



# 4-H Family News

Kalamazoo County

March  
2023



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## The Science of Chocolate—Tasty!

**Date & Time:**  
March 23, 2023  
6:30—8:00pm

**Location:**  
Kalamazoo County  
Fairgrounds & Expo  
2900 Lake St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

**Cost:**  
4-H members and  
immediate family—\$10  
**Registration deadline—**  
March 17, 2023

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If you love chocolate, this is for you!  
Did you know 1 chocolate chip can give a person  
enough energy to walk 150 feet?

Join us to learn about the science and history of  
chocolate, taste some yummy chocolate, and  
make something to take home for yourself or that  
special someone.

Registration for 4-H Members and volunteers is  
under events in 4-H online <https://v2.4honline.com>

Registration for immediate family members and  
parents is <https://forms.gle/BP1D3fsWcan9ers77>

Registration and payment due by noon  
March 17, 2023

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Registration for non- 4-H families, immediate family members and parents is <https://forms.gle/BP1D3fsWcan9ers77>

Registration and payment due by noon March 17, 2023

We hope to see you there!

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## MSU Exploration Days

This two night, 3 day event for 12-19 year old students is a great way to meet new friends, take some amazing classes, and live like a college student. Registration begins on March 21, 2023. You can find more information on the website at

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

## Project Updates

### Swine Project

Our first countywide swine meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 pm at the Fairgrounds Expo Center.

We look forward to having a guest speaker at this meeting, so bring your questions, and get ready to learn something new about the swine project.

Reminder on swine project dates:

All 4-H pigs must be in your possession by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, and registration forms with photos are due by **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Our next swine meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Our annual "fit and show" meeting date is in **July**. The date is yet to be determined.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Pam Acker (cell – 517-930-1297)

Mick Swihart (home – 269-778-3767)

## Poultry Project News

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the date for our next poultry project meeting - 7pm in room B of the Expo Center. I hope that all of you peeps can join us for a fun, social and educational evening talking chicken- and turkey! New chicks and poults will be here before we know it. Give Ann Hollister a "buzz" at 685-2301 with any market project questions or call Jackie Stasevich at 629-9664 with questions about your layers and show birds.





## Updates for 2023!



### For the 2023 fair -

- ❖ Youth may enter one carcass per species and all carcasses will sell in the auction (goats, sheep, swine and beef)
- ❖ Youth may sell up to a total of 8 auction sales



**As of this program year,** youth are required to attend YQCA (Youth Quality Care for Animals) meetings and will receive a certification to show at the Kalamazoo County Fair and Family Festival. YQCA meetings will be held on :

**April 5 & June 8 in Room B at the Fairgrounds-  
all at 6:30 PM.**

Pre-registration is required at the [YQCA website](#) prior to attending. The registration fee is \$3.00 and you will need to take the pretest for your age group. There is a YQCA online version, if you prefer. The cost for the online class is \$12.00 per youth. Attending this training will count toward your project meeting requirements.

**If you have questions about *any* of these items-  
please reach out to your project superintendent  
or 4-H staff**

#### Remember-

Each month we need your

- Club bank statements
- Financial reports
- Meeting minutes

Not have a bank account for your club or are not meeting for that month?

Please let us know so we can note your file.



## Announcing a new challenge for our 4-H program and County fair participants!



Leaders Council is looking for submissions and suggestions on Guinness Book of World records ideas to do during the Kalamazoo County Fair. To submit your idea please filling in the link <https://forms.gle/9UJhU1D71uhMi3A47>.

Please email your questions to [jstolsky@gmail.com](mailto:jstolsky@gmail.com) or to the 4-H office by April 15th. A sub committee will pick the winner(s)and submit the winning idea or ideas.

Ideas submissions can be new and novel or breaking a current record. There will be prizes given out for the top ideas.

***We are hoping this can become a fun tradition that may attract people to come see our fair!***

## We are pleased to welcome Sam Lawrence to the Kalamazoo County MSU Extension Program as our new Urban 4-H Coordinator!

Sam grew up in 4-H by showing art projects at the Calhoun county fair and serving 4 years on SYLC (State Youth Leadership Council). He received his degree from Michigan State University in December 2021. He graduated with a bachelor's in Agribusiness with a focus on environmental economics. He plans on bringing to life conservation programs to educate Kalamazoo County on nature and sustainability. Welcome Sam!

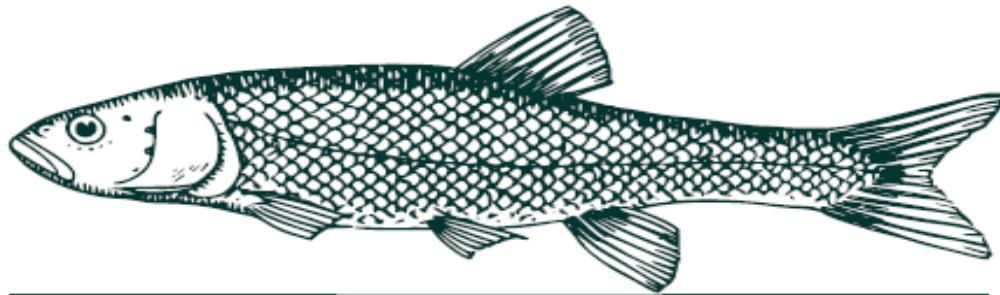






# *Anglers in training*

ESTD  
2023



LOCATION: 2900 LAKE STREET KALAMAZOO, MI 49048

## DATES AND TIME

4/26 6:00PM-7:30PM

5/3 6:00PM-7:30PM

5/10 6:00PM-7:30PM

5/17 6:00PM-7:30PM

5/24 6:00PM-7:30PM

6/3 11:00AM-12:00PM THEN A TOUR

At Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery!!



THIS IS A ENTRY LEVEL CLASS

LEARN THE DIFFERENT FISHING TECHNIQUES,

HOW TO TIE FISHING KNOTS,

HOW TO IDENTIFY FISH AND MORE!



Contact us at  
lawre353@msu.edu  
or  
(269) 383 8830

## Join us to become an Angler!

Learn how to identify native fish to Michigan, supplies needed for fishing, the three common ways to fish, and explore careers related to fish and fishing. Please join us by signing up at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up> then search for Anglers in training under clubs. I hope to see you there!

Please remember that participants 16 and under do not need a Michigan fishing license to fish in the state of Michigan but do need to be accompanied by an adult with a fishing license.



Come cheer on our

## **Kalamazoo County 4-H Stryke Force High School Robotics Team**

as they compete in the local and state robotics competitions!

**March 9 – 11, 2023**

St. Joseph High School District Event

**March 25 – 27, 2023**

Lakeview High School District Event

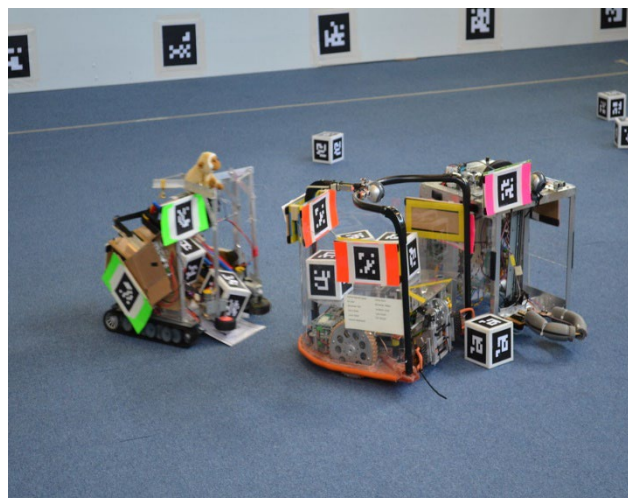
**April 6 – 8, 2023**

State Championship, Saginaw Valley University

**If they qualify**

**April 19 – 22, 2023**

FIRST Championship, Houston, Texas





# Cloverbud Day

## March 28, 2023

Join us for a day of games, activities, and crafting fun including:

- Pollinators
- Planting flowers
- Helping those in need
- Homemade chalk
- Hands on science
- And lots of fun!



Ages 5-7 years old

Cost: \$10.00 for Kalamazoo County 4-H Members

Not a member? We can help you get registered.

~ Please bring a great attitude —Snacks Provided~

**Register in 4-H online under events**



Date: March 28, 2023

Time: 10am—3pm

Place: Kalamazoo County  
Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St.

**Registration Deadline:**  
**March 15, 2023**



# TACK SALE

SPONSORED BY KALAMAZOO COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS  
**MONDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 5:00-9:00PM**

Location: Kalamazoo County Expo and Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI

\*\*\*40,000 SQUARE FEET full of items for everyone

\*\*\*Food Concessions and Dining Areas

\$1.00 per person admission donation for all attendees, including vendors

Children 5 and under FREE. **RESERVE EARLY! Spaces fill up fast**

**CUBES** 8ft wide X 8ft deep, includes a table that you are welcome to remove for your display.

(May be along an exterior wall or in the main section) Cube set up **ONLY** begins at 2pm

(Each person entering pays \$1 admission)

**INTERIOR SPACES** 8 ft. wide by table depth of 2 feet. Interior set up begins at 3:30pm

(Each person entering pays \$1 admission)

Email inquiries to [kalamazoo4horse@yahoo.com](mailto:kalamazoo4horse@yahoo.com)

No spaces held without payment in full prior to tack sale. Sorry, no refunds.

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MAIL BOTTOM PORTION OF FORM BY March 6, 2023 for discounted rates

**Kalamazoo 4-H Tack Sale Registration form**

Vendor/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

#Cubes (8' x8') \_\_\_\_\_ x\$35= \_\_\_\_\_ total (\$40 after 3/6/2023)

#Interior spaces (8'X2') \_\_\_\_\_ X\$20= \_\_\_\_\_ total (\$25 after 3/6/2023)

Mail the bottom portion of this form with check payable to:

Kalamazoo County 4-H Horse Leaders Council

% Christina Chase, 7095 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> street, Richland, MI 49083

\*\*\*Our apologies we are unable to accept PayPal as payment\*\*\*



## Wild Spartans Series: March 2023

Join us

**Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at 6:30pm EST for**

### **“Upland Bird Conservation.”**

You will meet *Pheasants Forever* and *Quail Forever* Education and Outreach Manager, Marissa Jensen to learn about her field work, and the education and career path she followed to get there. This scientist will take us to the grasslands and prairies of the Midwest. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST.

Pre-registration is required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2023>



Join Us Online  
**WILD SPARTANS**  
SCIENCE • RESEARCH • CAREERS • CONSERVATION  
UPLAND BIRD CONSERVATION  
WITH MARISSA JENSEN, EDUCATION & OUTREACH MANAGER  
PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC. AND QUAIL FOREVER  
March 14 | 6:30 PM EST  
Registration required:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>



# Shooting Sports dates for 2022-2023 – *more on the way!*

## Training (Level 1) in 2023

- March 4 – [Shotgun and Hunting & Wildlife Instructor Certification Workshop](#) (Roscommon, MI)
- April TBD – Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun Instructor Certification Workshop (Clare, MI)
- September TBD – Shotgun and Archery Instructor Certification Workshop (Alcona, MI)

## Training (Level 2 – workshop facilitators/Trainers) in 2023

- May– National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training (40-hr professional development) (Kansas)
- Fall - National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training (40-hr professional development) (Kentucky)

## Events

- Spring 2023- Mail-In Match – statewide competition without travel
- June 11 2023- [SW Michigan 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Tournament](#)
- June 2023 – National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Grand Island, NE
- August 18 2023– [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament](#) (aka State Shoot)
- Fall 2023- Mail-In Match – statewide competition without travel
- Consider forwarding regional competitions, for support promoting

## Ambassadors

- March 3, 2023– Ambassador event (Roscommon)
- August 2023 – National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Leadership Institute

## Questions?

Contact –

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Cell: (231) 884-4578 Office: (231) 779-9480

**Mike George – Archery Instructor** Email: [arch3rynut1@comcast.net](mailto:arch3rynut1@comcast.net)

Visit us on our [website](#).

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports [Facebook page](#).



## 2023 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon Qualifiers

**March 4 or 11, 2023**

*via Zoom*

***Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management in 10 different Market Livestock Categories.***

**Poultry Swine**  
**Rabbits/Cavies Dairy**  
**Dogs Beef**  
**Sheep Horses**  
**Goats General Knowledge**



*Contestants scoring above the minimum percentile in their respective division will be notified via email within two days of the qualifier contest that they have advanced to the State Championship on March 18, 2023.*

***Age divisions:***

**Novice (8-11 years)**  
**Junior (12-14 years)**  
**Senior (15-19 years)**  
**Adult (20+)**

*Youth competitors must be 8, but not yet 20, before January 1, 2023. Those who are 20 years and older are eligible to compete in the Adult Division.*

**[www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2023-Skillathon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2023-Skillathon)**

**[4HSkillathon@msu.edu](mailto:4HSkillathon@msu.edu)**

**Skillathon Start Times for Qualifiers:**

**March 4, 2023**

**Seniors & Adults**

Check-in: 9:30 AM EST / 8:30 CST **Contest starts:** 10 AM EST / 9 AM CST

**Juniors & Novices**

Check-in: 11:00 AM EST / 10:00 AM CST **Contest starts:** 11:30 AM EST / 9:30 AM CST

**March 11, 2023**

**Seniors & Adults**

Check-in: 9:30 AM EST / 8:30 CST **Contest starts:** 10 AM EST / 9 AM CST

**Juniors & Novices**

Check-in: 11:00 AM EST / 10:00 AM CST **Contest starts:** 11:30 AM EST / 9:30 AM CST



## Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

Join us on this great webinar series that provides Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support the Michigan 4-Her's.

There will be a minimum of 6 topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered **twice** daily as a daytime (**Noon-1pm**) and evening (**7-8 pm**) option.

Everyone who attends at least four of the webinars in person will receive a certificate at the end of the series.

Sessions include:

**Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club: March 16**

**Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings: April 13**



Dates to Be determined on the following sessions:

**Spice up Your 4-H Experiences with 4-H Resources: September 2023**

**Helping Youth Find Their Spark: October 2023**

**Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences: November 2023**

**Learn More at:**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>







## Check out these great ways we can support 4-H with these wonderful community partners!

### TSC Paper Clover

**Spring: April 26, 2023 – May 7, 2023**

**Fall: Oct. 4, 2023- Oct 15, 2023**

National 4-H Council will have new promotional photos and social collateral for the 2023 campaign.

### JOANN Campaign

**January 31 – May 1, 2023**

During the promotional timeframe, customers can donate or roundup at checkout in JOANN stores to support 4-H.

As a reminder, 30% of the funds from the JOANN campaign remain with National 4-H Council to underwrite this campaign. The 70% remaining Michigan 4-H distribution is: 50% to the county 4-H program, 10% to 4-H learning experiences (formerly 4-H workshops), 5% to the State 4-H Office and 5% to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

JOANN



# The Michigan State Fair Youth Council

ages 13 - 19

**For more info:**

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Riley Stechsulte  
MSF Operations Liaison  
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## What is the MSF Youth Council?

For any youth ages 13-19 (by January 1, 2022) interested in rural and urban agriculture. Must be available for monthly Zoom meetings and occasional in person activities and projects throughout the year.

The council is a youth led 4-H group with a mission to increase their knowledge of rural and urban agriculture, improve leadership skills, and share their experiences and knowledge with others.



## Annual goals include:

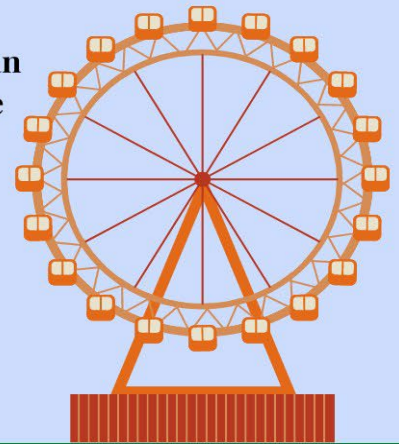
- Improving leadership skills via workshops and team activities
- State Fair planning, including Steering Committee meetings
- Connecting urban and rural youth with conversations about agriculture and food
- Enhancing personal growth in a fun and creative environment
- Creating opportunities for project coordination and hands-on learning

If you are interested in joining the Michigan State Fair Youth Council, please complete the application below.

Scan the QR code with your camera!



<https://suburbancollectionshowplace.wufoo.com/forms/michigan-state-fair-youth-council-application/>



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# Michigan Youth Livestock Conference

March 11, 2023

Get ready Michigan youth! Michigan Junior Livestock Society has joined Michigan 4-H for an exciting educational opportunity! The Michigan Youth Livestock Conference is set to happen March 11, 2023.

This event will take place at the  
Gaylord University Center  
80 Livingston Blvd  
Gaylord Michigan 49735.

The Michigan Youth Livestock Conference will provide new opportunities to Michigan youth who are interested in or passionate about raising, exhibiting, producing, or showing livestock. This event is open to all youth and is geared towards those ages 9-19.

**Registration is through 4-H Online.**

Space is limited.

Registration for this event will open January 17th and close February 21st 2023.

Join Michigan Junior Livestock Society & Michigan 4-H

**Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits & Poultry**

Industry leaders bringing you educational sessions on animal selection, nutrition, showmanship, animal husbandry, and life after the show ring.

**Registration opens 1/17/23**

**Registration**  
All registration will be done electronically through 4-H Online

**Registration Info**  
Fee: \$25/participant  
\*Includes lunch & shirt\*  
Deadline: February 20, 2023

**Saturday  
March 11, 2023**  
University Center  
80 Livingston Blvd Gaylord, Michigan

**MJLS Contact**  
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**Michigan 4-H**





## 4-H Mark of Excellence Contest.

NEW, this year youth can submit either a video submission or a short journal reflection focusing on the theme

“Because of 4-H I can!”

### What is the Mark of Excellence Contest:

The 4-H Mark of Excellence contest is an introductory opportunity for the Michigan 4-H State Awards program for youth ages 11 and 12.

### Eligibility for this contest is as follows:

Eligible youth are between the ages of 11 and 12 as of January 1, 2023. Enrollment in previous years is not required.

- Individuals may only be selected for this award once.
- Each county can select up to two (2) winners to receive the Mark of Excellence Award each year.
- Submission Details:
- Contestants are asked to create either a video or a journal reflection focusing around the theme of “Because of 4-H I can...”
- Entries should be legible or easily viewable and turned into the Kalamazoo County office by April 1st
- Video submissions must be no more than 2 minutes in length. Videos should be in mp4 format or provide a YouTube Channel link.
- Journal reflections must be 500 words or less and can be hand-written or typed.
- Submission can be either video OR journal.
- Must include name and county.

### Selection:

Individuals may only be selected for this award once. Each county will have the opportunity to select up to two winning recipients. County winner names and materials will be forwarded to the State 4-H Awards Committee.

Winning entries will receive a certificate and medal as well as may receive other recognition locally.

County winners and materials are required to be submitted to the State 4-H Award Committee via the link below no later than April 14, 2023. County 4-H Staff are responsible for notifying their winners of selection.



### Mark of Excellence Timeline:

April 1: Mark of Excellence Entries are due to local county 4-H offices

April 1-10: County 4-H staff coordinate selection committee to select two winning entries from their county

April 14: County 4-H staff submit the county submission form electronically

April 14: County 4-H Staff will notify submission pool of winning selected submissions

May - June: Awards will be mailed directly to youth





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Win prizes with 4-H Money Contests



Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, MSU Extension is coordinating two contests with an opportunity to win... money!

Youth ages 9-12 can write a short essay of 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card in the Cash Composition Contest.

Youth ages 13-19 can participate in a 30-question online challenge for a chance to win a \$25 gift card in the Show Your Money Smarts Contest.

Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts). Prizes for the contests are generously sponsored by Extra Credit Union and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.



### March 2: Build Your Future - Career Education for Youth

Online

Adults who work with youth are encouraged to join this webinar session to learn ways to implement career education and workforce development skills with youth!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2)

### March 10: 4-H Teen Fun Night

*The Northern Center & Fox Den Restaurant, Houghton Lake*

Teens from Roscommon and surrounding counties are invited for a night of video games, basketball, board games, cards, food, fun and making friends.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-fun-night-march-2023>

### March 11-12: Tollgate Farm Maplefest

*Tollgate Farm, Novi*

Identify and tap a maple tree, tour the sugar shack, explore fun maple-themed activities, take a wagon ride, taste maple sap, syrup and sugar, and explore maple tools and technology. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, cocoa and real maple syrup in the historic 19th-century barn.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest)

### March 14: Wild Spartans Series - Upland Bird Conservation

Online

Meet Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Education and Outreach Manager Marissa Jensen. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2023)

### March 16: Adulting 101 – Paycheck and Taxes

Online

Understanding why and how taxes and other items are deducted from a worker's paycheck is an important step toward gaining financial knowledge. Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your salary vs. your take home pay.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23)

### March 18: 4-H Hippology Contest

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches and practical horse management. Register by March 3.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest)





# 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 essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process 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](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu) or Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).



### MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

- February 28th  
Building the Value of Your 4-H Club
- March 16th  
Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club
- April 13th  
Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings

ALL TRAININGS OFFERED 12-3PM EST AND 7-8PM EST

REGISTER HERE:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series)

## Register for Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series!

Join Michigan 4-H for an online webinar series that will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

There will be a minimum of six topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice (once as a daytime and once as an evening option). Everyone who attends at least four of the live webinars will receive a certificate at the end of the series.

The session dates and topics for the first three months are:

- **Building the Value of Your 4-H Club:** This session will focus on the key components of creating a club environment and how that leads to positive outcomes.
  - February 28, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club:** This session will allow you to learn new strategies as well as share methods that have worked for you.
  - March 16, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings:** Learn quick and engaging activities to make your next meeting both fun and functional. Have fun and learn ways to help everyone participate at their own comfort level.
  - April 13, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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