



4-H Family News

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Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Sign up for 4-H Coffee Cart, Shred Sales and Barn Watch

The link to the sign up sheet for the Armada Fair 4-H Coffee Cart and Shred Sales fundraisers and Barn Watch is now available. Club leaders, please [sign your club up for a shift](#). The fundraisers are hosted by the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council annually. The Armada Fair is August 11-17.

A Day in the Garden

MSU Extension's A Day in the Garden program for youth ages 5-12 is June 24-August 26, 2025 at Thompson Community Center in Warren. Participants meet on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to have fun while learning about gardening, basic tools, crafts, reading, yoga, mindfulness and more. [Learn more and register here](#).

Sky Zone 4-H Spirit Night

Join us for a Spirit Night at Sky Zone, 50810 Sabrina Drive, Shelby Township on July 21st. Choose 90- or 120-minute jump times from 4-8 p.m. Bring your friends and family to jump to help Macomb County 4-H earn up to 40% of all ticket sales. Waivers and Sky Socks are required for all jumpers. [Purchase tickets and Sky Socks](#) in advance. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Nikki Knight at 586-469-5979 or knightn9@msu.edu.

Youth learn valuable skills at the Macomb County 4-H Follow-Up Rabbit Clinic

The Macomb County 4-H Follow-Up Rabbit Clinic at the Armada Fairgrounds on June 8th had 17 participants who came to practice their showmanship skills. Participants also learned about preparing for the show, what to wear for the showmanship class, and which questions a judge might ask. The clinic also covered how to tattoo a rabbit.

It was a great day. We're looking forward to putting on more clinics.

Thank you to all who participated! See you at fair!

~ Kathy Matthews
4-H Rabbit Superintendent

Become a 4-H volunteer

Whether you want to become a 4-H club leader, lead a workshop or help in some other way, we need you! [Become a 4-H volunteer](#) & make a difference to your community's youth.

Start a new 4-H club

It takes only five youth and two screened gold-level adult volunteers to start a 4-H club.

Partner with us

Organizations can partner with us in many ways.

Contact us today to find out how:

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Other Local News & Events

Up to \$1,000 available for 9/11 Day of Service volunteer projects

The Michigan Community Service Commission is offering grants for 9/11 National Day of Service volunteer projects ranging from \$100-\$1,000. The projects should be created and implemented in response to community needs. Projects should take place between Sept. 1 and Sept. 11.

Grant Funding Levels

- \$1,000 grant to engage 200 volunteers or more
- \$750 grant to engage 150 to 199 volunteers
- \$500 grant to engage 100 to 149 volunteers
- \$250 grant to engage 75 to 99 volunteers
- \$100 grant to engage up to 74 volunteers

Eligible organizations: nonprofits, faith-based organizations, municipalities, schools, and universities.

Find out more and apply on the [Michigan 9/11 National Day of Service Grant application site](#). The deadline to apply is Aug. 1.

Armada Fair News

Armada Fair Clean-Up: Mark your calendars! The next Armada Fair Clean-Up for Youth Organizations, including 4-H, will be held at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada on 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.

Poultry & Rabbit Tagging: Poultry & Rabbit Tagging is the third Sunday in July from 10 a.m.-Noon. Tagging is at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada. Visit the [Armada Fair website](#) for the most updated tagging information. If you have any questions, contact Livestock Sale President Andy Roosa at (586) 665-0928.

Help 4-H'ers by promoting your business or organization at the Armada Fair: Armada Fair Youth Livestock Committee is offering a unique advertising opportunity to support 4-H youth. Promote your business or organization by purchasing advertising space at the Armada Fair. Funds raised will help reduce the commission fees taken from 4-H youth who sell their livestock at the Armada Fair and will help cover the cost of running the auction. Ads will appear outside of the Livestock Office in Barn 15. The \$500 first-year fee includes a 2' x 3' aluminum sign featuring your logo and wording of your choice. The renewal fee is only \$250 for each additional year. Ads purchased will stay up for one year. These ads have the potential to reach up to 100,000 visitors during fair week and many more throughout the year. For more information, email armadalivestock@gmail.com.

Macomb County MSU Extension Program Guide

Read about [upcoming MSU Extension programs](#) in your area!

Subscribe today to receive the Macomb County MSU Extension Program Guide monthly!



4-H Club Leaders:

Armada Fair 4-H reports, tags and club leader packets including armbands, etc. are now available for pick up.

This will allow for plenty of time to review, hand out and correct any mistakes. The Armada Fair Office (74280 Fair Street, Armada) is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for pick up. If you have any questions, please contact the Armada Fair Office at 586-784-5488.

~~~~~ Summer Discovery Cruises Are Back! ~~~~~

[MSU Extension](#), in partnership with [Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority \(HCMA\)](#) and [Michigan Sea Grant](#) announced the cruise schedule for the [Summer Discovery Cruises](#) program for 2025. These cruises are perfect for families, group leaders, and anyone who wants to learn about Lake St. Clair. Passengers will have the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely two-hour cruise along beautiful Lake St. Clair while learning about lighthouses, birds, shipwrecks, ongoing scientific research, and more. Cruises will feature many engaging topics, including Birds of Lake St. Clair, Great Lakes Fur Trade, Great Lakes Science, History of Lake St. Clair, Lighthouse Tour, Shipwrecks, South Channel Lights, Twilight Hour and Voyagers.

Cruises will depart from, and return to the [Lake St. Clair Metropark North Marina](#) on select dates from July 11, 2025 through August 9, 2025, with 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. departure times. [Ticket prices](#) are \$30 per person and are available through the [Huron-Clinton Metroparks](#) website. Seating is limited and early registration is highly recommended. To learn more about MSU Extension's Summer Discovery Cruise program or Great Lakes literacy, please reach out to 4-H Program Coordinator Angela Scapini at scapinia@msu.edu.



Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



August 2, 2025

Registration is open for the 2025 Michigan State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament! To be held August 2 at the Saginaw Field & Stream Club in Saginaw, this event provides 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills, earn recognition and build camaraderie with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Events at the tournament include: .22 rifle, 3-D archery, air rifle, BB gun, hunting and wildlife, muzzle loading, pistol, target archery, trap and skeet. The deadline to register is **July 13, 2025**.

[Learn more online!](#)

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2025 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.



There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 8 at 5 p.m..** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 28 – September 1.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. [Learn more, register and find helpful resources here.](#)

2025 Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 10 and 11, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Beyond Ready" and the youth referred to the various ways that 4-H is helping to prepare them to be ready for their future, be it work, college or life in general.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2025, the following 28 4-H members from 22 counties were selected as the 2025 Mark of Excellence county winners.

Simran Adnani, Wayne County
Abigail Baker, Cass County
Claire Blaszyk, Oakland County
Snyder Dunlap, Jackson County
Lilly Edick, Gladwin County
Alicia Etter, Sanilac County
Chloe F., Ingham County

Adreann Guikema, Newaygo County
Colton Guy, Barry County
Autumn Johnloz, St. Joseph County
Nolan King, Branch County
Jude Martin, Ionia County
Madison McGuire, Midland County
Richie McNutt, Washtenaw County

Trula Michel, Monroe County
Penelope Moore, Sanilac County
VanAnder Noordyk, Marquette County
Victoria Perez, Washtenaw County
Madeline Piwowarski, Wexford County
Breelyn Pullins, Berrien County
Hadley Schafer, Monroe County

Kristina Schwarz, Oakland County
Asher Smith, Livingston County
Jolene Smith, Ionia County
Bette Stemaly, St. Joseph County
Autumn Wellington, Lapeer County
Tierney Weststrate, Allegan County
Josephine Wiltshire, Osceola County

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

Visit the [MSU Extension 4-H Scholarships & Recognition web page](#) to learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards.



Calendar of Events

Now-August 26

[A Day in the Garden](#)

Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thompson Center, Warren

July 4

Macomb County offices, including MSU Extension, closed for Independence Day

July 8

[Macomb County 4-H Craft Day](#)

10 a.m.-2 p.m., VerKuijen Building, Clinton Township

July 8-10

[Garden Writers Workshop](#)

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

July 9

[Adulting 101: Mastering Meal Planning](#)

4 p.m., Online

Learn how to eat healthy on a budget and stretch your food dollars, including how to cook once and eat twice, making a meal plan that will save you money at the store, and other great tips!

July 11-August 9 (select dates)

Summer Discovery Cruises

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. departures

Lake St. Clair Metropark North Marina

July 16-August 13

[Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series](#)

Online

This free course is for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful.

This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

July 16-17:

[Saginaw Bay Fish Camp](#)

Haithco Park, Saginaw

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

July 17

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Meeting

7 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

July 17

[Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens](#)

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

July 20

[Armada Fair Poultry & Rabbit Tagging](#)

10 a.m.-Noon, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

July 21

[Sky Zone Spirit Night](#)

4-8 p.m., Sky Zone, Shelby Township

July 24

[Bug Day at the Children's Gardens](#)

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will collect, observe and even make bugs!

July 27-August 2

[Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp](#)

Presque Isle, MI

July 29-31

[Camp Monet](#)

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young artists will spend three days in the gardens creating marvelous projects. Campers will use inspiration from the garden to make projects that involve sketching, painting, sculpting, dying, weaving and much more! Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a lunch each day.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/camp-monet

August 2

[4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament](#)

Saginaw Field & Stream Club, Saginaw

August 3

Armada Fair Clean-Up

10 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 8

Registration deadline for the [Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase](#)

August 11-17

[4-H Coffee Cart, Shred Sales Fundraisers](#)

Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 14-17

[Michigan 4-H State Horse Show](#)

MSU, East Lansing