

*Kalamazoo County*

4-H Family News

April 2019



Registration closes April 19th for the 50th Annual MSU Extension Exploration Days To Be Held June 19-21 2019

The 2019 MSU Exploration Days registration closes April 19th! You won't want to miss out on this exciting adventure **for 11-19 year olds!** Electronic registration versions are located at:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/registration information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/registration-information)

All of the forms that need to be completed are included in the registration booklets. This will be an exciting time for youth as they attend classes at MSU, develop new friends and skills while having a great time with our county delegation! Many classes fill up early so don't delay! Youth will be able to enjoy MSU dairy ice cream, various campus tours, nightly entertainment and a variety of other activities while on campus.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY**more to explore**
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RAISE YOUR HAND

HELP KIDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

VOTE NOW

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Raise Your Hand Activation

www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand

APRIL 1 - MAY 15, 2019

Overview

Only one in three young people say they have the skills to handle what life throws their way. If we don't give our kids the opportunity to succeed, we all fail.

That's where 4-H comes in. 4-H programs meet youth and families where they live, serve community needs and build critical life skills kids need to thrive.

As a result, 4-H created the "Raise Your Hand" initiative - a nationwide call-to-action for 4-H alumni, supporters, and friends to vote for their state to win funding to help more kids in their communities benefit from 4-H hands-on learning programs.

The three states with the most hands raised will receive \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 to bring local 4-H programs to more kids.

But that's not all, the state with the highest increase in hands raised over last year will receive an "Inspire Kids to Do" photo shoot, coordinated and supported by National 4-H Council to help tell the story of their local changemakers!

Please join us and **Raise Your Hand**, because every child deserves a chance to succeed.

Voting is easy:

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RAISE YOUR HAND

Go to 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand to support youth in your community.

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COMPETE FOR YOUR STATE

Raising your hand is a vote for your state to win \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 to bring 4-H skill-building programs to more kids.

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PAY IT FORWARD

Share your support with friends and family on social media using the **#4HGrown** hashtag!

Then ask them to raise their hand for kids in their community at 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand

RAISE YOUR HAND

YOUR 4-H STATE COULD WIN \$20K TO HELP LOCAL KIDS



Goals

1 Grow our 4-H community supporting access for all youth to 4-H skill-building, hands-on learning programs.

2 Engage 4-H alumni, friends, and supporters to help spread the word about the benefits of 4-H skill-building programs for kids and the community.

3 Grow awareness of the life-changing impact of 4-H youth development programs.



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PRODUCTS!
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Kalamazoo County Leader's Council Scholarship

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Leaders Council Senior and Upperclassmen Scholarship deadline is April 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM to the 4-H office. Applications are available at www.msue.msu.edu/kalamazoo or at the 4-H office. Your Member Record Book must be handed in with your application. Applicants will be selected based upon their Member Record Book, statement of your reason for attending college or other advanced education and an interview. Senior interviews will be scheduled after applications are received. If you need help completing your Member Record Book, please contact the 4-H staff.

Upcoming Community

Service Opportunity

The Comstock Parks and Rec will be building a new playground for the youth of Kalamazoo County to use. This is a great opportunity for you go learn some new skills, partner with other families from around the community and have a lot of fun! Treats in the morning and lunch will be provided!

- **Celery Street Park Playground Build
Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st.**

More information to come in the May newsletter!

4-H Pollinators Project is happy to welcome you

To their next two meetings

- ◇ **April 14 at 1pm, come help paint bee hives, build a bat house or help us build one of the large native bee houses that will be placed around Kalamazoo County**
- ◇ **April 25 at 6:30, it's time to start prepping for the arrival of our bees. Come check out what needs to be done before the bees get here.**

Great Lakes Bee Supply Store

33 W. Battle Creek St, Galesburg, MI 49053

You do not have to be a member to join us, but please RSVP to Veronica at bolhuisv@msu.edu.



Michigan Agriculture Magazine

Rural Development Deputy Director James Averill joined Machion Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD), and Students from the Mackenzie Elementary-Middle School Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM) Team participated in the unveiling of the 2019 Michigan Agriculture magazine, featuring students from the school's garden project on the cover. This year's magazine is the "Innovation Edition," which highlights technological advances in Michigan agricultural projects in elementary schools, and university research. The Michigan Agriculture magazine is available free online at:

<https://www.farmflavor.com/michigan/michigan-magazine/michigan-agriculture-2019/>

Hard copies are available at Michigan Welcome Centers, select businesses, and many consumer events across the state.

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**The Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial
Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration Event
Sunday, May 19 2019 – 9 am to 2:30 pm
Libra Marina on the Detroit River**

**Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial
Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration event Supports Military Families at Home and Overseas**

Wyandotte, MI.—The Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Libra Marina 811 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte MI 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, 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.

Check-in will start at 7:30 am and kids will receive a free rod & reel and 20+ boats with Fishing Guides will take each of the families out on the Detroit River. Prizes will be awarded in three categories and there will be raffle prizes for those that don't win in the fishing categories. The event will wrap up with lunch at 1:00 and closing ceremonies at 2:00 p.m. Families can register by calling Angela Harkins at (517)-481-9894 or email Angela at angela.s.harkins2.ctr@mail.mil

About the Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Military youth/family and communities through outdoor programming.

Link to Register:

www.jointservicessupport.org/Req/56A380

MING State Volunteer Workshop

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Teen Symposium

“Breaking Down Barriers”

Date: 12-14 April 2019

**Location: Amway Grand Plaza
187 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Register for SVW on JSS: www.jointservicessupport.org/Req/79T541

Register for Teen Symposium: www.jointservicessupport.org/Req/96T510

For more information contact:

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517-481-9892, jennifer.n.daugherty.ctr@mail.mil**

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517-481-9894, angela.s.harkins2.ctr@mail.mil**

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Save the Date



Kalamazoo Project/Club News

Calves are coming!

Please see the project requirements for more details—
but here is a quick reminder :

Dairy calves can be born between January 1—February 28 for 4-H members and January 1- March 31 for Cloverbud members.

Beef calves must be born between January 1— May 30 for both 4-H members and Cloverbud members.

Feeder calves:

There will be a club meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm in Room B at the fairgrounds— Hope to see you there!

A picture of your calf must either be sent to Sara or posted on the Facebook site (Kalamazoo County 4-H Feeder Calf Club):

Dairy Feeders are due by May 1 and Beef Feeders are due by May 30.

Please contact Sara or Greg if you have questions.

Dairy

We will have a project kick-off meeting Tuesday, May 7 .

This is not on the Kalamazoo County 4-H calendar! The meeting will be located at the Vlietstra Dairy Farm- please contact Sara ((269)720-7215) if you need directions/information.

Join us on the Kalamazoo County 4-H Dairy Club on Facebook and Instagram!



4-H Swine Project



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28th - 7:00 pm, at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room B.

We will be talking about project preparation and market hog selection.

REMEMBER:

4-H pigs must be in your possession by May 1st

Registration forms and photos with tags are due by May 31st

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A group of Flamingos is called a Flamboyance.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

A Binky is when a rabbit jumps around out of excitement.

Common Swifts spend their entire lives in the air unless they are nesting.

A group of porcupines or hedgehogs is called a Prickle.

Cheetahs cant roar, they meow and purr.

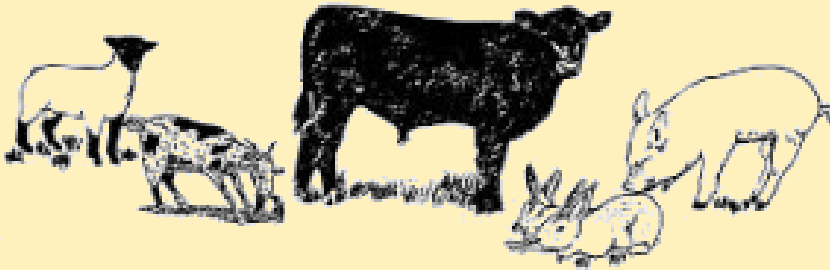
A group of ladybugs is called a Loveliness.

Baby elephants suck their trunks like baby humans suck their thumbs.

A Sloot is when a dog lays on its tummy and sticks his legs out behind then.

Rats can laugh.

A group of bunnies can be called a Fluffle.



***NEW THIS YEAR ***

MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL LIVESTOCK YOUTH!!

Who:

All 4-H Livestock Youth (*including Cloverbud*)

What:

Auction, Animal, and Barn Etiquette

Where:

Expo Center, Room A

When:

April 30 – 7pm-8pm OR May 1 – 7pm-8pm

ALL participating youth and a parent

MUST attend one of the sessions.

Why:

To educate youth on various auction related items (obtaining buyers, pictures, thank you notes, etc.) and to discuss the requirements during fair for animal and barn care.

Please contact the individual species superintendents
ASAP if you are unable to attend!

Did you Know??

- ⇒ Goats and sheep don't have teeth on their upper jaw. They have a hard palate that helps them grind their food.
- ⇒ A group of pigs is called a "sounder."
- ⇒ Cows have a memory of about three years.
- ⇒ A rabbit's life span is about 8 years, though sterilized rabbits (those who are spayed/neutered) can live as long as 10-12 years.

Carcass Project News

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7 pm in Room C at the fairgrounds. Plan to join us then! Last year our education focus was on retail cut identification; this year we will be focusing on whole carcass and wholesale cut evaluation.

Listed below is the meeting schedule for the rest of the year so you can plan ahead to attend your two required meetings at times convenient to you.



May 20
July 22

NO MEETING IN JUNE



The other important dates for you to know are the dates of our competition:

Monday, July 29, 2019 6 pm
Wednesday, July 31, 2019 10 am

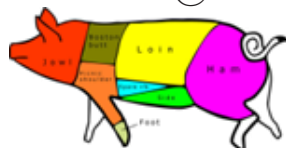
Plan ahead with your work schedules for both competition dates.

Attendance is mandatory for both.

The Carcass Project meetings give 4-H members the opportunity to practice evaluation and reasoning, two skills they can use in many life situations--in and out of 4-H. Additionally, at the competition, members get to see the results of their animal-raising practices first-hand, just as packers and FDA inspectors would evaluate them.

If you have any questions, contact the superintendents

Cindy and Kevin Rose at kevintherose@aol.com, or call at 269.317.3462



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MANDATORY MEETING

Fun Fact:

English words for livestock (cow, sheep, chicken) are Germanic-based and the words for meats (beef, mutton, poultry) are French-based.

This is because the people who raised the animals were Anglo-Saxon peasants and the people who ate them were Norman aristocrats!

Fun Goat Facts:

Most goats arrive as twins but quintuplets are possible.

For centuries, the young of a goat have been called kids. It wasn't until the 1800's that the word kid was extended to children.



Like human kids, goat kids like to snuggle. The "kid pile" is a common sight in the barn nursery, as they curl up with each other for companionship and warmth.

Upcoming Goat project meetings



The goat project will be meeting on the following dates:

March 27, Room B, 6:30pm

April 24, Room B, 6:30pm

May 22, time and location to be determined

June 25, Room B, 6:30pm

July 27, Room B, 1pm—3pm



Educational superintendent is Hannah Walters
(269)998-2182

Organizational superintendent—Char Balkema (269) 312—2635

First year/mentor superintendent—Kerri Martin (269) 420-3438

Application deadline for the 2019 Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship is May 17, 2019

To be eligible for either the **MYLSF** general scholarship or the statewide scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Michigan and a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying.

For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application. For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at

https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1571_40997---,00.html. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 17, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Producer Security Section Manager, at 517-284-5642 or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau's Livestock & Dairy Specialist, at 517-679-5335.

Fall Achievement Award Sponsorships Available

Be a champion yourself--sponsor today!

There are several Awards in need of sponsors this year.

- ◆ Outstanding record book 9-11 yrs.
- ◆ Outstanding record book 12-19 yrs.
- ◆ Creative and original craft
- ◆ Best of show in dairy
- ◆ Outstanding clothing construction
- ◆ Outstanding needlecraft
- ◆ Hop to it rabbit award
- ◆ Outstanding Gun
- ◆ Outstanding Archery
- ◆ Sheep

Thank you for your consideration!

Contact Chris Chase if you would like to sponsor one of these awards.

christinamariechase@gmail.com



Kalamazoo Project/Club News



>Kalamazoo Poultry Project Meetings 2019<
Our next county wide Poultry Project meeting is
Tuesday, May 21st .
7pm in room B at the Expo Center

We will be learning how to make your market project chicks grow BIG!



POULTRY ORDER DEADLINES

NO orders accepted after 10:00 pm
on order dates below:

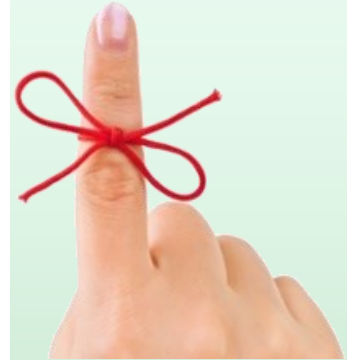
ALL birds must be picked up at the
Feedbag on the pick up date!!

NO EXCEPTIONS.



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Don't Forget:



You still have a chance to complete the minimum meeting requirements

Next meetings are May 21st, June 18th and July 16th. !

Plus: Attending the Saulk Trail Poultry Show in Hillsdale in on Memorial week-end also counts as a meeting.

Check out our private Facebook page - **Kalamazoo County 4-H Poultry Group** - for fun and educational discussions and ask to join the group!



Poultry type	Order Date	Pick up date
Market Geese	March 29	May 7
Heavy Duck	April 12	May 21
Roaster	May 3	May 29
Market (Peking) Duck	May 10	June 11
Broiler	May 24	June 18
Cornish	May 31	June 25

4-H Trophy Sponsorship Opportunity

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27 Trophy Sponsorships available.

Be a champion yourself--sponsor a trophy!

There are 27 trophies still in need of sponsors this year. If you would like to sponsor an available trophy listed below, please contact Cindy Rose,

the trophy coordinator Phone: 269.317.3462

E-mail: kevintherose@aol.com

Thank you for your consideration!

Beef	Champion Bred & Raised Dairy Beef	\$13.00
Beef	2nd Weight Class	\$7.00
Carcass	Champion Lamb Carcass	\$17.00
Carcass	Reserve Champion Swine Carcass	\$17.00
Carcass	Sheep Carcass Rate of Gain	\$25.00
Dairy	Top Showman	\$35.00
Dairy Feeder	Cloverbud Showman (5 total \$12 each)	\$60.00
Goats	Intermediate Showman	\$35.00
Goats	Reserve Champion Best in Show	\$18.00
Goats	Reserve Champion Pet Wether	\$16.00
Goats	Grand Champion Dry Doe	\$16.00
Goats	Reserve Champion Dam & Daughter	\$16.00
Goats	Grand Champion Meat Breed Market Individual	\$16.00
Goats	Cloverbud Showman (5 total \$7 each)	\$35.00
Poultry	1st Place Breed Drake	\$15.00
Poultry	Champion Market Hen Turkey	\$20.00
Poultry	1st Place Breed Goose	\$15.00
Poultry	Reserve Champion Market Duck Pen	\$20.00
Poultry	Senior Poultry Showman	\$25.00
Poultry	Reserve Champion Show Chicken	\$20.00
Poultry	1st Place Breed Gander	\$15.00
Rabbit	Best of Breed	\$7.00
Rabbit	Best of Breed	\$7.00
Sheep	Champion Wether	\$20.00
Sheep	Reserve Champion Wether	\$20.00
Sheep	Supreme Champion Ewe	\$16.00
Swine	Reserve Champion Barrow	\$35.00
Swine	6th Weight Class Barrow	\$16.00
Swine	6th Weight Class Gilt	\$16.00
Swine	3rd Weight Class Gilt	\$20.00



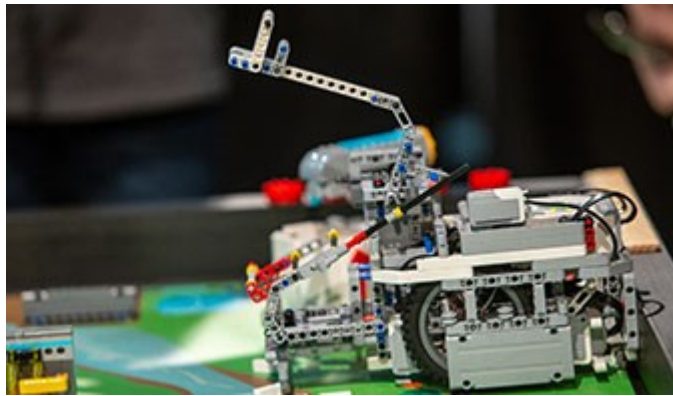


What are 4-H SPIN clubs?

A 4-H SPIN club is a combination of the concept of special interest groups with the 4-H club model. Thus the "S" and "P" is taken from special and the "I" and "N" from interest combined with clubs gets 4-H SPIN clubs.



Stryke Force's three middle school FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams wrapped up their season in December with one of the teams qualifying for the state competition. The high school FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team's season is in full force with the following upcoming events:



- Competing at St. Joseph High School's District Event March 8th and 9th
- Competing at East Kentwood High School's District Event March 29th and 30th
- The two district events will determine if we qualify for the state competition and if we do we will compete in the State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University April 11th through April 13th
- Since we are the 2018 World Champions, we already qualify for and will be competing at the 2019 World Championship at Cobo Hall in Detroit April 24th through April 27th.

You can watch all of our events live via The Blue Alliance www.thebluealliance.com. For more information about FIRST Robotics you can visit www.firstinspires.org.



JOANN offers a special 15% off rewards coupon to 4-H staff, leaders, members, and families!

Full details about the program can be found at

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



JOANN 4-H PARTNERSHIP: Clovers for Kids

The JOANN clover fundraising campaign will run March 1 – April 30, 2019 this year. The JOANN's campaign has a new name: "Clovers for Kids."

During the campaign period, JOANN stores nationwide will ask their customers to donate to 4-H. Both \$1 and \$4 donations are available.

Purchase of a \$4 donation comes with a \$4 off a future purchase coupon.

The Michigan distribution is as follows:

- ◆ 50% to county 4-H programs
- ◆ 5% to support 4-H volunteer and teen leadership training/workshops
- ◆ 5% to support 4-H participation fee sponsorships
- ◆ 5% to the State 4-H Office
- ◆ 5% to the Michigan 4-H Foundation
- ◆ 30% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the campaign.

There is no in-store activity component to the JOANN's campaign this year, but we encourage you as always to reach out and say thank you to your local store for their participation.

Coin Box

JOANN stores have a coin box that sits at each register, featuring a different group each quarter. Beginning this quarter (Feb. 1), donations will go to 4-H because of our Clover for Kids promotion in March and April. Stores don't always get the new signage up right away so it may be a slow transition, but you may see it popping up in stores as the month goes on. The funds from that will be rolled into any clover sales at the end of the campaign.

Thank You JoAnn!



TSC 4-H PARTNERSHIP

Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) will be hosting another Paper Clover Fundraising Campaign this year!

Spring: March 27 – April 7, 2019

Fall: October 9-20, 2019

During these dates, 4-H supporters can purchase a paper clover at [Tractor Supply Co.](http://TractorSupplyCo.com) stores

for \$1 to support their local 4-H program.

Funds are targeted for use as scholarships to send 4-H members to 4-H camps or leadership experiences.

In Michigan, the distribution is as follows:

- ◇ 70% is donated to the county program
- ◇ 10% to support 4-H volunteer and teen leadership training/workshops
- ◇ 5% to the State 4-H Office
- ◇ 5% to the Michigan 4-H Foundation
- ◇ 10% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.

TSC State Contest

Instead of the TSC in-store participation sweepstakes program, this year TSC is offering a contest! TSC will be awarding the top five states that increase their funds (based on percent increase over last spring) an additional \$2,000 to go to the state 4-H program!

Thank You Tractor Supply!



4-H DAY

SATURDAY • JUNE 8, 2019



Attention 4-H Members, Volunteers, & Families:
Come celebrate 4-H at Michigan's Adventure!

Admission **\$26.00** per person. Includes **UNLIMITED** use of the amusement park and water park (with the exception of RipCord and Bumper Boats) on Saturday, June 8. Children 2 years of age and younger are free.

4-H Day Meal Tickets will be available for only **\$7.00** each! Meal consists of a Hot Dog, Macaroni Salad, Chips and a Soft Drink and will be served at Mary Lynn's Group Catering Pavilions from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Purchase meal tickets when you purchase your admission tickets on June 8.

Reservations are required for admission and meal tickets by June 3, 2019: Contact the Group Sales Office directly at 231.766.9959, youthsales@miadventure.com or visit www.miadventure.com/specialevents.

Michigan's Adventure accepts cash, money orders, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Checks are not accepted.

Members will be asked to present a card or something representing 4-H membership. Wear a club shirt so you can be recognized as an honored guest!

There is a fee for parking standard and oversized vehicles. Full size buses park for free.

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For More Information

- Visit www.miadventure.com/specialevents
- Make your reservation
- Read the helpful FAQs
- See a complete listing of rides and attractions
- Contact a Michigan's Adventure Group Sales Representative at 231.766.9959 or via email at youthsales@miadventure.com

Michigan's Adventure Park Information

- **Amusement Park Hours:** 11:00am – 7:00pm
- **Waterpark Hours:** 12:00pm – 6:00pm
(WildWater Adventure is open on scheduled days when the temperature is 65 degrees or higher.)
- **4750 Whitehall Road, Muskegon, MI 49445**



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**Michigan's
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We are searching for an
Open Class Still Exhibit
Superintendent

Duties:

- Help to find ways to encourage the public to participate in the program
- Help to design a system for identifying projects as they are registered
- Help to organize and layout the projects at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center on Saturday August 3, 2019 from 8am to 12pm

Time Commitment:

- 2 preliminary meetings with Fair Coordinator to discuss ideas and direction
- Email Communications with Fair Coordinator
- 4 Hours on Saturday August 3, 2019

Interested?

- Contact Josh Gower at jdgowe@kalcounty.com or at 269-373-5071

Become a

Kalamazoo County **Youth Fair**

SPONSER!

For your \$100 Friend of the Fair sponsorship

*A Donation is made into the 4-H Youth Development Program Premium Fund

*Sponsor's Name listed on Fair brochure/program as Donor

*2 free Adult and 2 free Children's Admission Tickets

*2 Maple Leaf Amusement 1-Day Ride Wristbands

If you would like to be a Fair Sponsor:

Send us a signed and dated letter with your Name, (or Business Name plus Contact Person,) Address, Phone Number and E-mail Address requesting "Friend of the Fair" sponsorship. Send to:

Kalamazoo County Fair Office
Dept. of Parks and Expo Center
2900 Lake St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Please include your payment made out to
"Kalamazoo County Treasurer".

THANK YOU!!



Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!

Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator



Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot.



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recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation.** If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) **Unloading.** Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) **Settling in.** Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) **Comingling.** When you are beginning to comingle animals, remember that each specie has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal-science/>.

4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest

Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.



During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn more and register today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 4: 4-H Healthy Living Showcase

Online Webinar

Learn about Michigan 4-H curriculum related to nutrition, physical fitness, gardening and mental health from the comfort of your home.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-healthy-living-curriculum-showcase>

April 11: Financial Fitness

Farmington Branch Library, Farmington

Pump up your savings to meet your financial goals by learning more about stocks, bonds and investments. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/financial-fitness>

April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo

MSU -Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun and educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

April 16: 4-H Junior Master Gardener Workshop

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Become a certified Junior Master Gardener during this one-day workshop comprised of both lecture and hands-on activities. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-junior-master-gardener-workshop-april-2019>

April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. This event leads to instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol and muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

April 28: Environmental Science and Citizenship

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Joining the spirit of Earth Day, learn about different environmental systems such as watersheds and wetlands and how you can make a difference in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/enviromental-science-and-citizenship>

May 11: Northern Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Palooza

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Apply now for 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

The 2019 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp is now accepting applications! Designed for youth aged 13 to 15, this program is held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, Aug. 4-10.



Campers explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Learn more and register today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 1-April 30: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign

Local JOANN stores, throughout Michigan

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30 and purchasing a clover at the register for either \$1 or \$4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

March 17: 4-H STEAM Sunday—China Art

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Learn about Chinese culture through an art exchange program. You will look at and learn about art created by students in China before creating your own art to send back.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-steam-sunday-china-art>

March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

Local Tractor Supply Co. stores, throughout Michigan

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

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April 7: Mission to Mars

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Ever wanted to know what it was like to be an astronaut and travel to Mars? Now is your chance to think, eat and explore Mars just like a astronaut would!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mission-to-mars>

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For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

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Registration available for the 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp

The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the age of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/.

Pledge your hands to larger service this April with the #DaretoServeChallenge!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This April, 4-H is launching the annual True Leaders in Service initiative to unite 4-H members across the country in making a collective positive impact in their communities. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more!

This year, members of the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council are issuing a special challenge to their fellow Michigan 4-H members, as well as volunteers, alumni and staff. They have created the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge, which seeks to inspire everyone in Michigan 4-H to do at least one thing to serve their community during the month of April. Their goal: have at least one 4-H led community service project completed in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April! Imagine how big of an impact we can have if each of us chooses to lend our hands to larger service!

Here's how it works:

1. Join with others, or work on your own, to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference.
2. Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan. This will help others find your service opportunity so they can take part, too!
3. When you complete your service project, share it on social media and tag a Michigan 4-H friend to whom you want to issue the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge! Use the hashtags #MI4H #DareToServeChallenge and #TrueLeaders to connect with others who are making a difference.

If someone is issued the Dare to Serve challenge, but chooses not to complete a community service activity, they can choose to offer their support instead by making a donation to the Michigan 4-H Foundation at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/>.

Learn more!

Visit www.canr.msu.edu/community-service-learning/dare-to-serve-challenge to learn more about the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge and find resources for planning your project.



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Raise Your Hand for Michigan 4-H!



From April 1 to May 15, 4-H youth, alumni, friends and supporters have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20,000 as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign.

Simply visit <http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand> to register and show your support of 4-H. Anyone can raise their hand, even if they participated in previous years! Each hand raised (registered) before May 15 counts as a vote and the states with the most hands raised will receive a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award.

Do your part and help grow Michigan 4-H experiences for additional youth in our state! After registering, make sure to share this opportunity with other fellow 4-H supporters and ask them to raise their hands as