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4-H Family News

Ingham County



Meet Our New Mason Office Support Staff

My name is Sara Corr, I've been with MSU Extension for 4 years working in the Eaton office and assisting with the 4-H program there as well as assisting Educators and Program staff. I graduated from Michigan State University in 2018 with a degree in Environmental Studies and Sustainability and minor degrees in Geographic Information Sciences and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems.

In my free time I like to go to concerts, walk with my two dogs, and listen to audiobooks or podcasts. I also love to travel with my husband, either just a weekend up north or just last year we traveled across the globe to India.

I look forward to meeting new people and learning the ropes here in Ingham County, and I hope to bring my knowledge and experiences as well.

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4-H Council Meeting | Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm | Hilliard Building
- Horse Committee Meeting | Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 pm | Hilliard Building
- 4-H Council Comm Meeting | Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm | Hilliard Building
- Good Friday Holiday | Friday March 29 | MSU Extension Office Closed
- Shooting Sports Committee Meeting | Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 pm | Hilliard Building

WELCOME....

Ingham County 4-H New Members

- Danielle Hood - Happy Hustlers 4-H Club
- Brody Kalczynski - White Oak 4-H Club
- Luke Kalczynski - White Oak 4-H Club
- Ella Plourde - White Oak 4-H Club 4-H Club
- Lilly Plourde - White Oak 4-H Club



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HESSE-EARL YOUTH FISHING PROGRAM

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR 2024 PROGRAM
MAY 4, 11, 18; JUNE 1, 8, 15

Volunteers are needed to offer hands-on activities and supervision during the Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program. Join us and help for an hour or the entire program. Please contact Rachel Ochylski - Ingham County 4-H Program Coordinator for more details.

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STEAM PROGRAMS

Seeking Volunteers Spring/Summer 2024

- Trail Cameras
- Michigan Wildlife
- ECO Challenges at Burchfield Park

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Michigan 4-H Animal Science 2024 SKILLATHON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors in this event are the young, bright minds who are the future of Michigan agriculture. While other state 4-H programs have similar offerings, the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon is the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is the fourth annual competition testing both youth and adult competitors' broad knowledge of Animal Science.

Wednesday, March 6th, 4:30pm Eastern
Saturday, March 9th, 9:30am Eastern

NO QUALIFIERS

- EVERYBODY COMPETES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW CATEGORIES

- LARGE ANIMAL (COMBINED: BEEF, DAIRY, EQUINE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOATS)
- SMALL ANIMAL (COMBINED: DOGS, RABBITS/CAVIES, AND POULTRY)
- NUTRITION
- ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
- MULTIFARIOUS (BIOSECURITY, CAREERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE, ETC.)

LESS QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS

- NOVICE: 25 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (125 TOTAL) *WAS 150 PREVIOUSLY.*
- JUNIOR: 30 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (150 TOTAL) *WAS 200 PREVIOUSLY.*
- SENIOR/ADULT: 35 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (175 TOTAL) *WAS 250 PREVIOUSLY.*

REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024
- YOUTH REGISTRATION: <https://2024skillathon.4honline.com/>
- ADULT REGISTRATION: https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rHvZQzj93drmM2

FOR MORE INFORMATION / STUDY GUIDES

- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-skillathon>





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NURTURING & INSPIRING A LOVE OF THE NORTHWOODS

WITH LICIA JOHNSON

NATURALIST & EDUCATION DIRECTOR, NORTH LAKE LAND DISCOVERY CENTER

March 12 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

CLICK INTO YOUR FUTURE

With 4-H Future Squad



MSU College Admissions- Thurs, March 14

Cultivating Leadership-Thurs, March 28

All sessions 7:00 pm –8:00 pm

[Join 4-H Future Squad Here](#)

REGISTRATION OPEN!

MICHIGAN 4-H State Hippology Contest

March 16, 2024 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 AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/EVENTS/MICHIGAN-4-H-HIPPOLOGY-CONTEST-2024](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024)

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Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar: Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups

March 18, 2024 ~ 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ~ Zoom ~ [Register](#)
Or
March 18, 2024 ~ 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM ~ Zoom ~ [Register](#)

Working with a group of youth with a variety of ages can mean different energies during meetings and events. 4-H volunteers need strong behavior guiding strategies to help maintain the group focus and energy. Attend this session to learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement.

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ADULTING 101

MANAGE AND CONQUER REAL LIFE SKILLS!

Keeping Your Money Safe
Tuesday, March 19
6 p.m. Zoom Session

[New Monthly Topics](#)

Michigan 4-H State Awards

- Write your resume, cover letter, and application
- Tell your 4-H story
- Hands-on learning experience to develop career skills
- Get recognized
- Compete for cash prizes

Application deadline: April 1
Recognition event: June 19

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards24>

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Presenting THE CREATIVE CAMPAIGN CONTEST

Make a short video about joining 4-H for a chance to win!

VIDEOS DUE 4/1/2024

VISIT WWW.4-H.MSU.EDU/4-H-CAREER-CONTEST

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REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Michigan 4-H and FFA Horse Judging State Contest

Where: MSU Pavilion for Ag and Livestock Education

When: Saturday April 13th at 9am

Who should register: Any 4-H or FFA Member interested in Horse Judging!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Open



Apply now for the 2025 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 15-19. The deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

Stores across Michigan

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout. The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 10% supporting Michigan 4-H.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign

March 12: 4-H Give Green Day

Online

Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 16: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

East Lansing

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March 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups

Online

Learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups7pm

March 19: Keeping Your Money Safe

Online

Join this session to gain insights on researching and evaluating financial institutions (banks and credit unions) to make the best choice for your financial future.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney

April 28: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals with other 4-H'ers! Michigan 4-H will be the Group Charity of the Game; discounted tickets available with a portion benefitting 4-H.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 28 - August 3 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

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 will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn to fillet their catch.



Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 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/.

4-H Exploration Days registration coming soon!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth ages 12–19 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days, scheduled for June 19-21, is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions.

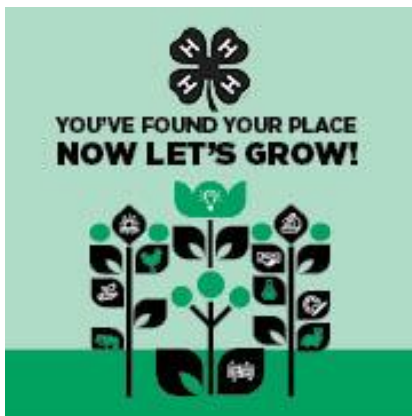
With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they'll also have time for fun with free time activities such as skating, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open March 25. The cost for the 2024 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days.

Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Making your summer plans? Consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program! Michigan will be hosting 18 Japanese youth and two chaperones. These visitors will quickly become a part of your family for their 3 ½ week stay (the last full week of July to the middle of August) and gain a fun American experience through your exceptional hospitality. In addition, your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Host families must complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match a host brother/sister (within three years of age), be a Michigan 4-H Gold-level volunteer, participate in a family interview as well as a home visit process. For more information contact Jan Brinn at brinn@msu.edu or John Wurm at wurmj@msu.edu.





Statewide CYI Social Media Channels

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4-H Careers	X (Twitter)	https://twitter.com/4HCareers
4-H Exploration Days	Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064712228895
4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp	Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057879300441
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