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# LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H Club Directory

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**4x** more likely to make a positive contribution to their communities

**2x** more likely to report feeling competent

**2x** more likely to make healthier choices

**BUILDING A READY GENERATION IN A WORLD OF CHANGE.**

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# Using this Guide

This guide has been developed as a tool for families to learn more about the Livingston County 4-H program and its offerings. Several paths are available for new or prospective 4-H youth, families, and volunteers.

## *Option A: Personalized club matching by staff.*

4-H Staff are happy to provide personalized recommendations for 4-H clubs that will best fit your families needs. To help us learn a little more about you and your family, please complete the following survey:
https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eEPFuRvzg1cJT7w

## *Option B: Review below club listings*

If you would prefer, you are welcome to review the club listings on the following pages. Each club will have contact information listed below the club leader's name - feel free to reach out to them! Please note, not all clubs accept cloverbuds (5-7 year old members). If a club is listed as "closed for the program year", you are welcome to contact them to be added to the wait list, but it is strongly recommended that you also reach out to open clubs.

## *Option C: Start your own club!*

If you cannot find a club that will meet the needs of your family, we encourage you to consider starting a new club! 4-H staff are here to help you get your club up and running. The first step is becoming a volunteer! Contact 4-H staff for more assistance.

# 4-H Staff contact information

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# Our Clubs

Clubs are listed on the following pages by geographic location. Some clubs may meet in more than one location, but are listed under their primary location.

## Brighton

**Club: Canter-Lopes**
Leader: Stacy Carroll
Contact: stacyfass@gmail.com or 312-848-1791
Project Areas: Horses, Arts & Crafts, Community Service
Club dues: Yes ($25/year)
Accepting members: Yes

# Fowlerville

### Club: Barnyard Banditz
Leader: Melissa Labadie & Andrea Wilson
Contact: labadiefarm2016@gmail.com
Project Areas: Horses, Livestock, Arts & Crafts, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Closed for program year

### Club: Barnyard Bunch
Leader: Molly Moulton
Contact: moultonfamily94@gmail.com
Project Areas: Livestock, Clothing/Textiles, Arts & Crafts, Wildlife, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Closed for program year

### Club: Blue Ribbon Banditz
Leader: Kerry Archibald & Katie Timer
Contact: 517-204-0141 or kpeeps25@hotmail.com OR katietimer13@gmail.com or 517-285-1853
Project Areas: Poultry, Livestock, Arts & Crafts, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Closed for program year

### Club: Country Kids
Leader: Katie Pikkarainen & Tammy Steffee
Contact: katie@pikkservices.com/ 517-404-8553
or tksteffee@gmail.com/ 814-758-0507
Project Areas: Livestock, Arts & Crafts, Community service, Woodworking and welding
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Closed for program year

### Club: Fuzzy Critters
Leader: Donna Carpenter
Contact: 517-202-7961
Project Areas: Rabbits, Poultry, Cats, Arts & Crafts, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

### Club: Little Barn
Leader: Amber Beal & Jessy Meyers
Contact: 517-245-2795/beal_amber8@yahoo.com or 517-375-0855
Project Areas: Arts & Crafts, Foods, Poultry, Horses, Livestock, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

### Club: Livingston Legacies
Leader: Ann Clemons
Contact: emerald_jewel_78@yahoo.com
Project Areas: Livestock, Arts & Crafts, Horse, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

### Club: Muddy Buddies
Leader: Jen Esch & Meggan Lekander
Contact: Contact 4-H staff for information.
Project Areas: Swine, Poultry, Foods, Arts & Crafts, Community Service, Leadership
Club dues: No
Accepting member: Closed for program year

### Club: Northern Neighbors
Leader: Abby Aldred
Contact: Contact 4-H staff for information.
Project Areas: Welding & Woodworking, Foods, Livestock, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Closed for program year

### Club: Ranchin Roots
Leader: Hillary & Nate DesJardin
Contact: 517-375-0447
Project Areas: Horses, Livestock, Arts & Crafts, Community Service, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

### Club: Rompin' & Stompin'
Leader: Cara Arbenowske
Contact: Carbenowske@yahoo.com
Project Areas: Arts & Crafts, Horses, Swine, Poultry, Goats, Rabbits, Community Service Cloverbud
Club dues: Yes ($8/year)
Accepting members: Closed for program year

### Club: Tri-County Kids
Leader: Jeannie Bauer-Bosworth
Contact: tricountykids@gmail.com
Project Areas: Arts & Crafts, Companion Animals, Foods, Most Livestock, Shooting Sports, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Closed for program year

### Club: Westside Misfits
Leader: Sheri VanWyck
Contact: 517-256-6277
Project Areas: Livestock, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

## Hartland

### Club: Ranger's
Leader: Judy Paulsen & Jeremy Roberts
Contact: 810-348-8480/rangers.judy@gmail.com or 810-623-9131
Project Areas: Most Project Areas
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

### Club: U Shoes
Leader: Nancy Muscato
Contact: Contact 4-H staff for information.
Project Areas: Arts & Crafts, Community Service
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

## Howell

### Club: It's A Pleasure
Leader: Shelley Steadman & Lynn Perry
Contact: 254-258-4684/shellsteadman@gmail.com
Project Areas: Horses
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

### Club: Roots & Wings
Leader: Clara Copolla
Contact: (248) 660-5334/clara.coppola@gmail.com
Project Areas: Still projects, Engineering & Robotics, Leadership and Citizenship, Horticulture, Natural Resources, Woodworking, Fiber Arts, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

## Pinckney

### Club: Awesome Paws
Leader: Leslie Bohnett & Diana Haaseth
Contact: Lbohnett@hotmail.com/ 517-376-1271 or di48332@gmail.com
Project Areas: Dogs, Arts & Crafts, Foods, Community Service, Cloverbud
Club dues: Yes ($20/year)
Accepting members: Yes

## Webberville

### Club: Keepin' It Country
Leader: Heather Derian and Melissa Williams
Contact: HeatherDerian@yahoo.com/ 517-889-3248 or mmwilliams@tds.net/ 517-304-4690
Project Areas: Livestock, companion animals, community service, arts & crafts, shooting sports, cloverbuds
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

## Williamston

**Club: Gusty Acres 2.0**
Leader: Danille Orr & Julie Banks
Contact: Ammoacres1116@gmail.com
Project Areas: Livestock, Horses, Arts & Crafts, Woodworking & Welding, Cloverbud
Club dues: No
Accepting members: Yes

## Committees and County Wide Activities

**Group: Livingston County 4-H Council**
President: Jeremy Roberts
Meetings: 7pm Third Tuesday of Jan, March, May, June, Sept & Nov.
Youth Involvement: Ages 14-19 – Junior Officer roles
Volunteer Requirement: 2 years of 4-H experience, Gold volunteer status.

**Group: Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee**
President: Danykah Muck
Meetings: 7pm Second Tuesday of March, April, May, June, Oct & Nov
Youth Involvement: Ages 9-19 (Youth-Led)
Volunteer Requirement: Gold volunteer, 1 adult vote per club, 3 youth votes per club.

**Group: Livingston County 4-H Grand Equestrians (Committee)**
President: Kat Black
Meetings: 7pm Fourth Tuesday of Oct, Nov, Feb
Youth Involvement: Ages 14-19
Volunteer Requirement: Gold volunteers
Program year: June-August

### Group: Livingston County 4-H Teen Ambassadors
Staff lead: Jenny Speyer
Meetings: Fridays 1x a month (varies)
Youth Involvement: Ages 13-19
Application: Due by Nov 16th 2026. Linked here.

### Group: Livingston County Teen Animal Squad
Staff lead: Kat VanDouser
Meetings: TBD
Youth Involvement: Ages 13-19
Application: Due by January 1st, 2027. Linked here.

### Team: Livingston County Hippology Team
Coaches: Melissa Labadie & Andrea Wilson
Contact: labadiefarm2016@gmail.com
Meetings: Monday evenings November-April
Youth involvement: 5-19

### Team: Livingston County Horse Judging Team
Coaches: Trish Roeske & Brittany Mathes
Contact: brittanymathes@hotmail.com
Meetings: Monday evenings November-April
Youth involvement: 5-19

### Team: Livingston County Livestock Judging Team
Staff Coach: Kat VanDouser
Contact: krollkat@msu.edu
Meetings: Every other Monday evenings November-June.
Youth involvement: Cloverbud/Junior (5-13) 6-7pm, Seniors (14-19) 6-7:30pm.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Does 4-H cost anything to join?**

**A:** Michigan 4-H no longer charges annual dues! Some clubs and programs may have small club dues to help cover the cost of programming materials.

**Q: We live in the city and cannot have livestock, can we still join?**

**A:** Yes! We have many 4-H members who do not raise livestock. We offer still projects, cooking, leadership and public speaking, and many more projects that do not require livestock. We also have companion animal programming, for dogs, cats, and other pets! Some clubs will also allow youth without animals to lease or work with animals on members farms.

**Q: What is a Cloverbud?**

**A:** Cloverbuds are 4-H members age 5-7 years old. It is a non-competitive grouping that focuses on age and developmentally appropriate programming.

**Q: When do clubs meet?**

**A:** Each club has their own unique meeting schedule. It is recommended that you reach out to the club leader listed in the directory for more information.

**Q: We found a club! What's next?**
**A:** Once you have talked to the leader and selected your club, the final step is to register online at https://v2.4honline.com/
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 517-546-3950.

**Q: How do I become a volunteer?**
**A:** 4-H is always looking for volunteers. Adults aged 21 and older are encouraged to help our clubs. 4-H is a volunteer-powered organization. Volunteers receive support, guidance, and help making ideas into reality

from 4-H staff members. Other perks include access to 4-H curriculums, workshops, trainings, and other resources from Michigan State University Extension. Some volunteers choose to volunteer on a regular basis by starting their own clubs, or volunteering with an existing club. Others help on a short-term or annual schedule with special events or running short programs. To get involved, contact a 4-H Program Coordinator to discuss programming opportunities and receive information about how to complete the Volunteer Selection Process.

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