



4-H Family News

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Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Rock Your Resume: Get Noticed, Get Hired

Are you ready to land that dream job or internship? *Rock Your Resume: Get Noticed, Get Hired* covers the dos and don'ts of resume writing, formatting styles, and pro tips from MSU Extension to help you shine! First impressions matter!

Come away with a resume that stands out, showcases your skills, and gets you hired. Open to youth ages 14-19, this session will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe (RARE), 18185 Sycamore, Roseville. [Register by May 8th.](#)

Exploration Days Orientation

Are you going to 4-H Exploration Days? If so, attending a pre-event orientation with a parent or guardian is mandatory. Macomb County has two orientations to choose from:

- May 12: VerKuijen Building Rooms A & B, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township
- May 19: Thompson Community Center, Room 109, 11375 Hupp Avenue, Warren

[Please R.S.V.P.](#) for one orientation. If you are unable to attend either orientation, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Nikki Knight to make alternate arrangements at 586-469-5979 or knightn9@msu.edu to make alternate arrangements.

Learn showmanship, tattooing at Follow-Up Rabbit Clinic

We had a group of 18 participants at the **Macomb County 4-H Rabbit Clinic** that learned about the showmanship steps, preparing your rabbit for the show, proper handling & posing, and where to purchase a show rabbit. We also had some fun games to test their rabbit knowledge. The clinic was held March 15th at Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center. Thank you to all who participated.

There will be a **Follow-up Rabbit Clinic** offering more rabbit showmanship practice on **Sunday, June 8th** in the Rabbit Barn at the Armada Fairgrounds, 74280 Fair Street, Armada. This clinic will also demonstrate rabbit tattooing and can assist anyone who wants to learn the process. If you own a tattoo kit, please bring it along. Any show rabbits needing a tattoo can come to this clinic to be done -- **NO MARKET ANIMALS.**

Showmanship will be covered from 1-2:30 p.m. Bringing your showmanship rabbit is encouraged but is not required. Tattooing will be covered from 2:30-4 p.m.

[Please R.S.V.P. by June 4th.](#) If you have any questions, please contact 4-H Rabbit Superintendent Kathy Matthews at 586-419-9968.

Submitted by Kathy Matthews, 4-H Rabbit Superintendent

4-H Woodworking Workshop - June 27th

Macomb County 4-H youth are invited to explore woodworking with the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council at the [VerKuijen Building](#) in Clinton Township on Friday, June 27. Choose a half-hour time slot between 6 and 8 p.m. Participants will be working on a coaster woodworking project. The cost is \$8 per youth. [Register today!](#)

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MSU Extension has two office locations in Macomb County:

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Macomb County 4-H News & Events (continued)

County's Finest 4-H'er

County's Finest 4-H'er projects are due to the MSU Extension Office in Clinton Township by June 30th. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator [Rebecca Konarski](#) at 586-783-8163 or konars13@msu.edu.

Support 4-H during the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Support Macomb County 4-H through May 5, 2025 by purchasing a paper clover for only \$1 at any Macomb County Tractor Supply Company (TSC) location or online. Macomb County has TSC stores in New Haven, Richmond, Sterling Heights and Washington. Money raised will help MSU Extension offer youth scholarships to 4-H camps and leadership programs.

In the news...

4-H'er leads the building of a microforest: Macomb County 4-H member Nethanya F. recently led the effort to build the third [microforest](#) in the nation at the Warren Community Center. With plans for creating another larger one in the City of Warren, she isn't stopping there. Read more about Nethanya's efforts in this [Macomb Daily article](#). Nethanya is a member of the MSU Extension Teen Counselor Program and the Thompson 4-H Garden Club in Warren. Youth with an interest in the environment and the desire to help Nethanya are encouraged to contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at duraneli@msu.edu or 586-469-6090.

Sign up for 4-H volunteer opportunities at Wolcott Farm

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center, 65775 Wolcott Road in Ray Township, has 4-H volunteer opportunities! [Learn more and sign up](#).

For additional information, please contact Mary Barnes at 586-752-5932 or mary.barnes@metroparks.com.

Other Local News & Events

Junior Leadership Macomb Camp

Junior Leadership Macomb is now accepting applications for their summer camp to be held June 23-27, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. The camp's meeting location is different each day. The goal of Junior Leadership Macomb is to help students better prepare for life after high school through career exploration, behind the scenes field trips, and a variety of interactive and introspective activities. Students emerge with established and solid connections, heightened self-awareness, self-confidence, purpose, and direction. Last summer, participants interacted with more than 85 speakers, panelists, and volunteers, visited eight locations, and participated in two community service projects. They formed friendships with classmates and community leaders.

The program is designed for students with a minimum 2.0 GPA entering their junior year of high school in the fall of 2025. It is open to students attending any public, private, or charter high school in Macomb County. [Learn more and apply](#) by Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Armada Fair News

Fair Registration: [Armada Fair 4-H registration](#) is May 1-31. Open Youth registration (not 4-H) is June 1-30.

Armada Fair Clean-Up: Mark your calendars! The 153rd Armada Fair Clean Up for Youth Organizations, including 4-H, will be held at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada on Sunday, June 1 and Sunday, August 3 at 10 a.m. Please sign in at Barn 11. Families may want to bring gloves, rakes, brooms and hand trowels.

Put your 4-H project in the spotlight: Now is your chance to highlight your 4-H livestock project! If you would like your project or anything 4-H related posted on the Armada Fair Youth Livestock Committee's new Instagram page, send it to armadalivestock@gmail.com.

Animal tagging: Livestock tagging is at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada on the dates listed below. Visit <https://www.armadafair.org/livestock-sale> for the most updated tagging information. Please reach out to Livestock Sale President Andy Roosa at (586) 665-0928.

- ▶ Swine (1st Sunday in June from 8-10:30 a.m.)
- ▶ Goat, Sheep & Prospect Beef (1st Sunday in June from 10:30 a.m.-Noon)
- ▶ All Poultry & Rabbits (3rd Sunday in July from 10 a.m.-Noon).



Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Livestock and poultry owners encouraged remain vigilant about biosecurity

In recent years, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and poultry across the country and Michigan. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity
- www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms
- www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza
- www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/

Michigan 4-H license plate now available

Michigan drivers have a new way to show their 4-H pride while supporting 4-H youth development programming: through the purchase of the newly released [Michigan 4-H](#) license plate. Available at the Michigan Secretary of State, the plate prominently displays the signature 4-H clover and part of the proceeds from every sale and renewal will go to support Michigan 4-H youth.

“We are elated that the Michigan 4-H license plate is officially here,” said Quentin Tyler, director of Michigan State University Extension, which is home to the Michigan 4-H program. “We hope the many members of our Michigan 4-H community –youth, parents, alumni and supporters – will consider supporting 4-H by purchasing a plate as they renew their licenses this year.”

Similar to other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate will cost \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee will also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting Michigan.gov/sos, by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks. To learn more, visit extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate.



Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2025-2026 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs. **All applications are due June 1.**

“County 4-H programs and clubs have so many unique programs,” said Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. “Thanks to the support of our generous 4-H donor community, we are pleased to offer mini-grants to support these many wonderful programs.”

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.

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





Calendar of Events

May 1-August 18

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center 4-H Small Animal Club
Meeting dates & times TBD, [Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center](#), Ray Township

May 1

[Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems \(IVS\)](#)
Online

May 1-31

Armada Fair [4-H registration](#)

May 3:

[Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens](#)
Owosso, Michigan

Learn about 4-H Shooting Sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

May 7

[4-H and FFA Meats Judging State Contest](#)
MSU Meat Lab

May 7

[Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Talk the Talk](#)
Online

Effective communication is key to successfully selling livestock. This session covers tools and techniques to connect with buyers, convey product value, and empower youth with practical tips for impactful auctions and markets.

May 7

[Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar—Records to Riches](#)
Online

Learn how to keep track of what you spend and earn so you can make smart choices for your project. Discover the power of record keeping and learn how to calculate your break-even point to make smarter decisions in livestock marketing.

May 12

Exploration Days Orientation #1
6:30 p.m., MSU Extension, Assembly Rooms A and B, Clinton Township
Each Exploration Days registrant is required to attend one orientation

May 15

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill
[12 p.m.](#) or [7 p.m.](#)
Online

This webinar will focus on supporting youth who face rumors about their projects and how to prevent the spread of misinformation.

May 15

[Adulting 101: Stay Safe Out There](#)
6 p.m., online

May 19

Exploration Days Orientation #2
6:30 p.m., Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Clinton Township
Each Exploration Days registrant is required to attend one orientation

May 24

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Light Horses)
Camp Rotary, Ray Township

May 31

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Mini/Draft Horses)
Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 1

[Michigan 4-H Foundation Grant](#) applications due

June 1

Armada Fair Clean-Up
10 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 1

Armada Fair Animal Tagging
8-10:30 a.m. - [Swine](#); 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - [Goat, Sheep & Prospect Beef](#)
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 2

[Adulting 101: International Travel on a Budget](#)
6:30 p.m., online

June 7

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Light Horses)
Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 8

[Follow-Up 4-H Rabbit Clinic](#)
1-4 p.m., Rabbit Barn, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 14

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Mini/Draft Horses)
Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 21

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Light Horses - Double Judge)
Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 27

[Macomb County 4-H Woodworking Workshop](#)
6-8 p.m. (half-hour time slot), VerKuijen Building, Clinton Township

June 30

County's Finest 4-H'er projects due
MSU Extension 4-H, Clinton Township

July 9

Adulting 101: Mastering Meal Planning
4 p.m., online

July 20

[Armada Fair Poultry & Rabbit Tagging](#)
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

July 27-August 2

[Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp](#)
Presque Isle, MI

July 28

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Mini/Draft Horses)
Camp Rotary, Ray Township

August 3

Armada Fair Clean-Up
10 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

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Read the May 2025 issue of the Macomb County MSU Extension Program Guide to find out about upcoming MSU Extension programs in your area! [Subscribe today!](#)

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