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<u>Kalamazoo County Leader's Council Scholarship</u>

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Leaders Council Senior and Upperclassmen Scholarship deadline is April 12, 2019 at 5:00 PM to the 4-H office. Applications are available at <u>www.msue.msu.edu/kalamazoo</u> 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 your community club leader or 4-H staff.

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2020 MSU Extension Exploration Days— Creating The Future!

The 2020 MSU Exploration Days registration is coming up soon. Youth won't want to miss out on this exciting adventure **for 11-19 year olds**! **The registra-tion books will be available the end of February or early March**.

All of the forms that need to be completed are included in the registration booklet and can be brought to the early sign up <u>on March 5, 2020.</u> Please remember to sign up early for the best opportunity to get the classes that interest you the most. Many classes fill up early so don't delay! It's going to be an exciting time for youth to attend classes at MSU, develop new friends and skills while having a great time with our county delegation! Youth will be able to enjoy MSU dairy ice cream, various campus tours, nightly entertainment and a variety of other activities while on campus.

The session numbering system easily identifies the session type as follows:

100-157	1st-half session (Wed. PM, Thurs. AM)
200-266	2nd-half session (Thurs. PM, Fri. AM)
300-311	Full session (Wed. PM, Thurs. AM & PM, Fri. AM)
500-528	1st-half session repeated as 2nd-half
600-628	2nd-half session same as 1st-half
900-918	State Awards 4-H Program

4-H Trophy Sponsorship Opportunity

Trophy Sponsorships available.

Be a champion yourself--sponsor a trophy!

Trophies and awards add to the sense of achievement and accomplishment that comes from a winning fair project.

We are in need of sponsors for the trophies listed below.

If you are interested, Please contact:

Cindy Rose at kevintherose@aol.com or at 269.317.3462.

Thank you for your consideration!

Spe- cies	Class Name	Sell Price
Car- cass	Reserve Champion Lamb Carcass	\$17.00
Sheep Goats Goats	Supreme Champion Ram Senior Showman Top Showman	\$20.00 \$35.00 \$35.00
Goats	Grand Champion Market Meat Breed Indi- vidual	\$16.00
Goats Goats	Grand Champion Meat Breed Pen Reserve Champion Dam & Daughter	\$16.00 \$16.00
Goats Goats	Grand Champion Dry Doe Reserve Champion Pet Wether	\$16.00 \$16.00
Goats Goats	Reserve Champion Pack Goat Grand Champion Best in Show	\$16.00 \$45.00
Goats Swine	Grand Champion Best in Show 2nd Weight Class Gilt	\$7.00 \$20.00
Swine Poul- try	7th Weight Class Barrow 1st Place Breed Hen Turkey	\$20.00 \$15.00
Poul- try	Junior Turkey Showman	\$20.00
Poul- try	1st Place Breed Drake	\$15.00
Poul- try	1st Place Breed Gander	\$15.00
Poul- try	Champion Exotic Fowl	\$20.00
Poul- try	Reserve Champion Exotic Fowl	\$20.00
Rabbit Rabbit	Best of Breed Best of Breed	\$7.00 \$7.00

4H TROPHES

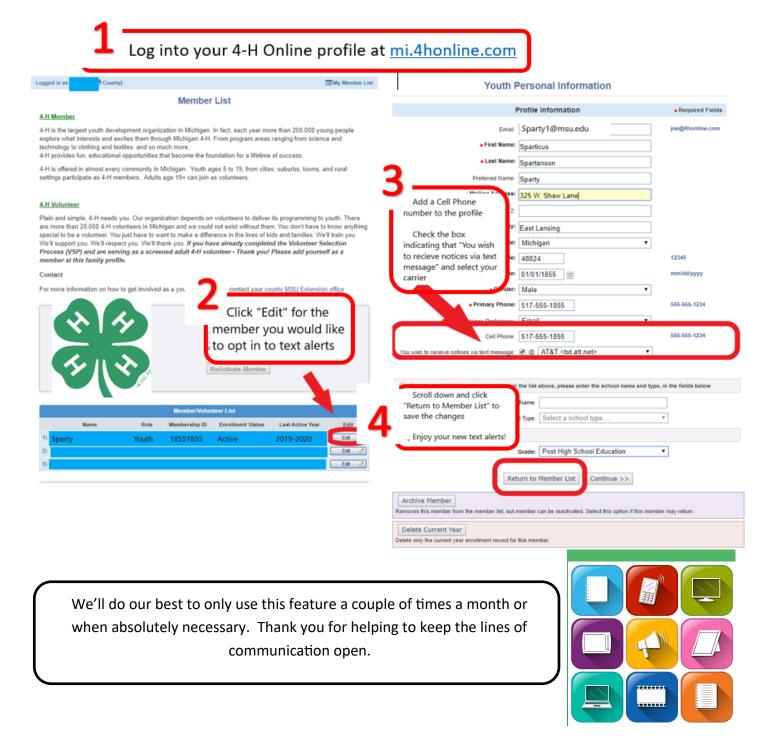
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Opt in to Text Alerts

Want to get important Kalamazoo County 4-H messages right on your phone? Then you should sign up for text alerts from 4-H Online! This is a great way to get quick messages about meeting cancellations (winter is here!), newsletters, and other updates. Just follow the steps below.



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Congratulations Natasha Elliot on your

2019 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Scholarship!



Pig Project:

Our first pig meeting of 2020 is Tuesday, March 24th We are looking forward to a great year!





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4-H Pollinators

Project is happy to welcome you to their next meeting on

> <u>February 27</u> at 6:30pm

We'll be having a potluck and all items must include honey!

You do not have to be a member to come to the

meeting but please RSVP to

Veronica at bolhuisv@msu.edu.



4-H Teen Leader Project

For the purpose of using the 4-H Teen Leadership materials, a 4-H teen leader will be defined as a young person who is:

- Between the ages of 13 and 19 years old by January 1 of the program year.
- Learning and developing leadership skills.
- Using his or her knowledge, skills and abilities to set and meet goals.
- Getting others involved in projects or activities.
- Practicing and applying leadership skills in various settings.
- Reflecting on his or her leadership experiences.

There are already several youth in the county who are holding the unofficial role of teen leader. Our goal this year is to have youth make it official and help to build those leadership roles they hold in their clubs and projects. Youth will complete an application and interview with 4-H staff and will attend upcoming trainings to help build their skills.

The teen leader application is available at : <u>https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/</u> <u>uploads/files/2019%20teen%20leader%20application%20filliable.pdf.</u>

We will be taking applications for those interested in broadening their leadership skill starting immediately. They can be submitted to Veronica at bolhuisv@msu.edu.

There will be a hands-on orientation on day long training date and location to be announced soon. Pizza , snacks and beverage will be provided.

4-H Robotics Challenge

March 14-15, 2020

Kettunen Center 14901 4-H Drive



Tustin, MI 49688 Come share your excitement about robotics at the 4-H Robotics Youth Challenge. Youth will participate in teams of 2-5 in one of three robotics track that they select. Following the challenge, the teams will be scrambled and youth will participate in a mystery challenge. All youth will register as individuals and can list their preferred teammates. Youth will discover their teams upon arrival and meet their teammates during the opening session. Visit <u>https://events.anr.msu.edu/robotics20/</u> to register



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4-H Day at the Breslin

March 1, 2020 Game time is still to be determined (either 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.) MSU Campus, Breslin Center

Join us for the 15th annual celebration of 4-H Day at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions.

Participants are asked to wear green and white 4-H apparel if possible. We really want to make our presence in the Breslin Center known!

Gates open 1.5 hours before tip-off, come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families. And NEW THIS YEAR: 4-H members and guests will obtain their own tickets online. Order Tickets at (https://fevo.me/34iKc1r).

Go to : https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin for more information

If you are an alumni, please make plans to attend our pre-game alumni celebration.

NOTE: <u>The no-bag policy is still in effect, this means all bags such</u> <u>a purses, large bags, diaper bags, camera and binocular cases</u> <u>and other similar bags are prohibited at all events.</u>





BOGS° Footwear Teams Up With 4-H For Fall 2020

Building on its historical support of Outdoor Education programs, BOGS° will be partnering with 4 -H. "Just as 4-H had its early beginnings in rural communities, so did BOGS° which makes this a natural partnership. BOGS° boots were built with these users in mind, and over the years we've evolved the design and technologies that will now be on the feet of the next generation," states David Earle, **Global Marketing Man**ager for BOGS° Footwear.

BOGS° will donate \$5 for each pair of **BOGS° 4-H** boots sold to the National 4-H Council. The new 4-H boots will be available for men, women and kids.

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Get ready for the 2020 4-H State Award applications process!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H 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. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place. More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4 h scholarships and recognition program/4-h-awardsand-recognition-program/youth-recognition. Applications are due Feb. 1, 2020. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@ msu.edu.

What can you do because of 4-H? Share for a chance to win!

Michigan 4-H'ers ages 11-12 are encouraged to share how 4-H has impacted them through the 4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. A great introduction to the Michigan 4-H State Awards program, Mark of Excellence contestants write a 500 word Please e-mail Veronica at essay on the topic of "Because of 4-H, I can..." Winners will receive a certificate of recognition and medal to commemorate their accomplishment.

Essays are due to respective county 4-H offices by February 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youth essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. The committee uses the essays to inform the public about what 4-H means to youth and copies are also shared with the Michigan State 4-H Office, Michigan 4-H Foundation, and Kettunen Center.

For more additional information and instructions, visit <u>https://</u> www.canr.msu.edu/4 h scholarships and recognition program/4-h-awards-andrecognition-program/youth-recognition or com or contact Kelly Stelter at grandtke@msu.edu.

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Interested in information on SPIN clubs? Or maybe you have an idea for a new SPIN club??? contact: Veronica Bolhuis bolhuisv@msu.edu (269)383-8867

MSU Extension 4-H Cloverbuds (Ages 5-7)

Our youngest 4-H'ers aren't quite ready to participate in *all* of the project areas and/or activities that older children can, but there's still <u>plenty</u> for them to do in 4-H, starting with fun!

The emphasis is on participation, learning and teamwork, not competition. They might learn about nutrition while helping to prepare simple snacks, plant seeds and learn what to do to help them grow, or help with animal grooming and feeding (with proper supervision).

Cloverbuds also provide opportunities for older youth to mentor and help a younger 4-H'er be successful, and start laying the groundwork for their future "career" as a 4-H member.

With Cloverbuds, safety comes first, and all of the activities are developmentally appropriate for this age group.

MSU Extension utilizes 4-H Cloverbud Camps as a developmentally appropriate experience that targets youth ages 5-7 years old. The following fact sheets are designed to help MSU Extension staff and volunteers, as well as other youth development professionals, plan a safe and positive experience for 5-7 year olds.



https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_cloverbud_learning_guidelines https://www.canr.msu.edu/cloverbuds_ages_5-8/



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience

March 15–18, 2020

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing current issue areas (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the

impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

Registration deadline: February 9, 2020

For more information visit:

www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/

Agriculture day at SW Michigan College

Come to Agriculture Day to learn about careers in the ag field and how you can get Michigan State University's world-renowned agricultural education at SMC!

Session topics include:

- • Careers in Animal Science
- Careers in Plant Science
- • The Agriculture Technology Program at SMC
- SMC's New Agribusiness Degree

Sign up at: swmich.edu/events.

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Keeping Kids Safe: Resources for caregivers of youth ages 0-17



This resource series introduces key concepts and ageappropriate activities for youth ages 0-17 that can be used by parents and caregivers to help protect children and teens from child sexual abuse. In addition, these factsheets share ways to help youth build skills and knowledge that will reduce their risk of being victimized.

Four factsheets exist in this series: Ages 0-5, 6-11, 12-17 and "the Downside to Sharenting." To access or learn more about these resources, visit <u>https://</u> www.canr.msu.edu/creating-<u>safe-environments/for-</u> <u>parents-caregivers.</u>



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lan-

sing, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about one of 20 grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <u>https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/</u>. Registrations and papers are due April 1.

Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 15-18, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as "amazing", "life-changing", and "an opportunity unlike any other".

The four-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan State Capitol, meetings with state legislators, and time to find and strengthen one's voice in the legislative process. During the program, youth are supported by highly qualified peer leaders and MSU Extension staff as they work in small teams to develop real world solutions to challenges in agriculture, civil rights, education, environmental quality, human health, technology and other public policy issue topics.

While directly observing Michigan's state government in action, and through participation an immersive legislative simulation, 4-H Capitol Experience participants develop a valuable and solid understanding of the state's legislative process. Attending the program strengthens participants ability to speak up on issues that matter, and to make a positive difference as active and engaged citizens in Michigan.

Hotel lodging, local transportation, materials, chaperone supervision, and most meals are included in the registration fee, which is \$360 for currently registered Michigan 4-H members (\$380 for non 4-H members). Contact your <u>local 4-H Program Coordinator</u> to learn about scholarships that may be available in your county to cover some, or all, of the 4-H Capitol Experience registration fee.

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Start thinking about the 2020 Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge





ry to imagine what it would look like if over 200,000 Michiganders decided to complete an act of service in their community during a single month.

A group of youth who serve as members of the <u>Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership</u> <u>Council</u> and <u>Michigan State University Extension</u> staff have been thinking about this scenario as well. They have decided to spark a movement that they hope will lead to the completion of a massive amount of community service activities across Michigan during the month of April.

In April, 4-Hers are encouraged to lend their hands to service in their community in a way that is meaningful to them. It's called the <u>Dare to Serve Challenge</u>, and if you are one of the more than 200,000 4-H members, leaders, volunteers, alumni or staff members who make up Michigan 4-H, the challenge is being issued directly to you! January is a great time to start having those conversations and making a plan for April.

Contact Brian Wibby @ 231-922-4621 or <u>wibby@msu.edu</u> with any questions! Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more information.

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4-H Club Officer Guides



Every successful 4-H club has a good team of officers. But how do you know what your roles and responsibilities are if you've never served as an officer before?

These newly released, free downloadable resources are a great resource for youth elected to leadership positions in their 4-H club. Guides are available for the officer roles of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter.

Download your "So Your Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club" guides at <u>https://</u> <u>www.canr.msu.edu/</u> <u>leadership_citizenship/so-</u> <u>you-are-an-officer-in-your</u> <u>-4-h-club-series</u> to learn more about the role your

4-H Events and Workshops

February 6: 4-H Books for Cooks SPIN Club

Collins Elementary School, Houghton Lake

This event, for youth ages 6-12, engages participants in reading a book and then cooking food from the book. This is the first of a four-week SPIN club series.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-books-for-cooks-spin-club

February 15: 4-H Tubing Party

Snow Snake Mountain, Harrison

4-H families and their friends can enjoy tubing from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$11 per person. Participants must be 36" tall to ride the tubes. <u>https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-tubing-party-2</u>

February 22: Youth Officer Training

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

This event is for all 4-H and non 4-H members who are an officer or wish to become one. Learn about officer roles and parli-pro; includes snacks and door prizes. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-officer-training

March 3-4: Project FISH Workshop

MSU Natural Resources Building, East Lansing

Teachers, educators and volunteers are invited to two days of "Place-Based Learning through Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education." Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, a fishing rod and reel and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with children in the classroom or in an after-school setting. Registration deadline: February 21; cost is \$75 per person. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/project-fish-workshop

March 6: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher & Volunteer Training

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteertraining-kent-county

March 7: 4-H Dog Youth & Adult Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth ages 8-19 and adult volunteers who help in the dog project area are invited to learn more from seasoned professionals about various aspects of dog care, management and training. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dog-youth-adult-workshop

View more 4-H events at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events.

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MSU Extension to launch new portal for volunteers in 2020

In early 2020, MSU Extension will launch Volunteer Central, a statewide volunteer management database and screening system. Volunteers are the core of many MSU Extension programs and the most essential partners MSU Extension has. As such, the organization has made a major investment into Volunteer Central in an effort to improve processes for both staff and volunteers. In the new system, volunteers will enjoy improved features including easy-to-read dashboards and a one-stop application process, among other advantages.

A unique feature of Volunteer Central is that each volunteer will have their own unique online account and profile. Unlike 4-H Online, family profiles will not be permitted. This is necessary to protect the confidentiality of each volunteer and the integrity of data in the system. In preparation for the launch of Volunteer Central, those who currently share an email address with another 4-H volunteer should make plans to create a separate email address for each shared user. For those who may need help with this task, holiday time with family, friends and neighbors is a great opportunity to ask for assistance in this area.

Once you have created a new email address, please either:

- 1. Log in to 4-HOnline and add the newly created email address to the volunteer with whom it should be associated; or
- 2. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator and share the newly created email address and the volunteer with whom the account should be associated.

The email addresses in 4-H Online and shared with 4-H program coordinators will be used to create access accounts for current volunteers in Volunteer Central. In the coming weeks, look for additional information about Volunteer Central and when current volunteers will have access to the system. In the meantime, please contact your local 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets

available

Join us for the 15th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host

the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, March 1, at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Game time is still to be determined (either 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.). Gates open 1.5 hours before tipoff, come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families.

NEW THIS YEAR: 4-H members and guests will obtain their own tickets online. Use the <u>ticket link (https://fevo.me/34iKclr</u>) to claim as many free tickets as desired. Once at the link, select the number of tickets required and click "add to cart." The tickets will be added to your cart, free of charge. Once done, click "CHECKOUT." Fill in your first and last name, email and phone number. In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in your county followed by 4-H (ex. Ingham County 4-H). Once you name your event, you will need to fill in your address. After filling out all the information on the screen, click "CONFIRM." You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan tickets off your phone at the game or print them from your email and bring them to the game so they can be scanned at entry.



2020 Michigan 4-H State Award Changes



Are you making plans to apply for a 2020 Michigan 4 -H State Award? Take note of the exciting changes to this year's program!

• The awards program will be held on Wednesday evening of 4-H Exploration Days.

• Senior interviews will be held via Zoom during the week of June 9.

• This will open up the opportunity for all State Award delegates to attend both first and second half sessions at 4-H Exploration Days.

• Applications will be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Learn more and apply at: <u>extension.msu.edu/4H</u>

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