



4-H Family News

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Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on Saturday May 13!

Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families can enjoy a discounted \$18 ticket to the game and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.

To order your tickets, visit
<https://fevo.me/mi4h2023>.

We hope to see you there!



Tentative 4-H Animal Show and Sale Schedule

https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/4h_participant_info.htm

Monday, July 31, 2023

6:00pm Carcass Program Live Animal Evaluation
Pease Packing – Scotts, MI
(Animals must arrive before 5:30pm)



Wednesday, August 2, 2023

10:00am Carcass Program Test and Results Announcements Pease Packing – Scotts, MI

Thursday Aug 3rd MANDATORY 4-H EXHIBITOR MEETING

Attendance is mandatory for all 4-H horse and livestock exhibitors

Friday, August 4, 2023

7:00pm Dairy Show Vlietstra Dairy Farm – Kalamazoo, MI

Saturday, August 5, 2023

9am- 1pm Still Project Judging

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

9:00am Horse Showmanship & English Performance Classes Horse Arenas
9:00am Swine Show Livestock Show Arena
2:00pm Rabbit Show Rabbit Barn
Cavies and Critters Show (following Rabbit Show) TBD location
Rabbit Showmanship
6:00pm Sheep Show Livestock Show Arena

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

9:00am Horse Western Performance & Trail Classes Horse Arenas
9:00am Poultry Show Livestock Show Arena
2:00pm Feeder Calf Show Livestock Show Arena
6:00pm Beef Show Livestock Show Arena

Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:00am Horse Dressage & Jumping Classes Horse Arenas
9:00am Goat Show Livestock Show Arena

Friday, August 11, 2023

9:00am Horse Versatility & Gymkhana Classes Horse Arenas
1:00pm Livestock Sale – small animals followed by large animals Livestock Show Arena

Saturday, August 12, 2023

9:30am Dog Show TBD location
6:00pm Master Showmanship Livestock Show Arena



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.


The next YQCA meetings will be held on

June 8 in Room B at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 PM.

Pre-registration is required at the [YQCA website](#) prior to attending. The registration fee is \$3.00. 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.



A new fair 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 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.



Project Updates

Swine Project

Thank you to everyone that came out for our first swine project meeting in March! Our next countywide swine meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 11th** at 7:00 pm at the Fairgrounds Expo Center.

Reminder on project dates: all 4-H pigs must be in your possession by May 1st, and registration forms with photos of tagged pigs are due by May 31st.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Pam Acker (cell – 517-930-1297) and Mick Swihart (home – 269-778-3767)

Poultry Project News

Happy Spring to all the Peeps! The turkey poults should be over their newbie hump and growing like--turkeys! The project **doesn't** have a meeting scheduled for April---the next one is on **Thursday, May 18th**---so put it on your calendar. Lots will be happening in the poultry world by then and, hopefully, the threat of Avian Influenza will be passed. If you have any adult birds that you are hoping to bring to the fair, now is the time to start choosing the best of the bunch and addressing their feathers - pulling out the broken ones so that they have time to grow back if they didn't molt them out earlier, trimming beaks, nails and spurs and treating for external parasites. Maybe plan on attending the Saulk Trail Poultry Show in Hillsdale on Memorial weekend to see how an open poultry show is done.

Goat Project

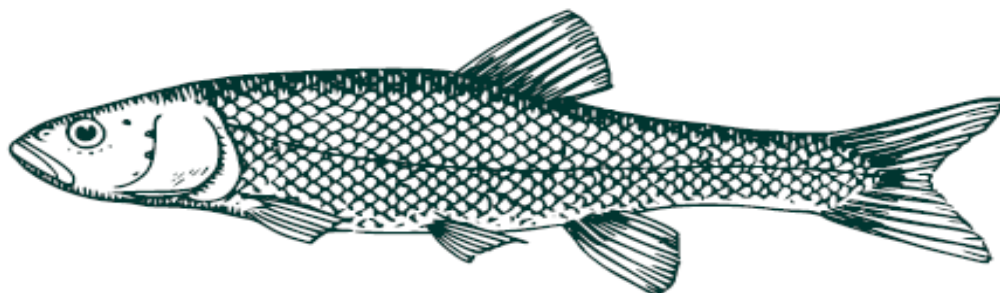
Our next meeting is April 6 at 7 PM at the Expo center.





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
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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!

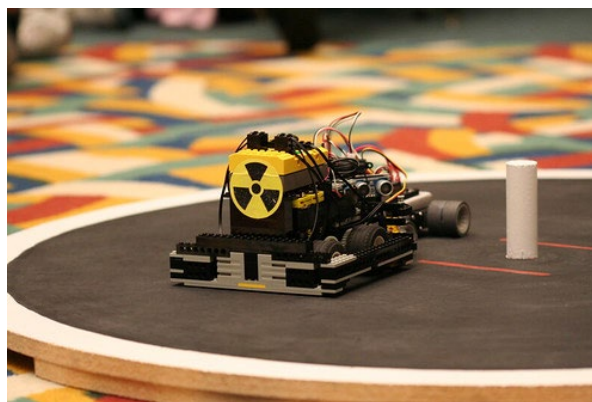
April 6 – 8, 2023

State Championship, Saginaw Valley University

If they qualify

April 19 – 22, 2023

FIRST Championship, Houston, Texas



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

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshops:

- April 15, 2023 – Tentatively scheduled for Clare has been cancelled.
- June 3, 2023, Escanaba: Featuring Archery and Rifle Certification ([Calendar event here](#); registration opens soon)
- *Additional 2023 workshops may be announced. Help provide your local program needs by contributing to [this needs assessment](#). (Deadline to participate March 23, 2023.)*

Events and Tournaments:

- June 11, 2023, [2023 SW Michigan 4-H Regional Tournament](#), Pawpaw
- July 15, 2023, [2nd Annual Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament](#), Cadillac
- August 13, 2023, [2023 Tri-CAT Event](#) (Tri-County Archery Tournament), Ypsilanti
- August 19, 2023, [2023 4-H State Shoot](#), Bellevue (Registration expected in late May-June)
- September 16, 2023, [Festival of the Pines Target and 3D Tournament](#), Lake City
- *Have an event open to members outside your county? Contact Laura for advertising support!*

2023 Re-certification process:

- October 15 – December 31: Recertifications accepted during this timeframe. Please await 2023 application prior to submission.
- December 31, 2023 – Final date Instructor Certifications expiring in 2023 may be used.

Ambassadors

- August 2023 – National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Leadership Institute

Questions?

Contact –

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Visit us on our [website](#).

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



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:

- Building the Value of Your 4-H Club: February 28**
- 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>

Just A Reminder:

For liability reasons, anyone wanting to Volunteer for an event that uses the 4-H or MSU Extension name must have cleared at least the Silver Level Volunteer status in Volunteer Central.

The volunteer request should be submitted through Volunteer Central at least 4 weeks before the event. Potential volunteers who have not cleared the entire process within 24 hours of the event will not be able to volunteer that time.

Thank You



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.

<https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>

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.

<https://www.joann.com/4-h/>

JOANN





Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration event Saturday, May 20

Wyandotte, MI.—

The Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Libra Marina 811 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte MI on the Detroit River. Check-in will start at 7:00 am and 20+ boats with Fishing Guides will take each of the families out on the Detroit River. The fishing will be limited to the American waters of the Detroit River between the southern tip of Grosse Isle and the Ambassador Bridge. The event will wrap up with lunch at 1:00 and closing ceremonies at 2:00 p.m. The event, which is hosted by the Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization, provides a fishing outing for families with a member who has recently returned from or is currently serving overseas in the Military. Families can register by email at 110wg.fsf.amnfamilyreadiness@us.af.mil attention Jean Wixson.

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Military youth/family and communities through outdoor programming. For more Information Contact: Dan Myers (763)-837-8318





4-H Smart Money Contest.

Learn how to use credit wisely in the fifth annual online Smart Money Contest with an online challenge. During the month of April, youth ages 13-19, both 4-H and non-4-H members, across the state of Michigan are invited to come and compete with other Michigan youth and **win prizes!** Registration is open now **until April 13, 2023**, and you will have until April 30, 2023, to complete your challenge. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win \$25 gift card.

Teachers, librarians, and other youth development professionals! You can also win a \$25 gift card if you referred a non-related youth to the contest and they win! There is a limit of one gift card per referring adult.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. You must sign up by April 13, 2023, at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Money2023/> to be eligible for prizes. If a teacher, librarian, or other youth development professional referred you to this contest, you will want to include their name and email for their chance to win a prize too!
2. Learn about credit by attending an in-person or Zoom class, or reading articles at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tag/credit-management> or you can complete the Nearpod class at <https://app.nearpod.com/?pin=TGHVK> and/or explore other credit education resources found at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/youth-credit-education-resources> or on the [Michigan 4-H website](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/index) at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/index>.
3. On April 14, you will receive an e-mail with the game code for Quizizz. The game will be available for two weeks (April 16-30, 2023, at midnight ET)
4. Go to quizizz.com/join on a phone or tablet and enter the code using the **same name** you used when you registered with in step 1.
5. Complete the challenge using the code by April 30, 2023, at midnight ET. The contest involves answering 30 multiple choice questions around credit. It will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.
6. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$25 gift card. A maximum of 10 youth winners will be selected.
7. Winners will be notified by May 8, 2023.

The time to start learning how to make credit work for you and develop a good credit score and history is **now!**



The Michigan State Fair Youth Council

ages 13 - 19

**For more info:**

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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:

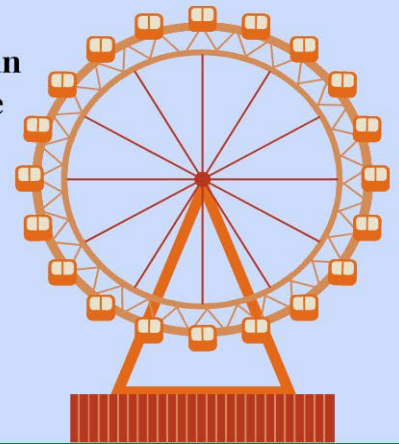
- Improving leadership skills via workshops and team activities
- State Fair planning, including Steering Committee meetings
- Connecting urban and rural youth with conversations about agriculture and food
- Enhancing personal growth in a fun and creative environment
- Creating opportunities for project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



visit Tractor Supply Company we will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit

www.canr.msu.edu/event/s/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.



Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians. www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge

April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youthcreditcraze>

April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april-2023>

April 12: Adulging 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulging-101-4-12-23>

April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





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 23-29 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.

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 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 and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.

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 GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle
Registration Now Open!



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. 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 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All

Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, 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.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. 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/.