



Kalamazoo County

4-H Family News

February 2022



Make it Take it Day

This event has been postponed to the fall of 2022.

We are looking for youth and adults to help plan this fun event. If you are interested in being on this planning committee please e-mail Veronica at [Bolhuisv@msu.edu](mailto:bolhuisv@msu.edu)

Youth will be able to sign up to attend this fun event to learn a new craft, make a fun treat, attend an educational experience, etc.

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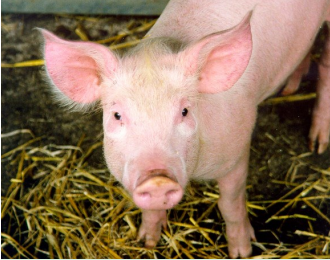
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Swine Club Members

There will be a meeting on March 24th at the Fairgrounds!

We hope to see you there!



On behalf of the

State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Programming volunteer committee

We would like to announce this year's scholarship awardees.

Cameron Carner – Lenawee County

Jaren Schmidt – Monroe County

Aimee Daly – Ogemaw County

Malorie Baumler – Menominee County

Congratulations Awardees!



The committee gives up to four \$500 scholarships annually.

This scholarship is funded through the silent auction at the January 29th Michigan 4-H state Rabbit and Cavy show .

For more information on the 4-H scholarships available through MSU see the link below:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships

Steam Corps Needs YOU!

Do you know someone interested in earning money for school? Someone who may want to become more involved in our 4-H program? Someone looking to build experience by developing programs and working with youth?

If so, please share our opportunity to Become a 4-H STEAM Corps member! AmeriCorps members serving with 4-H STEAM Corps will spend a 7-month, 900-hour position working with MSU Extension staff in Kalamazoo to build and expand our 4-H youth programming. Our AmeriCorps member will lead 4-H SPIN clubs that focus on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. They will #GetThingsDone for our community! Members receive a living stipend throughout their term of service, and, upon successful completion of the term, earn an education award of \$3172.50. Education awards can pay qualified student loans and/or tuition costs. Members who are 55 or older at the time of service can transfer the education award to their child or grandchild.

Please send your resume and cover letter to msue.kalamazoo@campusad.msu.edu by January 14!

Learn more about 4-H STEAM Corps here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4hsteamcorps/>

For further information please contact Amanda Williams at will1975@msu.edu



7 MONTHS,
30 HOURS PER WEEK,
10 4-H SPIN CLUBS,
50 YOUTH, and
YOU.

KALAMAZOO
COUNTY 4-H IS
NOW ACCEPTING
RESUMES FOR 4-H
STEAM CORPS

Position is open until filled.

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Leaders Council is looking for volunteers for the following Committees:

- Expansion and Review Committee (Diversity?): 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
 - 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
 - Assist with planning the fundraising event
- Nominating and Constitution: 1 volunteer needed
 - Recommend candidates for Leaders Council offices, annual review of by-laws and Policy and Procedures; recommend changes if required.
- Vehicle (4-H Bus): 2 volunteers needed
 - Keep council informed on the condition, use or any problems with the bus along with an annual review of qualified bus drivers

Please contact Andrea McCubbin for more information:

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It's Back!***Skillathon 2022***, registration opened in January!

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

Contestants have two options to qualify for the State Championship.

First Qualifier – March 5, 2022

Second Qualifier – March 12, 2022

Age divisions*:

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

- Youth contestants must be 8, but not yet 19, before January 1, 2022.
- MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!

[Event Registration for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon | ANR Events Management System \(msu.edu\)](https://www.msu.edu/extension/4-h/skillathon)

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MARK of EXCELLENCE AWARDS

4-H Mark of Excellence Award

The 4-H Mark of Excellence Award is a division of the 4-H State Awards Program for 11 and 12-year-old 4-H members.

To enter, a 4-H member writes an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ..." Essays are submitted to the local county MSU Extension office **by April 1**. County 4-H programs then select up to two youths' essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. For more additional information and instructions, view the following:

[2022 Overview and Instructions for Michigan 4-H State Awards Program & Mark of Excellence Award](#)

If you have ever thought about applying for a 4-H State Award but you just do not know where to start or maybe you have submitted an application in the past but you need suggestions on your cover letter or resume? Consider joining a virtual training (schedule below) or watching [training videos](#).

March 9, 2022 4-7:00 p.m. (15-minute time slots), Resume and Cover Letter Review Day, Must preregister by March 2, and submit copy for review

March 16, 2022 4-7:00 p.m. (15-minute time slots), Application Review Day, Must preregister by March 9, and submit copy for review

May 5, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Mock Interview Training,
May 10, 2022
4:30 p.m., Mock Interview Training,



Virtual CAPITAL EXPERIENCE!

After LOTS of deliberation and wishes for a crystal ball, the 2022 Capitol Experience steering committee made the decision to switch from a 4-day overnight event to a 2-day hybrid event (one day online, one day in-person), with fully virtual options available. We are still finalizing contracts and registration details, but wanted to give you all an update as it may affect your local planning. A flyer and a social media graphic are attached. The [website](#) will be updated as information becomes available, including a registration link. I will send a second email when registration is open.

Registration Opens (tentative, hopefully!): February 1

Registration Closes: February 28

Cost: \$20 for all attendees, virtual or hybrid

Online Date: Sunday, March 20, 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

In-Person Date (with online option): Wednesday, March 23, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. @ the Lansing Radisson Hotel

Participants are expected to join for BOTH the online and in-person dates, even if going with the full virtual option!

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In Person Animal & Vet Science Sampler





Animal & Vet Science Sampler
4-H Volunteer & Teen Leader Workshop

February 12, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
MSU Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center
3775 S Reese Rd, Frankenmuth, MI
Hosted by MSU Extension Districts 9 & 10
Registration (\$25 includes lunch)
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/animalsciencefeb/>

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 Frankenmuth, MI

4-H clubs are ready to stretch their legs and get back to what we do best—hands-on youth education. If your club's volunteers and teen leaders are looking for new ideas and activities to incorporate into your club meetings, District 9 & 10 4-H staff will be hosting a series of workshops for volunteers and teen leaders on various topics throughout spring 2022.

Science, communication, critical thinking, responsibility, marketing—just a few of the skills youth gain through 4-H animal science projects. Attend this workshop that will include sessions on animal nutrition, care, evaluation, marketing, and more!

Registration deadline 2/7/22 at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/animalsciencefeb/>. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch.

High School Students can [#SignUpNow](#) for our

Career Exploration and Planning SPIN Club.

This is a Kalamazoo County 4-H sponsored event in partnership with The Black Arts and Cultural Center.

Our 6 week, in-person, workshop series will begin on Feb 1 and continue on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. at 359 S Kalamazoo Mall Suite 102.

Sign up now: at <https://forms.gle/zuGAgDrYenrYjcm38>

For questions please contact Amanda Williams will1975@msu.edu.





2022 ARGENTINA EXCHANGE

Travel on a GROUP EXCHANGE and
immerse yourself in another culture!



Introducing our newest Outbound Exchange Program!

Develop your global perspectives and cross-cultural understanding while participating in group activities in and near Córdoba, Argentina.

STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

Dates:	June 29—July 17, 2022
Capacity:	15 delegates maximum, 5 delegates minimum
Cost:	\$1,895 + airfare estimate (\$1,300 - \$2,000) + \$50 travel agent fee (Airfare varies based upon applicant's location)



Delegates will stay in group accommodations in Córdoba, Argentina (arranged by Argentina 4-H) for the duration of the program. Each day, participants will engage in a variety of structured group activities facilitated by Argentina 4-H, including cultural excursions, Spanish language activities, and participation in local 4-H activities. This program model will allow participants to lead, learn, and grow as a cohort throughout their international experience. Particular emphasis will be placed on soccer and orchestra, two of Argentina 4-H's primary youth activities.

About Argentina 4-H

Argentina 4-H is a non-profit organization located in Córdoba, Argentina that develops programs to support under-served youth in the local community. In particular, their youth programs focus on:

- ⇒ A music academy using recycled instruments. This program develops environmental awareness, confidence, and leadership skills in participants
- ⇒ A soccer club for local youth to develop leadership skills, teamwork, and healthy habits





For more information:

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Join us as the Spartan Women's Basketball Team takes on
the Ohio State Women's Basketball Team
Sunday, February 27, 2022



TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

SAVE THE DATE! You're ALL invited to attend the sixteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game, Sunday, February 27, 2022. In early March 2020, nearly 6,000 **MSU Extension staff, 4-H volunteers, members** and their **families** attended this exciting opportunity at the MSU Breslin Student Events Center.

Ticket Price: FREE for MSU Extension 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension professionals and their families!

Date: Sunday, February 27, 2022

Transportation Information: Volunteers will be told that there "may" be transportation coordinated through the county office, so please prepare your staff with a response as appropriate. (Some counties arrange a school bus or car-pooling options.)

Parking Information: School buses are FREE; all other buses are \$20 each (bus pricing subject to change). Parking is available in Ramp 7, across the street from the Breslin Center on Harrison, the Kellogg Center parking ramp, as well as the Spartan Stadium lots. Parking is \$5.

Persons with Disabilities Parking: Parking is located in lot 63 E (Breslin Center Lot). You must have a current and valid license plate or placard in order to park in this area. Parking is \$5. No shuttle service is offered.

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

Breslin Center rules, regulations and concession costs:

No noise makers or items that obstruct the view of others (i.e. foam hands, foam fingers, foam noodles, pennants, flags, banners or beach balls). Signs are restricted to no larger than a ½ sheet of poster board.

There is a no-bag policy. This means all bags such as purses, large bags, diaper bags, camera and binocular cases and other similar bags are prohibited at all events. For additional details, please go to the Breslin Center website to review the no-bag policy. https://msuspartans.com/documents/2018/11/9/W18_GAME_DAY_ANSWERS.pdf?id=9691

Breslin Center Mask Policy: A mask must be worn at all times inside the Breslin Center except while eating and drinking.



The Breslin Center does not allow food or beverages to be brought into the facility. The list below shows the cost of some of the food items available, to give you an idea on how to plan.

Prices are subject to change.

Popcorn \$4; \$6 Tub

1. Soda \$5.00 (32 oz./souvenir cup); \$8.00 (souvenir mug)
2. Pizza \$8 (personal pizza)
3. Pretzel \$5.00
4. Hot dog \$4.50
5. Carmel Corn \$4
6. Ice Cream \$5

Bottled beverages \$5 (20 oz.)

We hope to see you at the Breslin Center on Sunday, February 27, 2022!

**Free tickets now
available for MSU
Extension Day at the
Breslin !**



Tickets are now available for the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Order your free tickets by Feb. 6 to receive your tickets by mail; ticket orders received after this date will be available for pick-up at the 4-H Will-Call table the day of the game.

To reserve your tickets, visit <https://events.canr.msu.edu/dayatthebreslin2022/>.

4-H Events and Workshops

February 2: Adulting 101—Wealth Building

Online

Build your wealth by exploring different types of saving and investment products, evaluating your risk tolerance, and setting goals. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-2-22>

February 8: Wild Spartans Series

Online

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers, and conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2022>

February 9: Adulting 101—Workplace Professionalism

Online

Gain tips on how to better manage your time, workspace, relationships and boundaries.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-9-22>

February 14: The Wizarding World of 4-H 4.0 SPIN Club

Online

The Wizarding World of 4-H SPIN club is back for round 4! Participants will read Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, the fourth book in the Harry Potter series, during this SPIN club that meets the second and fourth Mondays of February, March and April.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-wizarding-world-of-4-h-4-0-spin-club>

February 16: Adulting 101—Taxes and Your Paycheck

Online

Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your take home pay.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-16-22>

February 23: Adulting 101—Food Safety

Online

We all love to eat! Learn how to properly store, cook, and handle food with safety in mind.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-23-22>

February 26: 4-H in the Kitchen—Second Breakfast Edition

Online

A virtual cooking workshop preparing dishes from JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings and exploring writing fantasy literature. This two-day event takes part on Feb. 26 and March 12.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-second-breakfast-edition>

February 28: 2021 Shooting Sports Instructor Recertification Deadline

A deadline extension was granted to individuals holding a 2021 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification. Impacted individuals may continue working with clubs until Feb. 28, 2022.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-shooting-sports-instructor-recertification-deadline>

March 5: Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop

Demmer Shooting Sports and Education Center, Lansing

Become a trainer for the 4-H Shooting Sports program! Trainers facilitate instructor certification workshops for teen and adult volunteers in the 4-H shooting sports area.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss-trainer-workshop>

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



4-H Love Your Money GooseChase Game

Love games? Love prizes? Love money? Michigan 4-H is offering a “Love Your Money 4-H GooseChase Game” in February. The game runs from February 14—21 and is a fun and unique way for youth to learn money management tips.

Funded, in part, through the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, the game is open to youth 13 and up. For those under 13, participation can take place with a parent/guardian or older sibling as part of a team. The scavenger hunt missions through the GooseChase app will allow youth to learn about money, have fun, and potentially win prizes!

Registration and additional details can be found at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HMoneyGooseChase/>.

Improve your financial skills with 4-H Financial Fitness & Fun

Youth ages 12-19 can learn about setting financial goals, saving, budgeting, banking, credit and much more through lessons, activities, and games each Thursday beginning February 24. Topic will include money goals, paying for post-secondary education, keeping yourself out of debt, managing credit wisely, investing and risk, budgeting, your first paycheck and taxes, avoiding money mishaps, saving and banking basics.

All 4-H Financial Fitness and Fun live sessions will be on Zoom and later available on the MSU Extension [4-H Youth Money Management](https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HFinFit22/) website. Youth may attend any or all of the sessions, but the first 100 youth to attend all 10 sessions will be eligible for a \$50 savings incentive! This program is made possible by a grant from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. To register visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HFinFit22/>.



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute applications due March 15

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. On May 12, youth will join together to become inspired and prepared as 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 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and how it is affected by one of 20 key factors that impact food security. At the event, youth will present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They will also participate in an interactive session with global challenge experts to learn more about topics related to global food and food security.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be considered as possible delegates to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in October. For more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/. Registration will open on February 1; registration and papers are due by March 15.

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4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open



Apply now for the 2023 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 28. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.