



APRIL 17, 2026

# 4-H Family News



Ingham County



**4-H**  
**Beyond Ready**

## EXPLORATION DAYS

June 24-26, 2026



Register Here:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)

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**4-H  
and  
FFA  
Meats  
Judging  
State  
Contest**

May 6, 2026

MSU Meat Lab



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# 2026

## STATE 4-H RABBIT AND CAVY SHOW RESULTS FOR INGHAM COUNTY



### RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP AGE GROUPS

9yr olds	9 <sup>th</sup>	Blayke Siple
10yr olds	9 <sup>th</sup>	Parker Morehouse
13yr olds	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emilia Schultz
13yr olds	8 <sup>th</sup>	Aubree Siple
Cloverbuds		Rose Rice

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Junior	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Azaleah Rice
Junior	6 <sup>th</sup>	Violet Rice
Intermediate	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emilia Schultz
Intermediate	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian Rice
Intermediate	9 <sup>th</sup>	Emilia Schultz
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kya Heinrich
Senior	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kya Heinrich
Senior	5 <sup>th</sup>	Kya Heinrich

### CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

<b>Best Overall Showmanship</b>		Elizabeth Leibrand
Junior	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parker Morehouse
Intermediate	5 <sup>th</sup>	Emilia Schultz
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Elizabeth Leibrand

### BREED IDENTIFICATION

11-13yr olds	9 <sup>th</sup>	Violet Rice
14-19yr olds	7 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Koppin

### EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

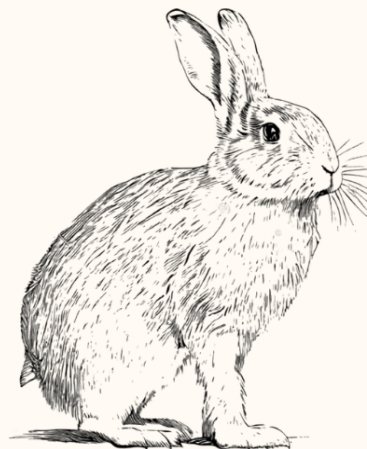
Junior	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Violet Rice
Intermediate	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian Rice

### CAVY SHOW RESULTS BREED HONORS

<b>Best in Show American</b>		Elizabeth Leibrand
Teddy Best Opposite of Sex		Emilia Schultz
Teddy Best Opposite of Variety Broken		Emilia Schultz
American Best of Breed		Elizabeth Leibrand
American Best of Variety Golden Solid		Elizabeth Leibrand
American Best of Variety Solid Silver		Elizabeth Leibrand
American Best Opposite of Variety Solid Silver		Elizabeth Leibrand

### RABBIT SHOW RESULTS BREED HONORS

Mini Satin Best of Variety Blue		Ellie Koppin
Mini Satin Best of Variety Himalayan		Ellie Koppin
Mini Satin Best of Variety Black		Ellie Koppin
Mini Satin Best of Breed		Ellie Koppin
Lionhead Best of Breed		Lillian Rice
Lionhead Best Fur		Lillian Rice
Lionhead Best of Variety Black		Lillian Rice
Lionhead Best of Variety Tort		Lillian Rice
Polish Best Fur		Violet Rice
Polish Best of Variety Black		Kya Heinrich
Polish Best Opposite of Variety Broken		Violet Rice
Polish Best Opposite of Variety Chocolate		Violet Rice
Polish Best of Variety Blue Eyed White		Emilia Schultz
New Zealand Best of Variety Black		Ellie Koppin
New Zealand Best of Variety Broken		Luke Koppin
Holland Lop Best Opposite Breed		Parker Morehouse
Holland Lop Best Opposite Broken		Parker Morehouse
French Lop Best of Breed		Parker Morehouse
English Spot Best Opposite Breed		Gabriel Rice
Britannia Petite Best of Variety Black		Gabriel Rice



# INGHAM COUNTY 4-H HORSE CAMP



Registration Closes May 1st!

2-Day Riding Camp  
June 16-17,  
2026

1-Day  
Cloverbud Camp  
June 16,  
2026



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/HORSECAMP4H](https://bit.ly/horsecamp4h)

## YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

### CERTIFICATION CLASS 2026

Monday, April 20  
6:30pm - 7:30 pm

Hillard Building - Conference Room A  
121 E. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854

Cost: \$3.00

Register online at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)



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EVENING FILLED WITH  
CROAKS, TRILLS, AND  
SPLASHES FROM OUR  
FAVORITE FROG  
FRIENDS



### TWO FREE EVENTS

APRIL 9 | 8:00 - 9:30 PM  
MSU COREY MARSH ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER  
LAINGSBURG, MI

APRIL 23 | 8:00 - 9:30 PM  
BENDEL WILDLIFE CENTER  
BATH, MI



BRINGING CHANGE TO OUR CITY



# Health is Wealth:

Food Security and Healthy Living Fair

**JOIN US FOR**

**Family Activities | Sports Physical\*  
Health Screenings | Gardening  
Giveaways | Community Resources  
Free Food & Refreshments**



**FREE EVENT**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**2101 W Holmes Rd, Lansing, MI 48910**



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*\*Sports physicals by appointment only. To schedule, contact Mrs. Yolanda: (517) 394-3138.*



# MICHIGAN YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

Co-hosted by Michigan 4-H and the  
MSU Collegiate Livestock Judging Team

**JUNE 16-17, 2026**  
**MICHIGAN STATE CAMPUS**



## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Reasons training from MSU team members
  - One-on-one coaching in swine, small ruminants, and cattle
  - Numerous Practice Classes
  - Open to ages 12-19
- Registration closes May 15  
(or when all spots are full)

**Scan to Register!**



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# **John D. Shepherd Memorial Scholarship**

Open to graduating high school seniors and recent graduates of any Michigan high school who are pursuing studies in an agriculture-related field.

**Applications due April 30, 2026**

To apply, visit <https://www.4ccf.org/scholarships/apply/> or scan the QR code below



Questions?  
Contact Maria at [mbrown@4ccf.org](mailto:mbrown@4ccf.org)  
or call (810) 798-0909

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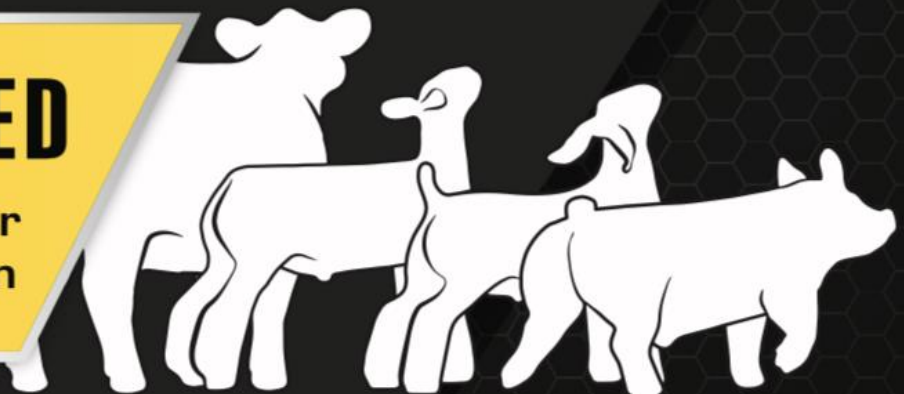
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[webbervillefeed@gmail.com](mailto:webbervillefeed@gmail.com)



## Make the Most of Your Livestock Project



**Dates:** April 21 - May 19, 2026  
**Time:** Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Where:** On Zoom  
**Register:** <https://pears.io/events/msuext/4293/>

Youth ages 8-19 join us for this engaging webinar series to help you succeed at livestock auctions. From marketing and communication to record keeping, goal setting, and understanding break-even points, each session will provide strategies for success.

**Attend one, attend all, the choice is yours!**



## Make the Most of your Market Animal Project Webinar Series



Goal- Getters	April 21
Talk the Talk	April 28
Marketing Mastery	May 5
Records to Riches	May 12
From Pitch to Payment	May 19

FREE on Zoom at 6:30pm ET

**Registration Link:** <https://pears.io/events/msuext/4293/>

# 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



**FREE ON ZOOM**



## Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar

# LET'S TALK IT OUT: HANDLING CONFLICT WITH EASE

April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon on Zoom



# 2026 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

## SPRING 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP



May 2-3, 2026

John A. Halter Shooting Sports Education Center  
 4390 Bankers Road  
 Hillsdale, MI

Offering all Disciplines:

- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Rifle
- ✓ Shotgun
- ✓ Pistol
- ✓ Muzzle Loader
- ✓ Hunting and Wildlife
- ✓ Coordinator

**REGISTER NOW!**



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

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



# NEW STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Michigan 4-H is launching a **new Statewide** 4-H Trail Riding Recognition Program to celebrate youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.

### Trail riding helps youth build:

- ✓ Rider Safety
- ✓ Horse and Rider Bond
- ✓ Rider Confidence

Now those miles earn statewide recognition!

- ✓ **Open to all enrolled Michigan 4-H horse project members**
-  **Top 5 Junior & Top 5 Senior riders** recognized at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show



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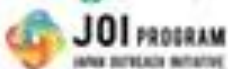
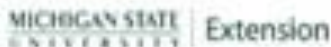
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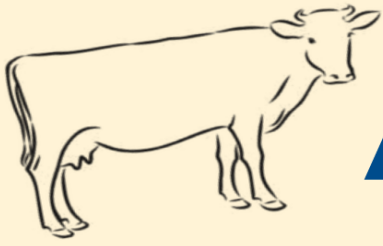


To register, scan the QR code above or click this Link:  
<https://forms.gle/DVJdphtGerIWgWub9>

**KODOMO NO HI  
JAPANESE GOLDEN  
WEEK  
CHILDREN'S DAY  
CELEBRATION**  
Friday, May 5, 2023  
6:30-7:30pm EST/  
5:30-6:30 CST



# MICHIGAN 4-H DAIRY PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE APPLICATION



The Michigan 4-H Dairy Programming Committee works to educate young people about the dairy industry and help provide opportunities to enhance learning opportunities for youth interested in dairy science.

DOWNLOAD THE FULL APPLICATION FILE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/RESOURCES/MICHIGAN-4-H-DAIRY-PROGRAMMING-COMMITTEE-APPLICATION](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-dairy-programming-committee-application)

APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 30TH, 2026



Contact:

Kendra Van Order | [vanorde4@msu.edu](mailto:vanorde4@msu.edu)

HAVE FUN, PARTICIPATE IN 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS AND CONTRIBUTE TO POSITIVE YOUTH EXPERIENCE

# EXPLORATION DAYS

24-26  
JUNE



## CHAPERONES NEEDED

REGISTRATION FEE  
**\$150/ADULT**

FULL AND PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM OUR 4-H COUNCIL

CONTACT: RACHEL OCHYLSKI  
INGHAM COUNTY 4-H URBAN PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
[OCHYLSKI@MSU.EDU](mailto:OCHYLSKI@MSU.EDU) 517-676-7300

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**MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE**

**AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

*May 7, 2026*



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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

# 4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 26-August 1, 2026 - Camp Chickagami - Presque Isle, MI



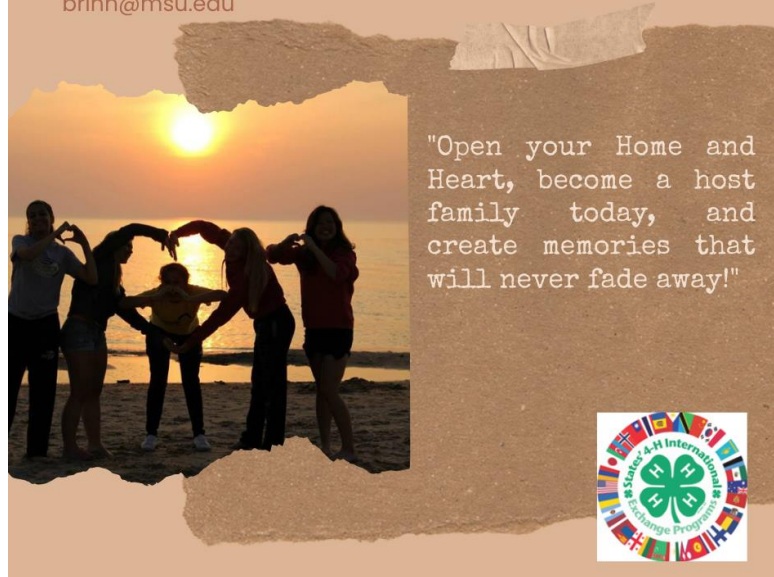
# 4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY®**

**July 6-7 and 8-9, 2026**

**Registration opens April 1 at noon**

Contact: Jan Brinn  
brinn@msu.edu



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



## Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar: Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs: Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects

May 4, 2026 12:00PM – 1:00PM  
Zoom

Contact: Christine Heverly  
sisungch@msu.edu

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.

Discover how you can mentor youth in goal setting, budgeting, marketing, and record-keeping for real-world skills.

To Register: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-let-s-talk-it-out-handling-conflict-with-ease>



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# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 26 – August 1 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!



Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$550 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).



## Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 24-26 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2026 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration is open and closes April 17. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/).

## Purple up for military families!

April is the Month of the Military Child, an annual awareness campaign that recognizes the sacrifices made by military families and their children. In partnership with many others across the United States, Michigan 4-H Military Partnerships is participating in the annual "Purple Up!" Day event. To show your support of children whose parents are serving in the military, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H are asking residents throughout Michigan to Purple Up! on April 15.

The color purple is chosen as the signature color because it symbolizes all branches of the military. It is a combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. Michigan 4-H Military Partnerships hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate all of our state's young heroes strength and sacrifice as their parents serve. Let's show our military families how much we appreciate their service by encouraging everyone to Purple Up!



Looking for more ways to celebrate Month of the Military Child? Visit [www.4-hmilitarypartnership.org/month-of-the-military-child.html](http://www.4-hmilitarypartnership.org/month-of-the-military-child.html). For more programs and resources available to military families through Michigan 4-H, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h\\_military\\_families](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h_military_families).



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Building awareness in 4-H experiences



## Beyond Ready

Helping young people understand that they are part of 4-H and what that means is a key part of strengthening their overall experience. Awareness builds pride, connection and a sense of belonging.

As volunteers, you play an essential role in helping youth and families recognize when they are participating in 4-H and how activities connect to the values and learning within the program.

Simple, intentional steps can make a big difference.

- Have the 4-H flag and recite the 4-H pledge.
- Use the 4-H clover on handouts and materials when possible.
- Make clear connections between activities and one of the four Hs.

These actions help youth see themselves as true 4-H members engaged in meaningful learning.

#BeyondReady

### April 1-21: Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game

Online (Goosechase App)

Join an interactive scavenger hunt game designed for youth to learn essential money management skills while having fun. Players age 13-19 complete creative missions, answer trivia and solve puzzles, all while earning points to climb the leaderboard.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions)

### April 12: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at the ballpark as the Detroit Tigers take on the Miami Marlins on Sunday, April 12. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers)

### April 13: Adulting 101 – Eat Smart: Meals on a Budget

Online

Simple tips to plan meals that save money and taste great. Plus learn how to cook once and eat twice!.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-eat-smart](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-eat-smart)

### April 17 – May 3: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Stores everywhere

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

### April 21: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

Online

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. Youth will learn practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-21](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-21)

### April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Let's Talk it Out: Handling Conflict with Ease

Online

Conflict happens—even to the best volunteer groups. Learn how to handle tough conversations without the stress. Pick up practical tips for turning disagreements into productive dialogue and keeping your volunteer experience positive and drama-free.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-let-s-talk-it-out-handling-conflict-with-ease](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-let-s-talk-it-out-handling-conflict-with-ease)

### April 28: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Talk the Talk

Online

Effective communication is key to successfully selling livestock. Learn tools and techniques to connect with buyers, convey product value and empower youth with tips for impactful auctions and markets.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-april-28](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-april-28)

