

# 4-H Family News

**Kalamazoo County** 



**July 2023** 



# **2023 Pre-Fair Schedule**

# Friday, July 28, 2023

7:00 p.m. Dairy Show @ Vlietstra Dairy Farm - Kalamazoo, Mich.

# Saturday, July 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. Barn clean-up @ Animal barns

# Monday, July 31, 2023

6:00 p.m. Carcass Program Live Animal Evaluation @ Pease Packing - Scotts, Mich.

(Animals must arrive before 5:30 p.m.)

# Wednesday, August 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. Carcass Program Test and Results Announcements @ Pease Packing - Scotts, Mich.

# Thursday, August 3, 2023

# **Mandatory Exhibitor Meetings:**

6:00 p.m. Poultry @ Poultry barn

6:15 p.m. Beef & dairy steer @ Beef barn

6:30 p.m. Rabbits @ Rabbit barn

6:45 p.m. Sheep @ Sheep barn

7:00 p.m. Dairy Feeder Calf @ Beef barn

7:15 p.m. Swine @Swine barn

7:30 p.m. Goat @Goat barn

# Saturday, August 5, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Noon - Still project judging (including notebooks and educational exhibits)

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#### **WEBSITE:**

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#### Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/Kalamazoo-County-4-H-Youth Program-122047197873078

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# **On-Site Camping during Fair:**



The deadline for camping reservations is July 30, 2023. Call 269-383-8778 for Reservations.

Camping will be \$150.00 for the week (8/7-8/13) plus a \$5 reservation fee. Campers may arrive as early as Monday, August 7, 2023, with check-out on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

See the Fair Book page 3 for additional camping information. https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/pdf files/2023%20Fair%20Book.pdf

• 4-H livestock and horse shows along with additional 4-H activities will take place starting Wednesday, August 9, with the 4-H livestock auction on Friday afternoon.

### Admission Fees for Tuesday-Friday, August 8-11

\$5.00 per vehicle

\$2.00 per person (vehicles with 8 or more persons)

\$2.00 per person (walk-in - 5yrs and under free)

• The fair will culminate with our family festival for the public on Saturday, August 12 that will offer fun entertainment and activities, plus hands-on demonstrations and educational activities for the community.

### Admission Fees for Saturday, August 12

\$15.00 per vehicle

\$5.00 per person (vehicles with 8 or more persons)

\$5.00 per person (walk-ins – 5 yrs and under free)

Learn more here:

https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/4h participant info.htm

Weekly Pass (valid Tue-Sat) is \$20.00 per vehicle



# **Project Updates**

Join us on Saturday, July 29th 9am-noon for the pre-fair fairground clean up.
Bring your cleaning equipment and help make our fair shine!
Those that come to help out will get a free parking pass!

# **Mandatory Exhibitor Meetings**

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#### **SWINE:**

Our next and final swine meeting is our annual "Fit & Show" meeting, which will be held on **Thursday, July 20th at 6:30** pm at the Sattler's House: 2786 D Drive S. East Leroy, MI 49051. Please let us know if you have any questions. Pam Acker (cell – 517-930-1297) and Mick Swihart (home – 269-778-3767)

#### **POULTRY:**

Next stop - **July 20th** - the pre-fair Fit & Show meeting!!! Come to the fairgrounds Livestock Arena at **7pm** and bring a pen and notepad to take notes. You will learn everything that you need to know about bringing your birds to the fair. Bring a bird to practice showmanship.

Put **Aug. 3rd** on your calendar for the MANDATORY Livestock Meeting at **6pm** - You MUST attend this meeting to come to the fair. Start collecting food safe plastic bottles – i.e.: juice bottles are great - to use for food and water containers in your fair cages. You will need 2 bottles per cage. We will demo how to convert them into feed/water dishes.



# Open Class Division for Non-4-H participants

Are you creative?

Do you like building things?

Do you have a green thumb?

# Show off those skills at this year's fair!

The fair offers open class exhibit opportunities for both youth and adults.

Benefits of participating in the 2023 Open Class Division:

- Chance to show your skills and projects in a public setting
- •A-C ribbons will be awarded to all entries
- •Any child under the age of 12 who enters a project will receive a free admission pass good for Saturday

For entry rules and a listing of all classes available

to enter check out the

Open Class Still Project Fair Book at

https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/pdf files/2023%20Open%20Class%20Fair%20Book.pdf

Open Class Still Project Entry Form here

https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/pdf\_files/2023%20Open%20Still %20Entry%20Form.pdf

For more information about the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair, please call <u>269-383-8778</u> or <u>email</u>







# **Still Life Entries**

#### **Still Exhibits Entries**

Saturday, August 5, 2023: Still exhibits will be entered and judged between 9:00am-12:00pm.

Animal Science Exhibits
All Animal Notebooks & Diaries
Crops
Gardening
Foods
Clothing & Knitting
Home Economics

Fashion Review, Demonstration and Performances - TBD.

Arts & Crafts
Photography
Mechanical Exhibits
Natural Sciences
Sports/Leisure Activities
Cloverbud
Club Reports



There is no requirement to fill out a Project Record form for fair entries. This is done to encourage 4-H members to bring more projects to fair. Please help grow our fair with more!

#### Fair Update:

There is no requirement to fill out a Project Record form for fair entries. This is done to encourage 4-H members to bring more projects to fair. Please help grow our fair with more "still exhibit" project submissions.

Still Exhibits may not be removed from display until the completion of the Fair. Ribbons will be forfeited if exhibits are removed before the time specified. Fair Management and MSU Extension staff will not be responsible for articles left after release time





# We need volunteers!

#### **Leaders Council Volunteer:**

- \*Expansion and Review Committee: 9 volunteers needed for this committee with a minimum of 3 youth volunteers
- \*Fair Planning Committee: Need 1 teen volunteer
- \*Plan and organize 4-H events/activities during the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair
- \*Fall Achievement/Awards/Leaders Banquet 1 volunteer needed
- \*Awards Assist in selecting award recipients and evaluating the awards program
- \*Fundraising: 1) Food Booth 1 volunteer needed 2) Scrap -a-loo Scrapbook event 1 volunteer needed 3) Assist with planning the fundraising event
- \*Nominating and Constitution: 1 volunteer needed
- \* Candidate Recommendation for Leaders Council offices, annual review of by-laws and Policy and Procedures; recommend changes if required.
- \*Vehicle (4-H Bus): 2 volunteers needed

Please keep council informed on the condition, use or any problems with the bus along with an annual review of qualified bus drivers.

For more information please contact:

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#### **Fair Volunteers Needed:**

## A sign up genius will be coming out by July 15th.

We will need help:

- setting up and tearing down for still projects
- monitoring the still projects
- staffing the 4-H information booth
- 4-H food booth.



#### Just Remember:

All of volunteer will need to go through

At least the silver level status in volunteer central

before being able to assist at the fair.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/becoming a 4 h volunteer/



# Come be part of our first attempts at Guinness Book World Records!



# 1. 4-H Human shape photo -Saturday August 12 at 1 pm

All 4-Hers, parents, alumni, friends, spectators are all invited to help us win this record! Meet us near the Grandstands to help us go for the Guinness book of world records for the largest number of humans in the shape of the 4-H symbol.

Put on a green t-shirt and come help us win!

2. <u>Soup can stacking</u> - Everyone, bring a can or 2 of soup to help us break the record for the most soup cans stacked in 30 seconds. We are encouraging everyone to bring cans of soup for the effort. Then, we will donate them to a local food pantry. Previous record is 38 cans.



3. <u>Sandwich Cookie stacking</u> – Bring your sandwich cookies and help us set a new Guinness book of world record with the highest number of stacked cookie sandwiches stacked on 30 seconds. Please see further details on this event on the fair website. We are encouraging all 4-H clubs to submit donations. Record stands at 38 currently. We are going to need lots of cookies!

## Other Fun 4-H Games During the Fair-

- Tuesday- Live Clue 7:30 pm
- Wednesday- Movie Night @ 8:30
  - Fun Game 3:30-5pm. Relay games and much more!!!! (Near show arena) lots of fun!!
  - Movie Night @ 8:30pm/dust (livestock arena)
- Thursday Pot Luck (set up for Auction)
- Friday Dance (Show arena) 8:30 pm
- Saturday Events:
  - Human 4-H shape event @ 1 pm
  - Milk drinking contest @ 2 pm



#### PLEASE NOTE-

At the conclusion of Master Showmanship on <u>Saturday August 12, 2023,</u> all livestock barns will be locked, and market animals loaded. Still projects are released – remember to pick up notebooks and educational exhibits.

Barn clean-up will happen after the market animals have been loaded and barns are opened back up.



## Monday, August 7, 2023

9:00 a.m.-Noon Animals arrive at fairgrounds

(Swine will be vet checked and weighed as they're unloaded)

12:30 p.m. Sheep and market goat weigh-in @ Livestock Arena
1:30 p.m. Beef and dairy feeder calf weigh-in @ Beef Barn
2:30 p.m. Show ring set-up for swine show @ Livestock Arena

4:00 p.m. Sheep show practice @ Livestock Arena 5:00 p.m. Swine show practice@ Livestock Arena

6:00 p.m. Beef and feeder calf show practice @ Livestock Arena

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# Tuesday, August 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. Swine Show @ Livestock Arena (Tear down swine gates following swine show)

2:00 p.m. Rabbit Show @ Livestock Arena

Cavies & Critters Show (following rabbit show)

6:00 p.m. Sheep Show @ Livestock Arena (Beef / feeder calf practice following sheep show)

# Wednesday, August 9, 2023

9:00 a.m. Poultry Show @ Livestock Arena2:00 p.m. Feeder Calf Show @ Livestock Arena

6:00 p.m. Beef and Dairy Beef Show @ Livestock Arena

Goat show practice in show arena following beef show

# Thursday, August 10, 2023 - @ Livestock Arena unless noted

9:00 a.m. Goat Show and Trail Classes

9:00 a.m. Photos for auction green boards due to superintendents (must be horizontal)

2:00 p.m. Enduro Obstacle Course - beef, dairy feeder calves, sheep, goats

5:30 p.m. Pizza and auction set-up (bring brooms, pails, rags)

## Friday, August 11, 2023 - all at Livestock Arena

8:00 a.m. Final auction set-up and bleacher wipe down

11:00 a.m. Rabbit Agility Competition – Outside of Rabbit Barn

Noon Buyer Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Small Animal Auction – Rabbit, goat, poultry

2:00 p.m. Large Animal Auction – Beef, dairy beef, feeder calves, swine, sheep

Auction clean-up (following auction)

8:30 p.m. Dance

### Saturday, August 12, 2023

Noon Thank you notes due to superintendents
1:00 p.m. Human 4-H Shape Photo @ Grandstand area
2:00 p.m. Milk Drinking Contest @ Livestock Arena

Livestock Judging (Following milk drinking contest) @ Livestock Arena

4:00 p.m. Rabbit Show Jumping – outside of the Rabbit Barn

6:00 p.m. Master Showmanship @ Livestock Arena

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# Livestock Award Sponsorship is changing.

Would your family like to be a sponsor for the livestock trophies and awards that 4-Hers earn at fair and/or do you know of a business that might be interested? If so, please email Jamie Morrison at <a href="mailto:imorrison1030@gmail.com">imorrison1030@gmail.com</a> or call/text Jamie Morrison at 269.806.9838 for more information.

Fair is fast approaching so we're requesting donations be made by July 10. To promote our generous sponsors, thank you banners will be in the barns and by the arena as well as announcements will be made during the shows. Thank you!!

A copy of the Sponsor Request Letter can be found at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo county 4 h 1/4 h forms-update Under Fair Entry Forms.

# Information, please

#### **YQCA**

For youth who have completed YQCA, *regardless if you attended online or in person*, you need to submit your certificate to Veronica *no later than July 15th*. bolhuisv@msu.edu.

### **Buyer's information**

It is also that time of year for those who are selling their animals at the livestock auction to start contacting your buyers and submitting their names to the 4-H office. You can either complete the google doc with the complete contact information of potential buyers at <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NzknQTPASrxfpcUMnIMLje5GKUS\_IQoydtCJkzaMWA8/prefill">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NzknQTPASrxfpcUMnIMLje5GKUS\_IQoydtCJkzaMWA8/prefill</a> or you can email the information to our support staff (Nancy) at <a href="mailto:nancy.hostetler@affiliate.msu.edu">nancy.hostetler@affiliate.msu.edu</a>

Information on how to contact potential buyers and submitting their information to the office can be found in the family letter at

https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/uploads/Combined%20Family%20Letter%202023.pdf.





#### **Dairy Club Newsletter Info**

Happy Summer- meetings will be posted to the *Dairy Club Page on Facebook*. The dairy show will be held <u>Friday</u>, <u>July 28 at 7pm</u> at Vlietstra Dairy Farm.

#### **Beef/Feeder Calf Newsletter Info**

YQCA is needed by fair for all members that are selling livestock at the fair. Please send Veronica your certificate. Only option at this time is to obtain the certificate by doing an online class- here is the link: <a href="https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php">https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php</a>

#### <u>Important Cattle Related dates for Fair:</u>

#### July 29- Barn cleanup

9 am at the Fairgrounds – We will be cleaning up the beef/feeder calf barn at the fairgrounds. Please bring rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brush/rollers, shovel, broom and a smile!

#### **August 3- Pre- Fair Mandatory Meeting:**

Beef: Meet at the Beef/Feeder calf barn for a meeting at 6:15pm.

Feeder Calves: Meet at the Beef/Feeder calf barn for a meeting at 7pm

Don't forget to sign in- if you cannot come, you must make arrangements with Veronica at 4-H office@ (269)383-8830.

We will be decorating the barn in a Red/ White/ Blue theme this year- (check out Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's for post 4th July good deals!)

#### August 5- Still Exhibit check in:

Bring your required educational exhibit to the fairgrounds to be judged. Here is the link for the required record book – choose the record book for your 4-H age: Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Books It is considered the minimum- be creative! A profit and loss statement must be filled out and included in your educational exhibit for your calf to be sold in the auction.

#### August 7- Calf check in/ Weigh in/ Showmanship clinic:

You can check in your steers/calves into the Beef/Feeder Calf barn Monday, August 7- time: TBD-

#### Kyle, Greg or Sara must look at your calf before the calf comes off of the trailer.

Feeder calf weigh in will take place after the beef are weighed in.

We will have a showmanship clinic-time TBD

#### August 9– Show day

Feeder Calf show will be held at 2:00p Beef show will be held at 4pm Pizza party 6:00p Set up for Auction 6:45p



#### August 11- Auction 1pm

#### For your calf to be eligible to go through the auction:

- You must have submitted a picture via Facebook/email/ mail to Kyle, Sara or Greg by earlier in the year (per project requirements),
- A picture of a clean calf/clean 4H member must be given to either Kyle, Sara or Greg on Tuesday of fair (to be given to your buyer),

You must have a profit and loss statement filled out per Project Record Book Requirements.

Dairy Feeder Calves must have weigh at least 370 lbs on Monday August 7 to go through auction.

### August 12-@ Noon THANK YOU NOTES DUE

Please contact Kyle for Beef related questions and Greg or Sara if you have Feeder Calf questions!



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

#### **Events and Tournaments:**

- July 15, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament, Cadillac
- August 13, 2023, 2023 Tri-CAT Event (Tri-County Archery Tournament), Ypsilanti
- August 19, 2023, <u>2023 4-H State Shoot</u>, 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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Mike George - Archery Instructor Email: arch3rynut1@comcast.net

Visit us on our website.

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page.



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# 2023 Michigan State 4-H Dog Show Registration Is Now Open Aug. 12, 2023

MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI 48910

Registrations, changes and shot records due July 30th. Use this QR code to go directly to the show registration site or resister at <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateDogShow23/">https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateDogShow23/</a>







# **MSU Extension Child and Family Development**

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes, publications and handouts for parents and caregivers of children of all ages, as well as early childhood professionals, to help equip parents and caregivers with the tools to raise children and youth with positive social and emotional wellness so they can thrive in life.

# Help is just a click away!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/child-family-development/



You can also connect on the Facebook page at:

MI Stronger Family - MSU Extension https://www.facebook.com/mistrongerfamily



**Show your Support!** 

**4-H Grows Here** yard signs are available for purchase from the 4-H office for \$5.00 each.



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at: <a href="https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukw">https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukw</a> UiVigAA.

#### July 11-13: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more. www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

#### July 13: Adulting 101 - Sew What!

Online

Not sure about detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets? Have a loose button or need something hemmed? We'll spend an hour addressing these concerns and sew much more! www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-7-13

#### July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseve-bash-archery-tournament

#### July 17: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills. Registration is due July 5!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

#### July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23

#### July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water! We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

#### July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

# Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 with the <u>Michigan State Fair</u> on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

Registration for this event is now open! The diverse array of <u>classes</u> celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.



There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by <u>submitting project photos and videos</u>. **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/">www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/</a>.

## Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity\_tips\_for\_animals\_that\_went\_to\_the\_county\_fair.

Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- · Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
  - Obvious pain or discomfort
  - Decrease in appetite and water intake
  - Fever
  - Lethargy
  - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
  - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
  - Overall weakness

Care of animals after the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

