



MAY 2, 2025

# 4-H Family News

Ingham County



## YQCA YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

### CERTIFICATION CLASS 2025

Tuesday, May 6  
Hillard Building, Mason, MI 48854  
6:30pm - 8:00 pm  
Conference Room A  
Cost: \$3.00

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



Ingham County  
4-H

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Calling All Volunteers! We Need Your Help!

Join us during the Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program this summer! Volunteer duties include; event set up, demonstrating how to cast and tie a hook on a line, fishing with kiddos, and more!



Volunteers are needed from 8am - noon  
May 3, 2025 Hawk Island Lansing  
May 10, 2025 Hawk Island, Lansing  
May 17, 2025 Motz Park, St. Johns

JOIN US →

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Visit Our Website  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/>

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## Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill

**May 15, 2025 12:00PM - 1:00PM**    Zoom  
**May 15, 2025 7:00PM – 8:00PM**    Zoom

**Contact: Christine Heverly** [sisungch@msu.edu](mailto:sisungch@msu.edu)

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support the Michigan 4-Hers. This session is: Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill. We'll focus on supporting youth who face rumors about their projects and how to prevent the spread of misinformation. This webinar will provide strategies for volunteers to help youth handle rumors with confidence, address concerns constructively, and foster a respectful, supportive environment where positive communication thrives.

# YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

## CERTIFICATION CLASS 2025

- Wednesday, April 23      6:30pm - 8:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 6      Hillard Building  
121 E. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854
- Monday, May 19      - Conference Room A
- Monday, June 2
- Monday, June 16      Cost: \$3.00

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

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

FREE on Zoom at 6:30pm ET

Goal- Getters	April 28
Talk the Talk	May 7
Records to Riches	May 14
Marketing Mastery	May 21
From Pitch to Pavement	May 28

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**SAVE**  **May 8 2025**

**WRITE**



**ATTEND**



**CHANGE**



## 4-H and FFA Meats Judging State Contest

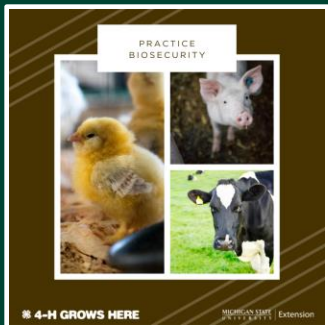
May 7, 2025

MSU Meat Lab



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Livestock and poultry owners encouraged remain vigilant about biosecurity



In recent years, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and poultry across the country and Michigan. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- [www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity](http://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/avian\\_influenza/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/)

### May 7: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Talk the Talk

Online

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

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-may-7](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-may-7)

### May 7: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

Online

Learn how to keep track of what you spend and earn so you can make smart choices for your project. Discover the power of record keeping and learn how to calculate your break-even point to make smarter decisions in livestock marketing.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-14](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-14)

### May 15: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill

Online

This webinar will focus on supporting youth who face rumors about their projects and how to prevent the spread of misinformation.

12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-noon)

7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-7pm)

### May 15: Adulting 101 Webinar – Stay Safe Out There

Online

Practical strategies to help you stay aware, prepared and confident, no matter where you go.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/staysafe](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/staysafe)

### May 19: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Engaging Parents in 4-H Experiences

Online

Discover strategies to engage parents and implement shared leadership in your 4-H club.

12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-noon)

7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-7pm)

### May 21: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

Online

Delve into the 5 Ps of marketing and explore innovative strategies to elevate your outreach. Learn practical tools and techniques to promote projects successfully, enhance sales, and build valuable connections in the industry.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-21](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-21)





# GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for gardening and urban farming projects this summer! Volunteer duties include; maintenance of garden beds, introducing plant science to youth, and more!

Contact Rachel for  
more info

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Hosting an exchange student can create  
lifelong friendships around the world - no  
foolin'!



2025 Online Applications to host can be  
found at [www.states4exchange.org](http://www.states4exchange.org)

## Still Life

2025 Changes for fair highlights

**Theme – Explore The Magic of 4-H**

**From the fair office:**

Cost of wristband = \$12.00

Drapery will not be provided in the still life building for club booths

**From 4-H**

With the exception of **Buymanship** in Clothing and Textiles there will be **No Report Forms**

Projects will be conference judged – if youth are not able to attend during the conference judging there will be an absentee form for them to complete

New Department: Nose Work for Dogs – Superintendent Merrick Morehouse [mgm71115@gmail.com](mailto:mgm71115@gmail.com)

**Still Life Sale**

Youth will be going through the sale **one** time

Youth may choose to combine blue ribbon projects that complement each other for their one trip through the sale.

**Both the market plan and project must be in the still life sale area by noon on Monday, July 28. If an exhibitor does not have both items in place by noon, Monday, July 28, 2025 they will be ineligible to sell during this year's sale.**

New section to Clothing and Textiles = Weaving – classes are Basketry Wicker, Basketry Other, Weaving Other  
Arts and Crafts – kits are allowed

New section to Science – Robotics – classes are Robotic Design; Educational Display, Lego Robotics, Junk Drawer Robotics, Kits, Intermediate, Advanced, Sphero Robot

Woodworking – Articles made from kits are not suggested but may be used as part of learning with an adult.



MICHIGAN 4-H  
ADULTING 101 WEBINAR

STAY SAFE  
OUT THERE



From hiking trails to bustling cities, learn practical strategies to be prepared no matter where you go.

May 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. EST

FREE ON ZOOM

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2025 EATON COUNTY 4-H  
PRE-FAIR DOG FUN MATCH



Pre-Registration is preferred  
Please return forms to the Eaton County MSU  
Extension office in-person or via email by  
**Monday, April 28th, 2025**

Day-of Registration will be from 7:30am-9:00am

**Class Fees:**  
\$6.00 per class (Pre-Registration)  
\$8.00 per class (Day of Show)

Registration packet and full information can be  
found here:  
[https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_associations\\_and\\_committees/dog\\_committee](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/dog_committee)

Please contact Jessie Gott to learn more:  
517-543-2310 | gottjess@msu.edu

**Saturday, May 17th, 2025**

Pavilion, Eaton County Fairgrounds 1025  
S. Cochran Ave, Charlotte, MI



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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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

4-H GREAT LAKES &  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
CAMP



July 27-August 2, 2025  
Camp Chickagami  
Presque Isle, MI

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4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE!



FOR DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE DEPENDENTS

**JULY 27 - AUGUST 2, 2025**

A week-long residential summer camp experience for youth ages 13-15. Camp is full of experiential learning opportunities focused on natural resources and the Great Lakes and taught by MSUE CYI and Sea Grant staff, MSU Fisheries and Wildlife faculty, and their partners. Additional recreation sessions include swimming, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, archery, campfires, and more!

**Scholarship Applications due by 3/21/25 at 7 pm.**

**TO APPLY, CONTACT KATE KING:  
KINGKA26@MSU.EDU | 231-779-9480**

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# MICHIGAN YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

**JUNE 11-12, 2025  
MSU CAMPUS**

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

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Reasons training from  
current MSU team members

One-on-one coaching in  
swine, small ruminants,  
and cattle

Numerous Practice Classes

Open to ages 12-19  
Registration opens mid-April



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# CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON

## FOCUS



Calling all future  
change agents!

## SAVE THE DATE

### June 20-27, 2025



The Michigan 4-H Delegation will leave **by bus** on Friday, June 20 at 1:00pm. We will **stay the night in Gettysburg** and tour the battlegrounds the next morning before heading to the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD for **6 days** of eventful programming. This includes **meetings with our Senators and Representatives**, tours of many **monuments** provided by a licensed DC tour guide, **incredible workshops** that teach life skills like civil discourse and critical thinking, and much more!

The total **cost is \$2,500.00** (includes transportation from East Lansing and back, all lodging, conference costs, and most meals). Six meals and spending money will need to be provided by participants.

For additional information, go to the website at:  
<https://4-h.org/events/citizenship-washington-focus/>

**Enroll in 4-H Online** at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and then **register through Events**.

Contact your County 4-H Program Coordinator to **find out about local scholarships**:  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/county>

For more information, contact Liana Pepin at [deisenro@msu.edu](mailto:deisenro@msu.edu) or 906-315-2663

**“Visiting DC was incredible, giving me the opportunity to visit historical monuments and museums that I had never seen. I really liked when we got to tour the Capitol Building as well as meet with our Congressional representatives. I also met people from all over the USA and made long-lasting friendships. It was truly one of the best weeks of my life and I encourage anyone who has the chance to participate in CWF to take it!”** Ansel Frost- 2019 CWF Delegate

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# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H license plate now available!

Michigan drivers have a new way to show their 4-H pride while supporting 4-H youth development programming: through the purchase of the newly released Michigan 4-H license plate. Available at the Michigan Secretary of State, the plate prominently displays the signature 4-H clover and part of the proceeds from every sale and renewal will go to support Michigan 4-H youth.

“We are elated that the Michigan 4-H license plate is officially here,” said Quentin Tyler, director of Michigan State University Extension, which is home to the Michigan 4-H program. “We hope the many members of our Michigan 4-H community – youth, parents, alumni and supporters – will consider supporting 4-H by purchasing a plate as they renew their licenses this year.”



Similar to other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate will cost \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee will also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting [Michigan.gov/sos](http://Michigan.gov/sos), by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks.

To learn more, visit [extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate](http://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2025-2026 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs. **All applications are due June 1.**

“County 4-H programs and clubs have so many unique programs,” said Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. “Thanks to the support of our generous 4-H donor community, we are pleased to offer mini-grants to support these many wonderful programs.”



Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.