



*Kalamazoo County*

# 4-H Family News

May 2022



## We are excited to be back on MSU's campus this June for Exploration Days!

Registration is open and is being done on a first come first served basis. The session listing has been posted on the [website](#) (under Participant Information). This is a great resource for families and youth serving organizations who might send youth. Please consider sharing the [Exploration Days Facebook page](#) post on your social media platforms for youth who may not 4-H members.

### Key points on sessions:

- Sessions have different age requirements or are more advanced. Some sessions are duplicated (asterisks next to session title) and so youth can choose which time slot they want to attend that topic. It is important that youth consider those two items when making choices.
- There are also different maximum number of participants. While those maximums are not listed on the document, participants may want to have 2nd, 3rd and 4th choice in case a session they have interest in becomes full. If you register and it says "waitlisted" please e-mail Veronica at Bolhuisv@msu.edu with at least 3 other choices.
- Some sessions also have other considerations such as downloading an app or wearing long-sleeves or closed toed shoes. Reminders to youth will be sent through the registration system to those enrolled in those sessions, however, it is good to note that when looking at sessions, too.
- This is a great opportunity for youth to try something new! Michigan 4-H Exploration Days is an opportunity to gain new skills and perhaps challenge the comfort zone. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to attend sessions that might help them experience a career path that might interest them or grow in their personal development.
- When registering pay only the \$50.00 deposit, balance will be due in May.
- The registration number is 1000 youth participants with volunteers, staff and other adults making up the remaining registration numbers, bringing us to the estimated total of 1500 total attendees on campus. There will be a waiting list for youth.

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# **Y** Kalamazoo County **Youth Fair** and Family Festival August 10-13, 2022

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**We have been hard at work re-imagining the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair** and we are excited to be planning an outstanding event that will focus on highlighting the 4-H programs and youth education, while also providing agricultural education to children and families in our community.

- 4-H livestock and horse shows along with additional 4-H activities will take place starting Wednesday, August 10,
- With the 4-H livestock auction on Friday afternoon.
- The fair will culminate with a new family festival for the public on Saturday, August 13 that will offer fun entertainment and activities, plus hands-on demonstrations and educational activities for the community.

***2022 is going to be a GREAT  
Kalamazoo County Youth Fair & Family Festival!***

*Additional information will be coming over the next few months, but in the meantime visit [www.kalamazoocountyfair.com](http://www.kalamazoocountyfair.com) and click on the 4-H Participant Info link to see the tentative event schedule, Fair Book, and camping information.*



## **Camping at the Fair?**

You can contact the fair office to make your reservations starting on Monday, May 2, 2022. Their phone number is

269-383-8778



## Join 4-H staff for the "Wild Spartans" series for a look into life working with fisheries and wild-life!

Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST through May 2022. Each 60 minute session will feature 1-2 guest researchers. 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.

Upcoming Program Dates and Topics:

**May 10, 2022**

**LOCATION:** Online Meeting will be held using the free app called Zoom. Link/password for the meeting will be emailed about a week prior to each presentation.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:** This is an ongoing program that will continue through May 2022. Register once and receive monthly emails directly related to this program for the duration of the series. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>

### Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) Paper Clover: Apr. 27 – May 8, 2022

National 4-H Council is continuing its nationwide partnership with Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) with the spring 2022 Paper Clover Promotion to be held **Apr. 27-May 8, 2022**. During these dates, TSC customers can purchase a paper clover both **online or in stores** for \$1 to support their local 4-H program. **Funds donated go back to support the county 4-H program where the store is located.**

Please also save these dates for the fall TSC Paper Clover: Oct. 5-16, 2022

**TSC updates:**

TSC is again running the credit card match program for those using a TSC credit card to double their donation.

**TSC Paper Clover Funds should be used as 4-H youth scholarships for 4-H camps or leadership experiences (including virtual experiences):**

- 70% is donated to the county program.
- 10% to support statewide 4-H learning experiences (formerly 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.



## Are you interested in being a chaperone for MSU Exploration Day?



### Here is what you need to know:

Each county will need to identify 1 chaperone for every 8 youth per gender identity.

Counties will also need to also identify one person of each gender identity to be the Lead Chaperone.

This will be the person responsible for picking up county packets for check-in, turning in nightly bed checks, turning in county check-out paperwork, and serving as the main point of contact for the county.

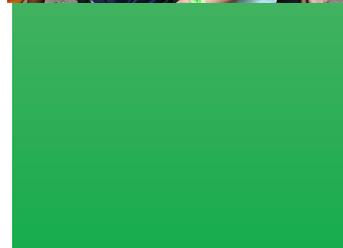
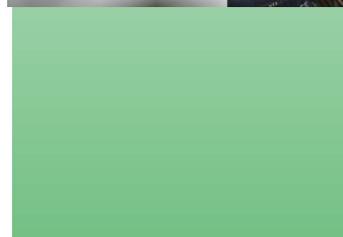
You can see the role descriptions at one of these two links - [Lead Chaperone](#) and [Chaperone](#).

All chaperones will need to be an Active Gold volunteer and be enrolled in 4-H Online. In addition, this year all chaperones will need to complete the 4-H Chaperone Learning Module in Volunteer Central by June 3rd.

Exploration Days-specific, Chaperone Zoom trainings will be provided to cover the basics with chaperones for the event. Please share and encourage your chaperones to save the date for one of these **Zoom** training sessions on:

- June 2nd from 3-4pm
- June 2nd from 8-9pm
- June 6th from 12-1pm
- June 6th from 6:30-7:30pm

If you are interested in being one of the chaperones or lead chaperone please contact Veronica at [bolhuisv@msu.edu](mailto:bolhuisv@msu.edu).



## Dear 4-H poultry participants and volunteers:

## Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

Since February 24, the [Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development](#) (MDARD) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratories have confirmed the discovery of five positive cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Michigan. These include non-commercial flocks in [Kalamazoo County](#), [Livingston County](#), [Macomb County](#) and [Menominee County](#), as well as domestic parrots at a residence in [Washtenaw County](#). All five are believed to be isolated cases. HPAI has also been identified by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in [wild birds in Macomb, Monroe and St. Clair counties](#).

MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation. *At this point, there has been no ban on poultry shows, exhibitions and swap meets in Michigan.* However, the increasing number of HPAI cases serve as an important reminder that poultry owners and caretakers should follow critical biosecurity measures to defend their birds and flocks.

Good biosecurity measures are especially vital to 4-H families bringing home new poultry projects or introducing new birds to their existing flocks this spring season. MSU Extension [encourages all livestock owners to quarantine animals](#) that are new to the facility or have traveled off property. This will reduce the risk of exposing the home herd or flock to any virus or diseases they may have contracted while away from home. In addition, [MDARD recommends](#) the following biosecurity measures to all bird caretakers and owners:

- Preventing contact between domestic poultry and wild birds by bringing poultry indoors to a barn/coop or ensuring their outdoor area is fully enclosed.
- Washing your hands before and after handling birds and/or their eggs as well as when moving between different coops.
- Disinfecting boots and other gear when moving between coops.
- Not sharing equipment or other supplies between coops or other farms.
- Cleaning and disinfecting equipment and other supplies between uses. If it cannot be disinfected, discard it.
- Using well or municipal water as drinking water for birds.
- Keeping poultry feed secure so there is no contact between the feed/feed ingredients and wild birds or rodents.
- Don't touch birds to your face.
- Keeping poultry away from areas where food or drink is prepared, served, or stored.
- Monitoring flock for unusual deaths, a drop in egg production, a significant decrease in water consumption, or an increase in sick birds.

If avian influenza is **suspected**, contact MDARD **immediately** at 800-292-3939 (daytime) or 517-373-0440 (after-hours).

MDARD also recommends remaining outdoors when cleaning any equipment associated with raising or caring for poultry, such as cages, feed, water containers and other materials. Then, store the cleaned equipment in an area where it cannot be accessed by wild birds or rodents before its next use.

To stay up-to-date with MDARD updates and alerts regarding the status of avian influenza in Michigan, 4-H families can subscribe to receive notifications from MDARD. Visit [MDARD's website](#) and click on the "Avian Influenza" link to enter a valid email address to receive notifications whenever there are new developments to report.

As a reminder, HPAI [does not present an immediate public health concern](#) and properly handled and cooked poultry products [remain safe to consume](#). For additional information regarding HPAI, visit MSU Extension's [avian influenza website](#).

Sincerely,  
Jacob Stieg

## Poultry Project

Plans for Fair 2022 are well underway!



We have 3 more fun and instructional meetings planned for the 3rd Thursday of May, June and July.

The **requirement for three meetings is now back in place** so make sure to get the meeting dates on your calendar!



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## Poultry Project News

Here are the order dates for market birds.

Please call Ann Hollister at 685-2301 to place your order.

Poultry	Order Date	Pick Up Date
Heavy Duck	April 15	May 17
Roaster	May 6	June 1
Market (Peking) Duck	May 13	June 14
Broiler	May 27	June 21
Cornish	June 3	June 28

Hey Peeps!!! Can't wait to see all of your faces at the next Poultry Project meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19th at 7pm---IN PERSON---at the Expo Center. Only a couple more months until the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival. I hope that you have your market chicks ordered (If not---call Ann Hollister at 685-2301 ASAP) and are conditioning your show birds. We will be talking about both of these subjects at the meeting.

Another very important topic---AVIAN INFLUENZA!!! IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL KEEP OUR BIRDS UNDERCOVER AND SEPARATE FROM WILD BIRDS until the migration and the risk is over. We don't want to have to deal with another NO BIRDS AT THE FAIR LIKE IN 2015 or worse yet, have our birds get sick and have ALL of them put down.

### Check out these informative News articles on Biosecurity:

[Biosecurity – as easy as 1, 2, 3!](#)

[What should you do when bringing home your 4-H project animal](#)

[How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 1](#)

[How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 2](#)

[How you can reduce bio-security risks in 4-H projects: Part 3](#)

[How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 4](#)

[How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 5](#)

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[How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 8](#)

[How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 9](#)

### Videos

[Basics of biosecurity](#)

### Animal Science Anywhere Lessons

[Biosecurity Activity: Basics of Biosecurity](#)

[Pathogen Activity: What Is a Pathogen?](#)

[Diseases that Animals and Humans Share: The Words You Need to Know](#)

[Building on Biosecurity: Reducing the Risk](#)

[Influenza - Mutation Nation](#)

[One Health - Health for One, One Health for All](#)

[Understanding Disease Outbreaks](#)

## Swine Project Reminders:

Our next swine meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 pm at the Expo Center. Just a reminder on key project dates, all 4-H pigs must be in your possession by May 1st, and registration forms and photos with tags are due by May 31st.

Thank you,

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## **Dairy Club**

We will have a meeting Tuesday, May 10 6:30p at the dairy farm.



Guess What?

The Dairy club has been asked to help with Family Fun at the Farm being held at Myers Farm in Scotts! It will be a great opportunity to meet with the general public and talk about one of our favorite things- cows ♡

Those that are willing to help out will have a training session the evening of Friday June 17 and help at the event on Saturday, June 18 10:30a (around there)- 2p. A t-shirt will be provided.

**I need to know by May 13 who can help and what your t-shirt size is.**

Please contact Sara if you have questions.

IF we are able to get a room. , we will have a meeting Thursday, May 19 at 7p at the fair ground for feeder calf club members and beef club members .

Stay tuned for more information.

Please contact Greg or Sara if you have questions.



Kalamazoo County 4-H is looking to hire a *temp on call* staff person to help deliver programming over the next few months!

More information will be coming out soon so keep your eyes open for the job posting and share with those you know might be interested in applying.

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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:

Email: [jamccubbin@aol.com](mailto:jamccubbin@aol.com) Cell: 269-598-5231 Call or Text

### A Great Community Volunteer Opportunity!

Growing Community Garden, a foraging garden available free of charge to all community residents who need fresh vegetables and fruits, will host a season opening PLANTING DAY on May 21, from 9am thru noon at 2800 Gull Road next to Sunnyside United Methodist Church. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! A follow-up session for volunteers will be the next Saturday, May 28, to complete planting, ground cover and mulching, setting climbing fences for plants, and other assorted garden prepping chores.

4-H Friends Club is associated with the garden and David Newhouse may be contacted if further information is needed.

847.263.8621 (txt/ph) or by email at [pastordavid.bumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavid.bumc@gmail.com)

David Newhouse

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We're  
Searching for  
Volunteers





# 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:

Web: [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)  
Email: [ob@states4h.org](mailto:ob@states4h.org)  
Phone: (206)-462-2200

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## Support 4-H with the spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout this April 27 -May 8. This applies to purchases made in stores and while shopping online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com).

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

May 1—28: Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge

*Across the state*

Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to join a virtual walking challenge! Track and report miles walked for a chance to win prizes for you and your county 4-H program.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge)

May 5: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Mock Interview and Tips

*Online*

Learn 10 tips for a successful interview, practice answering questions in small groups and get both positive and constructive feedback to prepare you for the 2022 4-H State Award process.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5)

May 7: Outdoor Survival Skills 4-H SPIN Club

*Price Nature Center and Saginaw Field and Stream Club, Saginaw*

Learn basic survival skills to help keep you safe in the outdoors during this three day SPIN club that will take place on May 7, May 12 and May 14.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/outdoor-survival-skills-4-h-spin-club](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/outdoor-survival-skills-4-h-spin-club)

May 8: 4-H Grow Your Financial Garden Goosechase

*Online*

Grow your financial garden of knowledge as you gain money tips during this GooseChase app-based scavenger hunt! Win potential prizes and have fun!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-financial-garden-goosechase](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-financial-garden-goosechase)

9: Line Dancing Lessons with Lia

*Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building, Greenville*

Join an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing. This event is free and open to all.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia)

May 10: Wild Spartan Series

*Online*

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

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may2022](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may2022)

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May 14: Eaton County 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match

*Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte*

4-H dog project members and leaders are invited for a day of showing and fun hosted by Eaton County. Both youth and adults may participate in agility, obedience and showmanship classes.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/eaton-county-4-h-pre-fair-dog-fun-match](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/eaton-county-4-h-pre-fair-dog-fun-match)

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

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2022-23 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

## Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock)

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock, or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help you manage their health and safety by making sure you know the questions to ask before purchasing and the preparations required to bring livestock home.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

**Transporting.** Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

**Unloading.** Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

**Settling in.** Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

**Comingling.** Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.

## 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp returns!



Save the date: 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is returning in person this summer! Hosted at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, this fun summer event will take place July 31—August 6.

Teens ages 13—15 will have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences that educate them about natural resources, environmental stewardship and more. Youth will also enjoy charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, wading through wetlands, exploring dunes and more!

Registration will open in early May and space is limited. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).