



FEBRUARY 7, 2025

4-H Family News

Ingham County



Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Reserve your free tickets today!



March 1, 2025



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4-H STILL LIFE WORKSHOP

*Seeking teens and adult session
facilitators*

SHARE YOUR SKILLS AND TALENTS!
JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING WORKSHOP WHERE
YOUR CREATIVITY, IDEAS, AND ENERGY WILL HELP
MAKE THE 2025 PROJECTS EVEN BETTER!

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH • NORTH AURELIUS SCHOOL
SESSIONS RANGE FROM 1 TO 4 HOURS

Please complete session form: <https://forms.gle/kqdpXWiu1ZsLsr6MA>

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Horse Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 pm Hilliard Bldg
 4-H Council Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 pm Hilliard Bldg
 Presidents Day - County Holiday MSUE Office Closed Monday, February 17

REGISTER NOW!

MICHIGAN 4-H State Hippology Contest

March 15, 2025 at Michigan State University

The annual Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest allows youth in horse and pony projects to test their equine knowledge.

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to participate in the Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest. Cloverbuds, Junior and Senior divisions as well as Junior Novice and Senior Novice allow for youth to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/EVENTS/2025-MICHIGAN-4-H-STATE-HIPPOLOGY-CONTEST](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-hippology-contest)



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Driven for the Future: Career Webinar Series

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Tips to Land Your Dream Job

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6pm EST



4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

Seeking Camp Counselors

If you are:

- 16-20 years old
- Enjoy working with kids and the outdoors
- Available July 25 - August 2, 2025

Join our team this summer at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle for an enriching week of leadership and personal growth as you guide 13-15 year old campers on adventures filled learning experiences! To learn more or register, contact:

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SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

"THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRIBES AND FISH"

WITH JASON SMITH
 BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY

February 11 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25

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www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

2025 4-H Cash Composition Contest



Learn about credit

Answer this year's question in 300 words or less

Submit your essay by February 28, 2025

Possibly win a \$100 gift card!

Open to 9-19 year olds in Michigan

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4-H Animal Science Career Quest



February 15, 2025



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2025 MI 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Registration Closes February 6th, 2025

MICHIGAN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WINTER WEBINAR SERIES

- January 15th at 6pm: How to buy a horse with Paula Hitzler
- January 29th at 6pm: The basics of Equine Management with David Lindsay
- February 5th at 6pm: Equine Nutrition basics with Dr. Christine Skelly
- February 18th at 6pm: Being a better boarder and Running a boarding facility with Taylor Fabus
- March 12th at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Showmanship with Dr. Karen Waite
- March 26th at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan

Any further questions email David Lindsay, Extension Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu

MARCH 16-18, 2025

4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE



COST \$365

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH EXPERIENCE STATE GOVERNMENT IN ACTION AND LEARN HOW TO INFLUENCE POLICY ISSUES. INTERACT WITH LEGISLATORS, STATE AGENCY STAFF, LOBBYISTS AND OTHER RESOURCE PEOPLE!



PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 1ST AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/CAPITOLEXPERIENCE2025/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/capitolexperience2025/)

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ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST

OVERVIEW

Animal Science Career Quest is February 15, 2025 on MSU's campus in East Lansing for youth ages 12-19 (as of January 1, 2025) and 4-H volunteers.

Participants will learn all about the available opportunities within the fields of animal science and veterinary medicine, not just as a student, but also long-term career options. There will be breakout sessions dedicated to various fields.

Participation is limited to 100 people (85 youth, 15 volunteers)

***Past attendees should select different breakout session options than what they have already attended at Career Quest programs in previous years.*

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW (all times EST)

Saturday, February 15

- 7:30 Registration begins
- 8:30 Welcome
- 9:00 Species Sessions
- 10:45 Career Exploration and Workforce Prep Activity
- 11:30 MSU Animal Science Program Overview
- 12:15 Lunch*
- 1:00 Learning Labs
- 5:00 Dinner*
- 6:00 Discipline Sessions
- 8:00 Conclusion

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DATES, LOCATION, FEES

WHEN: February 15, 2025

WHERE: Michigan State University campus in East Lansing – Anthony Hall and the South Campus Farms

WHO: Youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers

COST: \$35

NOTE: No overnight lodging is provided; this is the sole responsibility of the program participant. Transportation to and from the South Campus Animal Farms will be provided for youth participants who are attending Learning Lab sessions at a farm; adults attending Learning Lab sessions at a farm will be responsible for their own transportation.

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ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST

SPECIES and DISCIPLINE SESSIONS DESCRIPTION

Saturday morning, participants will learn about the types of animal studied and taught about in the Department of Animal Science. There will be two sessions, each 45 minutes long. All species options are available during both time blocks, except poultry and rabbits which will be offered one time. Species sessions will be pre-selected during registration. Please select each species session only once. Species: Beef Cattle, Companion Animals, Dairy Cattle, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits and Cavies, Sheep and Goats, and Swine

See below for a full list of session offerings for **Saturday afternoon's** 90-minute Learning Lab sessions.

Saturday evening, participants will learn about different disciplines, or topics, studied and taught about in the Department of Animal Science. There will be two sessions, each 50 minutes long. All discipline options are available during both time blocks. Discipline sessions will be pre-selected during registration. Please only attend each discipline session once.

Disciplines: Animal Behavior and Welfare, Animal Health, Animal Nutrition, Animal Reproduction, and Education and Outreach

Learning Lab Session Offerings

- **Building Skills for Your Future** (Anthony Hall)
- **Veterinary Medicine and Nursing** (Anthony Hall)
- **Leader Dogs for the Blind** (Anthony Hall)
- **Egg-stravaganza!** (Anthony Hall)
- **Intro to Livestock Judging** (Anthony Hall)
- **Intro to Carcass Evaluation and Meats Judging*** (Anthony Hall)
- **Dairy Nutrition** (Anthony Hall)
- **Intro to Rabbit and Cavy Management** (Anthony Hall)
- **Intro to Horse Judging*** ([Horse Teaching and Research Center](#))
- **Intro to Horse Management*** ([Horse Teaching and Research Center](#))
- **Intro to Dairy Cattle Judging*** ([Dairy Cattle Teaching and Research Center](#))

WORLD FOOD PRIZE



MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE

AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
MAY 8, 2025

The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is a life-changing experience at Michigan State University where students in grades 7-12 engage with leading experts on critical global challenges, participate in engaging activities and tours, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Michigan and around the world!

At the event, participants will:

- Present their own research and recommendations on how to solve key global challenges in a short speech and small group discussions with MSU faculty, staff, students, peers, and other experts.
- Connect with other student leaders from across Michigan to share ideas, identify solutions to global challenges, and build lasting friendships.
- Take part in educational sessions to explore current research and issues in food, agriculture, natural resources, energy, STEM, international policy, and sustainable development.
- Qualify to apply for domestic fellowships and international internships, and to be nominated for a \$2000 Spartan Youth Programs Pre-College Scholarship from MSU.

Registration and paper due March 15, 2025.

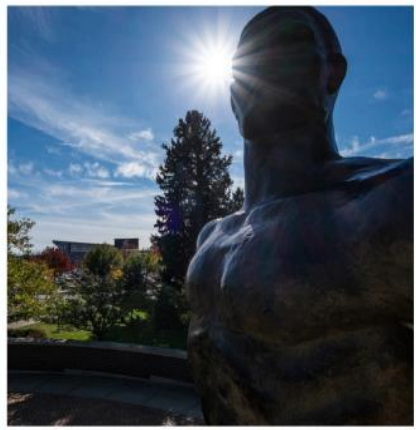


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HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE



For more information, please
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1

Using the World Food Prize Foundation's [Global Challenge Paper Instructions](#), youth select a country and research a pressing challenge in that country related to global food security, agriculture, and sustainability.

Each participant writes a three to five page paper outlining their research findings, as well as their ideas for addressing the global challenge in their country of choice .

Resources to help students research and write their papers are available on the [World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute webpage](#).

2

Youth participants submit their completed research papers and register to attend the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute by March 15, 2025 by going to:

https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/michigan/

Teachers and adult mentors who would like to attend the Institute with their student(s) must also register by March 15, 2025.

There is no registration cost to participate in the Institute and meals will be provided at the event, however, students and teachers/mentors must organize their own transportation to the event.

3

Attend the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute on May 8, 2025 in East Lansing, MI (or via Zoom).

Participants will earn recognition as Borlaug Scholars, qualify to apply for international and domestic internships, and may be selected to represent Michigan at the 2025 World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa!

The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on March 1! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 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 Minnesota Golden Gophers.

In addition to the game, attendees will also enjoy 4-H activities around the concourse. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. For more information and to order tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-Breslin.

A member of the 4-H alumni community? Consider also stopping by the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception on March 1! More information and registration at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

February 4: Crash Course: Credit Survival 101

Online

Youth learn the basics of credit: advantages and disadvantages, credit vs. debit, credit scores, interest, and tips to managing credit wisely.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/crashcreditcoursefeb-4

February 11: 4-H Wild Spartans – The Relationship Between Tribes and Fish

Online

Plunge into the world of Great Lakes fisheries and meet Jason Smith, Great Lakes fisheries assessment biologist for the Bay Mills Indian community. Learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. Open to youth ages 12-19 years.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-february-2024-2025

February 12: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

A course for caregivers to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This weekly series will be offered Wednesdays from Feb. 12 – Mar. 19 at no cost.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-february-march-25

February 13: Ace the Interview: Tips to Land Your Dream Job

Online

Through the partnership of Toyota and Michigan 4-H, youth will explore a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills to take on their goals. This second offering in the five-part webinar series will focus on tips for a successful interview.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview

February 15: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest 2025

Online

A career exploration program for youth ages 12-19 interested in pursuing a career in animal science. Learn about everything animal science has to offer and many career skill-building activities through hands-on sessions. Register by Feb. 3.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2025

February 25: 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series; Facilitation Skills for 4-H Clubs

Online

Gain essential facilitation skills to engage every voice and increase efficiency in your 4-H club. This session offers tools to create inclusive, dynamic discussions, making sure all members feel heard while streamlining club activities. This webinar will be offered at two different times:

12 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-noon

7 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence contest (10-11 years), junior state award (12-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the applicant's age.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process and Mark of Excellence Contest can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.

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 8 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 Feb. 1 and closes Mar. 15.



Seeking outstanding agricultural 4-H volunteers

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is seeking nominations of remarkable agricultural 4-H volunteers for the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award. This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of 4-H beef cattle; dairy cattle; goats; horses; horticulture, crops and soils; poultry; rabbits; sheep; swine; and veterinary science.

Up to five MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award honorees are recognized each year. Selected recipients will be recognized by both Michigan 4-H and MFB. In addition, honorees receive a \$1,000 grant they designate to a 4-H agricultural program of their choice. The award is supported by an endowment with the Michigan 4-H Foundation that was established by MFB.



Nominations for the MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award should be submitted by March 15. To nominate a deserving individual or learn more about the 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award, visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants-scholarships/mfb-4-h-excellence-in-agriculture-award/>.