



Kalamazoo County

4-H Family News

January 2022



Make it Take it Day

Save the date– March 5, 2022 (more information coming soon)

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.

We are looking for youth and adults to help plan this fun event. The first planning meeting will be on January 6 & 13 at 6:30. We'll need to have a final plan by the January 24, leaders council meeting. If you are interested in being on this planning committee please e-mail Veronica for the zoom link. Bolhuisv@msu.edu

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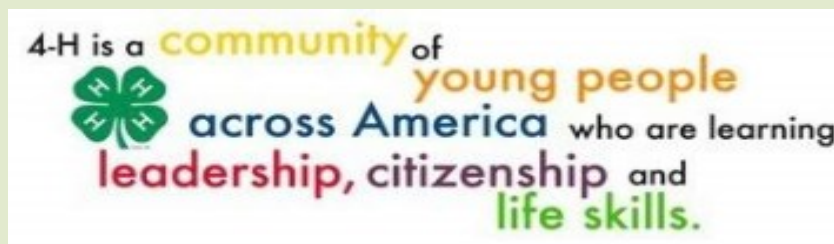
Michigan 4-H sticks to some basic guiding principles that define how it approaches its work with youth. If you want to read the full document, you can [download the Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles as an Adobe PDF handout.](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_guiding_principles_for_positive_youth_development)

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Here's the quick version:

- 1. Youth develop positive relationships with adults and peers.**
- 2. Youth are physically and emotionally safe.**
- 3. Youth are actively engaged in their own development.**
- 4. Youth are considered participants rather than recipients in the learning process.**
- 5. Youth develop skills that help them succeed.**
- 6. Youth recognize, understand and appreciate multiculturalism.**

Youth grow and contribute as active citizens through service and leadership.



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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2022 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

January 29, 2022

MSU Pavilion

This one-day event is open to participants aged 8 to 19 by Jan. 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and must own the rabbits or cavies (guinea pigs) they enter. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish; however, if breed show times conflict, another 4-H member must help show the entries. Exhibitors will be responsible for transporting their rabbits and cavies to and from the judging tables. Spectators are welcome!

click here for more information and to register:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022_state_rabbit_and_cavy_show/

Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show

Saturday, January 29, 2022

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing



Open to Michigan 4-H Youth ages 8-19

Scholarship Auction

Entry: \$4.00 per rabbit/cavy/market/fur

- Day of show is cash only by 8 a.m.
- Pre-entry by January 24, 2022 at https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022_state_rabbit_and_cavy_show/

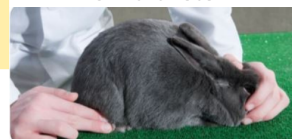
Additional Contests

- Educational Display
- Photography
- Breed Identification

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Further Information:

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It's Back!

Skillathon 2022, registration opens 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!





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





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MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

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!

Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension



Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year



Authored by Christine Heverly, *MSU Extension*

Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.

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MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!

MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H



Make plans to attend 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.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE!



4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/ conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience for more information.

4-H Events and Workshops

January 4: Cross Country Skiing

Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

Online

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

Zoom Webinar

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-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

Class locations will be announced one week before each class: 1

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered

monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

Online

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

Online

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creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-virtual-open-house>

January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H

members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

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