



NOVEMBER 17, 2023

# 4-H Family News

## Ingham County



### JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY EVENT

BAKING AND HOLIDAY CRAFTS



Sunday, November 19th  
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mason Community Church,  
1000 E. Columbia St, Mason

Ages 8 to 19

To Register use the QR Code or go to:  
[https://msu.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_esRIYXSW01tIY5E](https://msu.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_esRIYXSW01tIY5E)

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## MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN 4-H EXPERIENCES

November 21 at Noon  
November 21 at 7pm



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Baking & Holiday Crafts | Sunday, November 19, 2-5:00 pm | Mason Community Church  
 Thanksgiving Holiday | Thur & Fri, November 23-24 | MSU Extension Office Closed  
 Basic Crocheting 4-H Club-Last Meeting | Thursday, November 30, 6:30 pm | Hilliard Building  
 Horse Committee Meeting | Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 pm | Hilliard Building  
 4-H Council Committee Meeting | Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 pm | Hilliard Building  
 Holiday Break | Mon. December 25 through Tues. January 2nd | MSU Extension Office Closed

Michigan 4-H  
Volunteer Webinar:  
**Teaching Science  
When You Don't Know  
Diddley-Squat**

January 23, 2024 12:00PM - 1:00PM Zoom  
January 23, 2024 7:00PM – 8:00PM Zoom

[Register Here](#)



Join Us Online  
**WILD SPARTANS**  
SCIENCE \* RESEARCH \* CAREERS \* CONSERVATION  
CASTING FOR A CAREER IN COLDWATER CONSERVATION  
WITH JAMIE VAUGHAN  
GREAT LAKES ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, TROUT UNLIMITED  
December 12 | 6:30 PM EST  
Registration required:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

## CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

Answer the following prompt in 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!

**What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?**

Open to ages 9-19  
Essays due Feb 29, 2024

Extra Credit UNION MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

## DAILY TO-DO LIST

- TAKE BALANCING ACT COURSE
- GO TO CLASSES
- WORK A SHIFT
- HANGOUT W/ FRIENDS
- TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Struggling to balance it all? Need tips on how to organize and prioritize to achieve success? Add the self-guided, interactive "Balancing Act" class to your to-do list! Dive into tips and tricks created by college students on how to find balance in life with competing options and obligations.

# CLICK INTO YOUR FUTURE

With 4-H Future Squad



Your future is bright! Explore your interests, make new connections, and build skills for your future with 4-H Future Squad! Youth 12-19 are invited to join this virtual club, meeting twice monthly, to dive into their futures!

Visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/> for more information!

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## Program Schedule

Caring about Credit-Mon, November 20

Fun Social Time-Wed, November 29

Budgeting-Mon, December 11

Holiday Fun and Random Acts of Kindness-Mon, Dec. 18

TBD-Thurs, January 11

Crafts around the World-Thurs, January 25

Renting 101-Mon, February 12

Navigating Relationships-Mon, February 26

MSU College Admissions- Thurs, March 14

TBD-Thurs, March 28

Mindfulness and Mental Health-Mon, April 8

TBD-Mon, April 29

TBD-Thurs, May 9

Last Meeting-Mon, May 20

*Presenting*  
**THE CREATIVE  
CAMPAIGN CONTEST**

**MAKE A SHORT  
VIDEO ABOUT  
JOINING 4-H  
FOR A CHANCE  
TO WIN!**

**VIDEOS DUE 1/31/2024**

LEARN MORE AT  
[WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/4-H-CLOVERS-CODE/CONTEST](http://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/4-H-CLOVERS-CODE/CONTEST)

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**EMERALD  
CLOVER SOCIETY**

NOMINATION DEADLINE:  
MARCH 15, 2024

**4-H GROWS HERE** MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension





# States' 4-H Summer Hosting



**HOST a Japanese youth and bring the richness of the world to your home!**

## Host a Japanese Youth in Summer 2024 through States' 4-H International

*"It's like having a sister I always wanted and a best friend"*  
-States' 4-H Host Sibling

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!



### Hosting Details

- July 21, 22, 23 2024 through August 16, 17, 18 2024 \*
- \* Exact dates dependent on your state. Please check with your state's Coordinator for details.
- Host a youth aged 12-18 (majority are 12-14) or an adult chaperone
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively
- This is a voluntary program; no stipends will be provided

### Host Family Requirements

- You must have a child of the same gender who is within 3 years of the hosted youth (children aged 9+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/state-contacts/> to find contact information for your local State Coordinator

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Explore the globe with Crafts Around the World!



Curious about other countries around the globe? Like making crafts? The Michigan 4-H Crafts Around the World series provides lessons and instructions for youth to create simple crafts and increase cultural awareness.

In its latest piece, youth can learn about the European country of Norway while making a Norwegian gnome. In Norway, a gnome is called a nisse: a creature who lives in barns or homes, protecting the countryside and the people who live there.

View this activity at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse).

View all the Crafts Around the World activities at [www.canr.msu.edu/global\\_cultural\\_education/resources](http://www.canr.msu.edu/global_cultural_education/resources).

### November 8: Adulting 101 - Professionalism in the Workplace

*Online*

Participants will increase their awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider, including: shared workspace, relationships with coworkers, communicating and setting boundaries. This free online series is open to teens and young adults (17 and under) and youth development professionals, teachers and adults (18 and up).

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10111-8-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10111-8-23)

### November 14: Wild Spartans – Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry

*Online*

Jump into the world of breeding and caring for amphibians and reptiles. Meet Zach Brinks, vice president of live operations at Josh's Frogs. Learn about his work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

[events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/)

### November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

*Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences. This series will provide Michigan 4-H 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 for the convenience of volunteers.

**12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences)

**7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm)

### November 28: Giving Tuesday

*Online*

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving — and support 4-H! From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate by giving their support financially or helping spread the word. Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period. County 4-H endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs and every dollar is an investment in 4-H!

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## MSU Extension partners with legislators to host first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, October 4, Michigan State University Extension hosted the first Michigan Day at the Capitol, in partnership with State Reps. Matthew Bierlein (R-Vassar) and Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Twp.). The event, held at Heritage Hall, showcased the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and brought visibility to its efforts throughout the state.

“Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was a great opportunity to educate about and bring awareness to the 4-H program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “We truly appreciate Reps. Bierlein and Miller for their collaboration in hosting this event.”

Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reaches nearly 100,000 young people ages 5 to 19 each year. Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H’ers are offered hands-on learning experiences where they can explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility.

“Michigan 4-H is helping to grow youth in every county of our great state but we would like to reach even more young people with the life-changing program,” continued Tyler. “We hope that our event brings us closer to that goal by increasing the visibility of our 4-H program and all that we offer to youth in our state.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was also held, with event hosts Reps. Bierlein and Miller delivering comments to the audience. Also providing comments were Tyler, MSU Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Genesee County Clerk Register of Deeds Domonique Clemons, who is a Michigan 4-H alum, and Lenawee County 4-H’er Lia Kurowicki.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/Michigan4H](http://www.facebook.com/Michigan4H). To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h).

## Michigan 4-H license plate proposed

On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that if passed, will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, sponsored the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State.

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

The bills were referred to the Michigan House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure. On October 11, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller and MSU Extension Associate Director Dr. Deanna East testified before the committee in support of the 4-H fundraising license plate legislation.



Reps. Miller (left) and Bierlein (right) with MSU Interim President Woodruff (center).