

4-H NEWSLETTER

LEELANAU COUNTY



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Message from Your 4-H Program Coordinator:

I am so glad to be back in my position as the Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator! It's been busy here since the end of December, and we're up and running with many of our usual programs and events. As everyone is aware, the pandemic changed how we did 4-H business for quite a while, and in some ways, that's not a bad thing at all. Some of our programs were offered in a hybrid format, others were shortened, and some are very normal, other than the fact that we are wearing

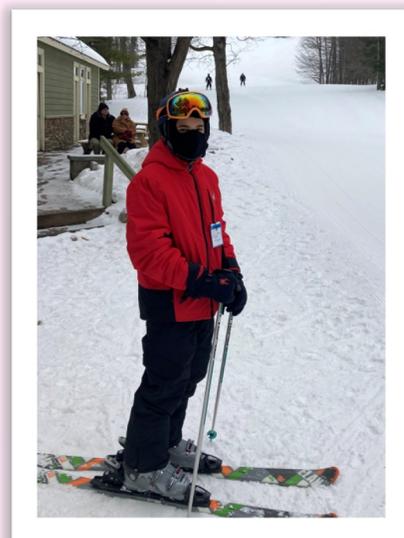
masks at times. This seems to be our new normal, and the flexibility of our 4-H volunteers and families is, as always, astounding and gratifying. If you have an idea for an event, program, or club you would like to see start up here in Leelanau, please reach out to me! collierr@msu.edu



4-H Ski/Snowboard Day at the Homestead 2022 Was Just the Lift We Needed!

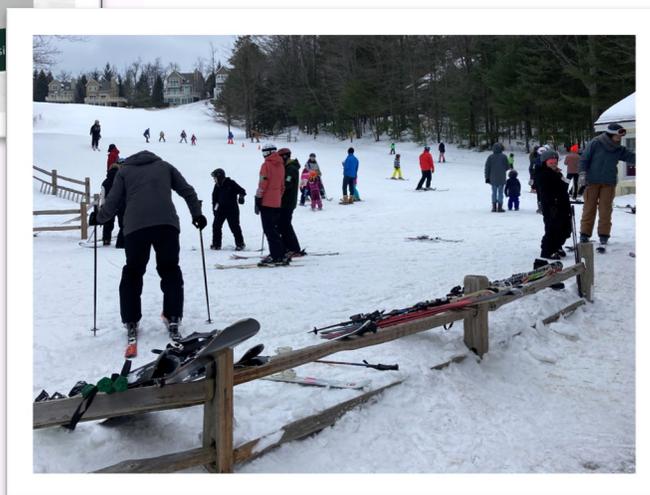
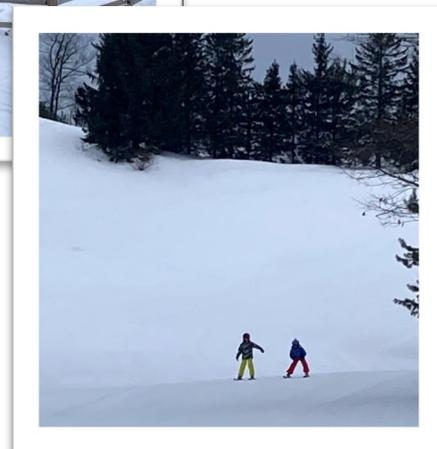
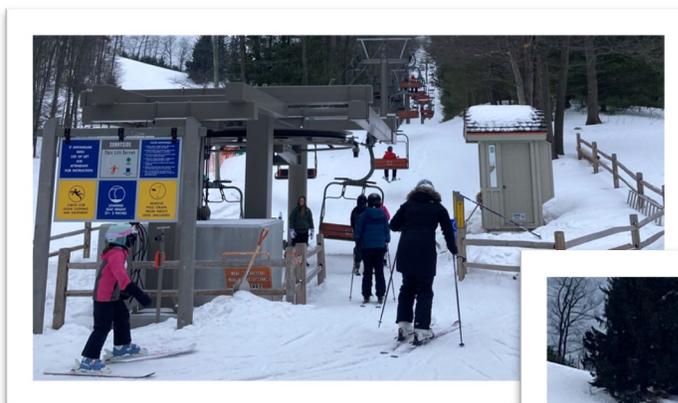
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Our **82 4-H youth** and their families had a wintery blast out on the slopes on Sunday, February 6th at The Homestead in Glen Arbor! What a great day to ski and board together, and a big thank you goes out to the fantastic staff of The Homestead! They were welcoming and gracious, and spoke about hoping to host us again next year with lessons again. We're looking forward to it, and happy to have such a great community partner. More pictures next page.....

More 4-H Ski/Snowboard Day at the Homestead Pictures....



Save the Date for 4-H Exploration Days: June 22-24, 2022

Put these dates on your calendar if you have youth who are ages 12 through 19 (by January 1st, 2022)! We are headed back to campus this summer for an in-person Exploration Days, a wonderful experience for personal growth, adventure, friendship, and learning. Our Leelanau 4-H office will be sending out information very soon regarding registration (taking place in April) and transportation (hopefully with our local school buses). This year's event price is \$220, and that covers participation in 4-H Ex-

ploration Days, including meals from Wednesday lunch to Friday lunch, two nights of lodging, all event activities and a T-shirt. We will be offering several scholarships again this year, with youth applying using our Exploration Days scholarship applications. We will be looking for new adult chaperones to attend with us, so if you are interested, please reach out to Rosali. All chaperones will need to be Gold level active volunteers with Leelanau County. Chaperones who attend with our delegation will have their fees covered by Leelanau 4-H. Flyer next page...

MSU EXTENSION 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

June 22-24, 2022

YOUTH WILL:

- ✓ Experience campus living
- ✓ Develop and expand their career and personal interests
- ✓ Increase their responsibility, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision making and time management skills

\$220

covers meals,
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**LEARN MORE
TODAY!**

Contact your local MSU Extension Office

OR

Visit canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/index



Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council News:

The **February Council meeting** has been re-scheduled for Monday, February 14th, at 6:30 pm at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Grawn. The meeting will also be broadcast using Zoom, with the chat option activated. We hope to see you there, in person or via Zoom!
Zoom: 816 1704 4179
Passcode: 914313
2022 Policy & Procedures Discussion

Work Bee Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4cada622abf85-2022> All 4-H youth 8-19 are required to do two (2) hours of fair clean up during one of the 5 work bee dates, to be able to bring their 4-H project to the fair. Cloverbuds are welcome & encouraged to participate!

March 6th Livestock Council Education Expo:

Come join us at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City for a great variety of educational sessions! Get your two education requirements completed in just one day. Plenty of choices from species-specific to more general topics. You must be active in 4HOnline if you are a 4-H volunteer or 4-H youth and you want to attend. If you are unable to attend, please see the Livestock Council website page on education for ideas: <http://www.northwestmichiganlivestockcouncil.org/education.html>

March 7th Livestock Council Meeting: Poultry Registrations Due!

Information Coming Soon: Tanner Building at Fair, 4-H Club Booths, Individual 4-H Projects, and 4-H Clover Award

Join the Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association!

Join us for our next meeting to plan and prepare for our future fun outreach events, and talk about our annual Exploration Days busing fundraiser. Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 pm in the Leelanau County Government Center, in the downstairs Community Room. We have plenty of room for youth and adults! If you can't be there, but you have some great ideas, please share them with us! The more ideas, the better! We focus on fun outreach, supporting our local clubs, and planning fundraisers to raise money for scholarships and club support. We will be offering the chance to order Leelanau 4-H logo wear very soon. Watch for information coming out in the next couple of weeks.

Good With Money Management?

Our 4-H Youth Association is looking for a new Treasurer: if you are at all familiar with QuickBooks (or are fine with learning it), then reach out to Rosali at collierr@msu.edu

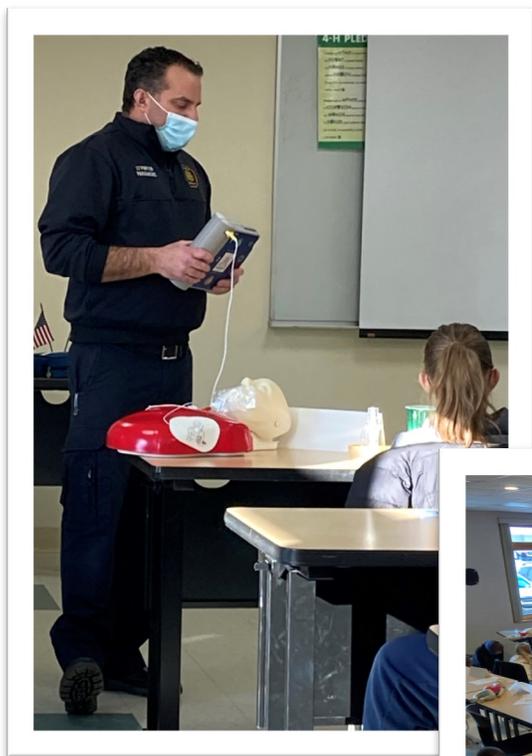
Safety and Fun In Person with our Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club!

Our Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club has met 3 times already, and what a wonderful group of youth! We have 20 young folks from all over the county, and Grand Traverse County, too, representing five of our local schools! The last two of the three weeks were dedicated to learning CPR and First Aid, with the help of instructor Josh Porter from the Suttons Bay Bingham Fire and Rescue Station. Josh taught them skills to help them respond in a helpful way during an emergency. They will walk away with a 2-year certification from the American Heart Association.

As we continue to meet this month, the students will learn many things about safety,

crafts, snack-making, the ages and stages of babies and kids, and just what it takes to be a great babysitter. We will do everything from practicing how to read aloud to role-playing different babysitting scenarios. Every session, they will receive more handouts and things to take with them to add to their babysitting bags, including creating their very own first aid kits for emergencies. They will even practice how to advertise safely that they are certified to be babysitters!

Thank you, in our fifth year of providing this program, for being a great partner, Suttons Bay Bingham Fire and Rescue!



Josh Porter teaching the use of an AED



Babysitting Club Practicing CPR



State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show: Frontier Quest Were All Smiles!



Faith Steffens



Aurora Jones



Frontier Quest Club with their ribbons!

JC Oosse of Frontier Quest 4-H Club: pictures with chicks (getting ready for this year's Fair)!



“Jump” Right into this Fundraising Opportunity for Your 4-H Club:



You can sell Flintfields Horse Park tickets for the festival this coming summer (12 weeks of horse shows, including Grand Prixs, Derbys, and Jumpers.) Please reach out to the Direc-

tor of Community Relations Audra Jackson, and she will give you tickets to sell—your club keeps 50%!! Note: if you do plan to sell these tickets as a fundraiser, make sure that you contact me and fill out the Fundraising Request Form at

least 10 days prior, and that any flyers or social media posts about it say specifically what you are raising the funds for.

Some examples could be: fair costs, horse show attendance, attending a 4-H program, supplies needed for your club, etc.

Please see the Traverse City Horse Shows and Great Lakes Equestrian Festival website for more information about this amazing space right here in our area:

<https://traversecityhorseshow.com/flintfields-horse-park/>



Cherry Festival Week and 4-H: Orchard Tour and More Petting Zoo:

We're going back to the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center (here in Leelanau) during Cherry Festival week! Club

leaders: please choose one of the four available days you would like to come out to the Center and bring club members, livestock projects, and even a fundraising activity or two! 10-1, Tuesday the 5th

through Friday the 8th, in July at the NW MI Horticulture Research Center, with a tent, fundraisers, etc. One club per day, unless you like to partner with other clubs. This is a great opportunity for your club to come together, prior to fair, and experience some crowds, the chance to do outreach and speak to the public about your projects, and just plain have fun! Questions? Please reach out to Rosali at collierr@msu.edu for more information.

Support our local 4-H programs by heading to the JOANN store in Traverse City!

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! joann.com/4-H/ #JOANNhearts4H

Save the Date: Join Michigan 4-H and the MSU Department of Animal Science for a new program this spring – Animal Science Career Quest March 18-20, 2022! Taking place on MSU's main campus in East Lansing, youth will learn about all the opportunities an animal science education can bring them. Animal Science Career Quest is open to youth ages 12-19 (as of January 1, 2022) and 4-H volunteers; space will be limited. Keep an eye on the event webpage for updates: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>. Registration is not yet open, but will open late February. For questions, please contact Melissa Elischer at elischer@msu.edu.

Registration is now open for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience:

This year's event will be presented in a hybrid format, with one day via Zoom (March 20th) and one day in-person (March 23rd) down in Lansing. Please see the website for more information regarding this amazing experience for local teens.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/ \$20 for the conference, kit, and lunch, and an overnight stay at the Radisson is available at a reduced rate. The cost is minimal for this event, but local Leelanau County 4-H scholarships are available. Please reach out Rosali at collierr@msu.edu for more information.



Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience March 20 & March 23, 2022

4-H Capitol Experience is a two-day hybrid event with both virtual and in-person* opportunities for engagement. This event is open to youth in ninth grade through age 19 who are interested in learning more about civic engagement, public policy and influencing state government.

After choosing current issue areas, 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. At the end of the conference, teens leave with an understanding of the impact their voice can have on policy and their communities – now and in the future.

*Fully virtual options will be available for youth who are unable to join in-person. Virtual attendees will be mailed a conference kit.

Choose Your Issue Area

Participants will select their issue group area, which will match them with peers with similar interests. They will discuss hot topics and learn from experts in their chosen area. Issue group choices include:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Health and Human Services
- Jobs and the Economy
- Law Enforcement and Corrections
- Technology and Energy

Location, Registration & Cost

March 20, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Online via Zoom, connection information provided at the time of registration.

March 23, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. In-person* at the Radisson Hotel, Lansing, Mich.

Cost: \$20

Registration fee includes conference kit, lunch and snacks for in-person attendees on March 23.

Contact your local MSU Extension or Farm Bureau office to inquire about scholarship opportunities.

Registration deadline: February 28

For more information visit:
[canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience)



Hidden Beech Halloween Costume Contest at Jan Reincke's Farm: A New Tradition!

Our Leelanau County 4-H horse club, Hidden Beech Equestrians, with leader Eleanor Miller, started a new tradition this past fall, with a Halloween Costume contest at the farm of Jan Reincke here in Leelanau.

Youth and their horses dressed up in coordinated costumes, displaying their creativity and willingness to have fun together as a club. Let their example be a challenge to your club to do the same: find something new to call a "tradition" for your club. Don't forget to send photos to Rosali when you're finished!



Bat Man



Captain America



Take Out



The 70's

Group Photo

STATEWIDE NEWS . . .



4-H Love Your Money Goose Chase 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://www.msu.edu/4HYM) 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.

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->

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops & Other

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 wild-life 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

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Leelanau 4-H Website at:

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/leelanau/leelanau_county_4_h

Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council:

<http://www.northwestmichiganlivestockcouncil.org>

Michigan 4-H Website:

www.4h.msue.msu.edu

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