sure that you are wearing closed-toe shoes (no sandals, etc.).
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Photography With Your Cell Phone (Repeats 12:30 – 1:30)	Bring your phone and jump into a hands-on photo session where you'll learn to capture fun shots of your pets, friends, and favorite places! You'll get to explore your camera's settings and try out composition tricks that make your pictures look great. Learn new skills and get creative with the camera you already have in your pocket! Cameras are also welcome.
Spring/Easter Card Making (Repeats 12:30 – 1:30)	Learn various techniques to create personalized, handmade spring or Easter cards using supplies like paper, stamps, inks, embellishments, and dies, covering basic card construction to more advanced layering and design elements.

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Entrepreneurial Project Spring/Easter Card Making  (Repeats 11:00 – 12:00 1:30 –2:30 Cross Stich A	Have fun making homemade spa treatments. In this workshop we will learn to make botanical body scrubs, facial treatments, and bath fizzies. These are great treats for yourself or for gifts. You will take home all the products for a day at your own spa.  Learn various techniques to create personalized, handmade spring or Easter cards using supplies like paper, stamps, inks, embellishments, and dies, covering basic card construction to more advanced layering and design elements.
Keychain or Coaster	
	Learn the basics of cross stich as you create your own keychain or coaster.
Take Your Best Shot  (repeats 11:00 – noon)	Whether you are brand new to shooting sports or you have some experience at home, join us to learn more about the fundamentals of great target shooting. The techniques we will explore are used in 4-H, collegiate competitions, and even in the Olympics! In this hands-on session, we will focus on 10-meter air rifle and 5 meter BB gun events. We will also discuss the other shooting sports events available in Ingham County 4-H. All equipment will be supplied, just make sure that you are wearing closed-toe shoes (no sandals, etc.).
Trash to Treasures: Turn A Book Into An Egg	Upcycle a book into a decorative egg.

## Multiple Hour Sessions

Time(s) Offered	Title	Description
2 times offered 9:00 – 11:00 12:30 – 2:30	Woodworking	Make a cedar birdhouse as you assemble pre-cut parts while learning safety measures essential to woodworking. In this hands-on activity, you will learn the proper techniques in using a hand saw, hammer and nails, screws and a brad nailer, time permitting. Youth will work to complete a bird house to take home and possibly exhibit at the Fair. All supplies are provided.
9:00 – 11:00	Circuitry	In this fun, hands-on class, students will explore how electric circuitry works and how simple circuits are made. They will practice safe soldering with close guidance and learn how to connect components to make their own working projects. The class focuses on safety, teamwork, and problem-solving while encouraging curiosity and confidence. No experience is needed—just a willingness to learn, build, and have fun with electronics! There is an additional cost of \$25.00. During our workshop, children will move from
9:00 – Noon	Cloverbuds	station to station learning art, sewing, cooking, STEM skills and more. Children will also get a chance to prepare their own snack. Keep in mind we may get messy so wear clothes accordingly. A Delicious Lesson on Chocolate. In this session we
10:00 – 12:00	100@ Cocoa – This One Is Super Tasty	will learn more about this “Food of the Gods” We will learn about how Cacao is grown and how chocolate is made. We will taste chocolate from around the world and make some tasty chocolate treats.
12:30 – 2:30	Cross Stich Bookmarks	Create a bookmark using cross stich. Participants should have the ability to thread their own needles.
12:30 – 2:30	Native Americans	Stepback intimewith us to explorethe ingenious "ancient technologies" of flint knapping and traditional ceramics. You'll get hands-on with authentic examples of stone tools and discover the beautiful, diverse decorating techniques used by Native Americans across North America. After the demonstration, we'll keep things tactile and fun by crafting our own quick-and-easy pinch pots to take home!

## Adult Specific Session

9:15 –10:00	Let's Take A Tour of The 4-H Ingham County Fair Book	Get your youth settled into their morning session and then head over to the Fair Book Preview at 9:15 AM! This is your chance to flip through the 2026 Fair Book, clarify any offerings, and get the inside scoop on important changes for the upcoming season. We'll review club opportunities and highlight both new and existing projects, giving you plenty of time to ask questions so you can feel confident helping your kids navigate their best fair year yet.
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Beyond Ready



# Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



A State 4-H Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth!

- **Recognition event: June 24, 2026**  
MSU Campus (East Lansing) during 4-H Exploration Days
- **Applications accepted: March 1-April 1**  
Submit application:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards26>
- **Start early!! Find Information and applications:** <https://tinyurl.com/46afjtc8>
- **Win cash prizes (\$100-500) & 4-H Exploration Days scholarships (\$50)**

This program provides members an opportunity to tell their 4-H story while learning valuable skills everyone needs as they enter adulthood. This hands-on experience not only recognizes outstanding achievements, but ensures youth are Beyond Ready for life!

- ☑ **Setting goals & persevering**
- ☑ **Completing an application**
- ☑ **Creating a resume**
- ☑ **Writing a cover letter**
- ☑ **Interviewing**
- ☑ **Networking**
- ☑ **Reflecting and communicating**
- ☑ **Being recognized & modeling sportsmanship**



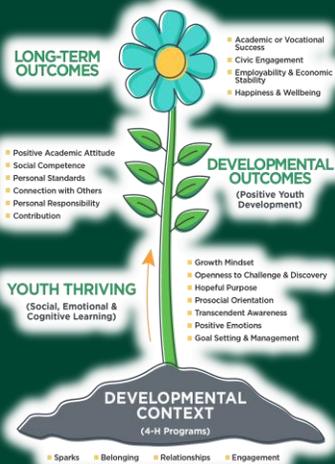
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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Building a sense of belonging in our 4-H program has been a long-standing tradition. What does this look like?

It may be a project leader, club leader, or event organizer welcoming you to each meeting or event. It may look like a “roll call” or “ice breaker” at the beginning of a meeting.

The initial welcome allows people to know that they have been seen in the room. So, the next time someone asks you a roll call question of “What’s your favorite cheese?”, know that there is a reason.

We want to get to know you. We want to hear your voice. We want the ability to start building relationships by finding likenesses among us.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.  
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### February 10: 4-H Wild Spartans

Online

In this month’s session, take a walk through the woods on the wild side with “Walking a Path of Conservation.” Ask questions through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is for youth ages 12-19.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-february](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-february)

### February 11: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Building Belonging – Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences

Online

Teambuilding isn’t just an activity—it’s a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences)

### February 11: Avoiding Money Mishaps

Online

This webinar will focus on how youth can protect themselves from fraud, scams, identity theft and predatory lending.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11)

### February 11: 4-H Chef Tasty Dog Treats

Lenawee MSU Extension Demo Kitchen, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will prepare delicious treats to bake at home for your dog. Ages 5-7 need adult helper. Registration deadline is February 7.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats)

### February 19 –March 26: Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026)

### February 19: Ace the Interview: Skill Building and Practice for Teens

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This free workshop will help youth (ages 12-19) confidently handle interview experiences with tips and hands-on practice. Any teen is welcome to attend! Registration deadline is February 17.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## Participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens February 1 and closes March 15.

## Tickets now available for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Join MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H on March 1 for the 20th celebration of Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin! This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Ohio State Buckeyes!

Those interested in attending can purchase tickets at a price of \$7.50 plus fees. This is a discounted rate available to the Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension communities; complimentary tickets are no longer available due to the rising popularity of college sports. MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and their families are all encouraged to attend.

Tickets can be purchased through a two-step process. First, guests should register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBreslin2026/>. Within one week, registrants will receive a custom purchase link to the email provided in registration. Attendees must then use this custom link to purchase tickets for the event. Additional ticketing information is available on the registration website. Registration will close on February 17.

Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 12 p.m. Gates to the Breslin will open at 10:30 a.m., with a variety of pre-game activities hosted by MSU Extension professionals around the concourse. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Families for whom cost is a barrier should contact their local 4-H program coordinator.



## Show your 4-H pride wherever you go!

Did you know you can make a difference for 4-H every time you hit the road? By purchasing the Michigan 4-H specialty license plate, you're not only showing your 4-H spirit—you're helping fund programs that empower young people across the state. A portion of each plate sale and renewal benefits Michigan 4-H, supporting hands-on learning experiences that help Michigan youth become beyond ready for the future.

Whether you're a current member, alumni, volunteer, or simply a proud supporter, this is an easy way to give back and keep 4-H growing strong. Ordering is simple through the Michigan Secretary of State.



Drive your support forward—get your 4-H plate today and help create opportunities for the next generation of Michigan 4-H youth! Learn more at [extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate](https://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).

# 2026 ADULTING 101



- FRAUD FIGHTERS - JANUARY 21 AT 6:30 PM
- INFORMED RENTER - FEBRUARY 19 AT 5:00 PM
- SLEEP WELLNESS - MARCH 4 AT 5:30 PM
- EAT SMART: HEALTHY MEALS ON A BUDGET - APRIL 13 AT 5:00 PM
- COOKING WITH CONFIDENCE - MAY 18 AT 6:30 PM
- AI AND YOU: SMART, SAFE & SAVVY - JUNE 11 AT 6:00 PM
- THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK - JULY 8 AT 6:00 PM
- ROADMAP TO A SMART USED CAR PURCHASE - AUGUST 12 AT 5:00 PM
- ARE YOU READY? - SEPTEMBER 23 AT 5:00 PM
- MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT - OCTOBER 7 AT 6:00 PM
- REALITIES OF ANIMAL CARE - NOVEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM

\*ALL TIMES LISTED ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME



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Join Us Online

## WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE \* RESEARCH \* CAREERS \* CONSERVATION

"THE LAND HAS A STORY TO TELL- BUT ARE WE LISTENING?"  
WITH ZACH WILSON  
FOREST ECOLOGIST, GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION  
March 10 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

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

## Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



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April 12



## Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Tickets now available!



March 1, 2026

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## MICHIGAN 4-H 2026 CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

MICHIGAN YOUTH AGES 9-19 CAN WIN \$100 GIFT CARD BY ANSWERING AN ESSAY QUESTION ON SCAMS AND FRAUD PREVENTION

ESSAYS DUE MARCH 1, 2026



Extra Credit UNION

## 2026 Money Smart Mission GooseChase Game



Who: Michigan residents aged 13-19

What: Fun online missions to show your money smarts and learn about finances and entrepreneurship!

When: 4/1/26 - 4/21/26

How: Register online to access contest



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# Capitol Experience

COMING SOON



MARCH 15-17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026



Cost \$365

Scholarships may be available through your local 4-H office!



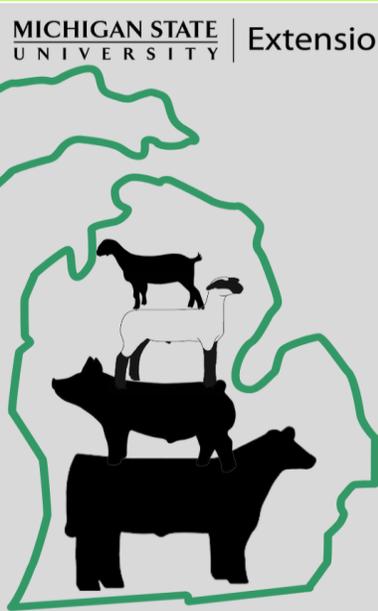
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## Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop



March 7, 2026



# MI 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE

COWS ON CAMPUS

Session Topics Include:

- Tour of the new MSU Dairy Cattle Teaching & Research Center
- Tour of the MSU Meat Lab
- Nutrition Workshop
- Dairy Judging
- Dissections & More!

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FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>-MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

OPEN TO ANY MI 4-H YOUTH AGES 12-19



Registration is now OPEN!

Beyond Ready



## NEW at Ignite 2026: Animal Science!

Hands-on workshops. Become career-ready.



March 25 - 29, 2026 | Washington, D.C. | Washington Hilton

## Michigan 4-H SPARK & SHARE SUMMIT

Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center  
Frankenmuth, MI

March 7, 2026  
10:00am

\$75 per person  
Includes Lunch

Session Topics:

- Ag in the Classroom
- Garden Inspired Art
- Running Livestock Shows
- Learn to Lincot
- Scratch Coding
- Self Publishing
- Animal Nutrition Basics
- Big Dreams and Future Careers
- Making Yarn on a Drop Spindle

...And More!

REGISTER NOW

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SparkShare2026/>  
Registration closes February 9th.

Ask your County 4-H Program Coordinator about availability of conference scholarships.

Join us for a day full of fun, exploring, learning, and sharing.





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## CONTACT US:

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>



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## 2026 Michigan 4-H Volunteer Winter/Spring Webinars

This webinar series will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a Michigan State University and Michigan 4-H volunteer.

All webinars take place at 12pm (noon) EST. Registration is required for each individual webinar- registration is free! Recordings will be posted on the website for later viewing.

### Sessions include:

**January 26, 2026: Beyond Ready Basics: Bringing the Vital Elements to Life in Your 4-H Club:** Every great 4-H experience has a few powerful ingredients—and volunteers play the biggest role in making them happen. In this session, we'll explore the four Vital Elements that help youth thrive, discovering sparks, feeling a sense of belonging, building developmental relationships, and staying meaningfully engaged.

**February 11, 2026: Building Belonging: Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences:** Teambuilding isn't just an activity—it's a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

**March 25, 2026: From Sparks to Skills: Using AI Responsibly in 4-H:** This webinar will help volunteers understand what AI is, how it impacts youth development, and how to use it responsibly within the 4-H program. We'll explore practical guidance from MSU Extension resources, discuss ethical considerations, and share tips for supporting youth as they navigate this evolving technology.

**April 22, 2026: Lets Talk It Out: Handling Conflict with Ease:** Conflict happens—even to the best volunteer groups. This laid-back session is all about learning how to handle tough conversations without the stress.

**May 4, 2026: Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs: Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects:** Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's curriculum *Youth Business Guide to Success*.



## 2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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<b>January 24</b>	4-H State Rabbit Show
<b>Feb. 27- March 1</b>	4-H Dairy Conference
<b>March 7</b>	4-H Spring Livestock Workshop
<b>March 14</b>	4-H Horse Communications Contest
<b>March 21-22</b>	Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show
<b>March 21</b>	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
<b>March 22</b>	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl
<b>April 11</b>	4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest
<b>April 12</b>	4-H Hippology State Contest
<b>May 13</b>	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
<b>June 16-17</b>	Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp
<b>June 27</b>	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
<b>July 1</b>	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest
<b>July 6-7 &amp; 8-9</b>	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
<b>July 13-16</b>	4-H Youth Dairy Days
<b>August 13-16</b>	4-H State Horse Show
<b>September 19</b>	4-H State Dog Show



**Scan me** for more information about these programs!

JOIN THE  
MICHIGAN 4-H

# TEENS AS TEACHERS

## HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM

The Michigan 4-H Teens as Teachers Healthy Living Program seeks teens who want to take an active role in promoting health, wellness, and leadership within their communities.

The program empowers teens to serve as peer educators and role models who help younger youth make informed, healthy choices while developing their own character, confidence, and leadership skills.

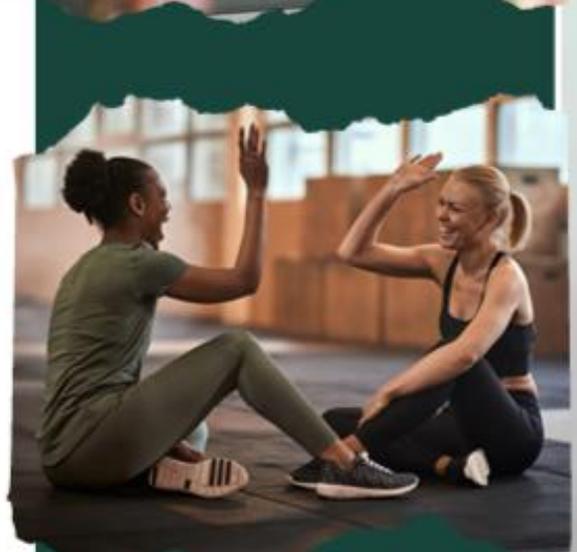
Through the Teens as Teachers program, teens will receive leadership and facilitation training that prepares them to lead 4-H Healthy Living programs focused on:

- **Mental health and emotional wellness**
- **Physical fitness and healthy lifestyles**
- **Substance use prevention and positive decision-making**

Teens will receive a variety of benefits through their participation in the program, including:

- A scholarship to attend [Michigan 4-H Exploration Days](#) on the campus of Michigan State University (valued at \$250)
- A \$100 stipend after teaching their first lessons
- An official "Teens as Teachers" Shirt
- Materials and supplies to use while teaching
- Increased leadership and careers skills that can be used on application for scholarships, higher education, and jobs

The Teens as Teachers program is open to all Michigan youth ages 13-19 (no previous experience with 4-H is needed) and there is no cost to participate, but space is limited.



**SIGN UP >>**

<https://bit.ly/4r8lbPp>



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## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

### 1 SIGN UP!

To get started, teens must sign-up to participate by going to <https://bit.ly/4r8IbPp>. The deadline to sign-up is April 15, but sign-up will end early if our maximum registration is reached sooner.

### 2 GET TRAINED!

Program orientation and initial trainings will be done online during live, interactive Zoom sessions. All Teen Teachers will attend 4-H Exploration Days in East Lansing, MI for in-person training.

#### 2026 Training Schedule

- **April 21 @ 6:30 - 8:00 pm (Zoom)**
  - Program Orientation for teens and parent(s)/guardian(s)
- **May 19 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Zoom)**
  - Training Session #1
- **June 16 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Zoom)**
  - Training Session #2
- **June 24-26 - (In-person)**
  - A Teens as Teachers training will be held as part of 4-H Exploration Days in East Lansing, MI. Lodging and meals will be provided for participants on the campus of Michigan State University.

### 3 GO TEACH!

Working with other teen teachers in their community, and with continued guidance and support from 4-H staff, Teen Teachers will plan and lead educational workshops focused on healthy living for peers and younger youth.

Teen Teachers will continue to meet at least once per month from July-December for additional training and support. Meetings will be via Zoom with options for in-person, local gatherings with other Teen Teachers and 4-H staff.



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# FISHING - WOODS - WATER 4-H WORKSHOPS

Make an Ice Fishing Jigging Rod  
Fly Tying  
Learn about wildlife - snakes and mussels

 FEBRUARY 4 & 10  
2026  6:00-7:30PM

**Thomas Township Nature Center**






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## 4-H International Exchange Program

"Open your Home and Heart, become a host family today, and create memories that will never fade away!"




**July 23-August 18**

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# 4-H OUTDOOR EDUCATION Workshop

**April 25-26, 2026**  
at Camp Newaygo





This workshop is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation

# WORLD FOOD PRIZE



**MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE**  
AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
*May 7, 2026*





## SPRING 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

**MICHIGAN**  
SHOOTING  SPORTS  
LEARN BY DOING

**May 2-3, 2026**

 John A. Halter Shooting Sports  
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**Offering all Disciplines:**

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- Hunting and Wildlife
- Coordinator

**REGISTER NOW !** 

 Questions? Email [4H.ShootingSports@msu.edu](mailto:4H.ShootingSports@msu.edu)

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