

4-H Family News

MACOMB COUNTY

APRIL 2024



Join Thompson 4-H Garden Club

Join the Thompson 4-H Garden Club! The club will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Max Thompson Family Resource Center, 11370 Hupp Avenue, Warren. Participants ages 5-19 will gain hands-on gardening experience and enjoy fun activities including arts, crafts and possibly even cooking.



April's meeting will feature an entomology presentation by MSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator David Lowenstein, PhD. The club's May meeting will feature a bicycle workshop. Current 4-H members, add SPIN Club Thompson 4-H Garden Club to your 4-H Online record. New 4-H members, register here: https://tinyurl.com/4xesfbah. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at 586-469-6090 or duraneli@msu.edu.

Macomb County 4-H Rabbit Clinic

The Macomb County 4-H Rabbit Clinic will be at the Grange Hall at the Armada Fairgrounds, 74280 Fair Street, Armada on May 4, 2024 at 10 a.m. Use the Armada Ridge Road entrance.



Participants will learn about raising and selecting a market rabbit, common problems in rabbits and the treatments, rabbit diseases, and standard of perfection.

The clinic is FREE and open to Macomb County 4-H Rabbit Project members who would like more knowledge on the project area.

Please email MacombRabbit@outlook.com by April 30th to reserve your spot.

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Richards selected for International Outbound Exchange Program



It is a great pleasure to announce that Macomb County 4-H member Jillian Richards has been selected as a Michigan 4-H International Exchange Outbound delegate for the 2024-25 academic program year.

Jillian is a member of City Slickers 4-H Club. Throughout her 10 years in 4-H, she has taken advantage of the many opportunities the 4-H program provides. After her family hosted students from Japan, Jillian applied to become a Michigan delegate for eight weeks in Tokyo, Japan.

On her application Jillian expressed, "I wish to continue my studies of language development and Japanese culture by staying in two home stays, doing local tours, and experiencing daily life. I am excited to

change my role to be the student traveling and reconnecting with my exchange sisters my family has hosted over the years".

Michigan youth can build global citizenship skills through the <u>Michigan 4-H</u> exchange outbound opportunities offered during the summer. Michigan 4-H provides opportunities for youth to travel to Argentina, Costa Rica, Japan, Korea, Norway and Taiwan through the <u>States' 4-H International Exchange program</u>. These experiences are a cultural immersion experience living with a host family for one month. Participants experience the daily life of an international family providing a richer experience than traveling as a tourist.

The <u>Michigan State University Extension</u> 4-H Youth Development vision for global and cultural education is having young people develop an understanding of themselves and other people; a sense of connection with, respect for and responsibility to the world; and an ability to serve and lead with wisdom, care and humility. To learn more, visit the <u>Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page</u> and the <u>States 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page</u>.

Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls

The <u>Dream It</u>, <u>Be It</u>: <u>Career Support for Girls</u> program is April 27, 2024 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.at the VerKuilen Building, Assembly Rooms A and B, Clinton Township. The program provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and resources. By participating in this program, girls will learn about career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success, and moving forward after setbacks.

<u>Register</u> by April 15th. Lunch will be provided to program participants. Girls participating in the Dream It Be It Workshop will have the opportunity to attend virtual mentoring sessions after the program.



This workshop is provided with support from Macomb County 4-H. Learn more <u>online</u> or contact 4-H Educator Kathy Jamieson at jamies13@msu.edu or 586-469-6093.



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4-H'ers help with St. Kieran Easter Egg Hunt



Members of the Clinton Valley 4-H club volunteered their Netherland Dwarf rabbits to be displayed at the St. Kieran Catholic Church in Shelby Township for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd. Pictured are 4-H members Vaino and Vivian Boomer, Sean and Nadia Bernard, and 4-H Rabbit Leader Renate Nebel Bernard.

4-H event scholarships

Did you know that there are scholarships available to help Macomb County youth attend 4-H events. Learn more here or contact the Macomb County 4-H office at macomb.4h@macombgov.org to find out more.

- Macomb MSU Extension Scholarship open to any youth
- Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Scholarship - open to 4-H members, must have community service hours
- Soroptimist of Greater Macomb 4-H Scholarship - available to youth who identify as a girl/woman
- Military Connected Youth Scholarships -Applications will be available soon

4-H Exploration Days

Join Michigan 4-H for a pre-college summer program geared towards youth 12-19 years old. Exploration Days takes place June 19-21st on the campus of Michigan State University and allows youth to explore careers, meet new people, stay on a college campus, and learn new ideas. Registration is open through April 19th. More information can be found on the 4-H Exploration Days website. Below are some registration tips as well as Macomb County specific information.

- -- Have multiple session selections ready when you go to register, as some sessions fill guickly. View the list of sessions here.
- When registering, please only pay the \$50 deposit. This way, we can apply scholarships to your account if they are received. We cannot provide refunds or apply scholarships if you pay the full amount.
- Macomb County 4-H strives to provide a bus for our delegation each year for a nominal fee. More information will be announced as it becomes available.
- Macomb County 4-H has multiple scholarship opportunities available to youth. Please pay attention to individual scholarship deadlines. Apply early and as soon as you know you are attending Exploration Days.
- Read the Exploration Days Handbook.

Exploration Days Orientation: Participants are required to attend Exploration Days Orientation before the event. Macomb County has two scheduled. Please R.S.V.P. for one.

Exploration Days Orientation #1: Exploration Days Orientation #2: May 16th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. May 23rd from 6:30-7:30 p.m Max Thompson Family Resource Center VerKuilen Building, Assembly Rooms A & B 11370 Hupp Avenue, Warren, MI 48089.

21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, MI 48036

If you have any questions about Exploration Days, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at duraneli@msu.edu or 586-469-6090.

Macomb County is in need of a male lead chaperone for 4-H Exploration Days. The lead chaperone must be a gold-level screened volunteer. Macomb County MSU Extension will cover the event registration fee. Learn more about lead chaperone responsibilities here. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at 586-469-6090.



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2024 Macomb County 4-H Horse Show dates

The Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee hosts three point shows for saddle or light horses, one double-judge show in the spring, and three mini/draft horse shows. All shows are held at Camp Rotary, 20505 29 Mile Road, Ray Township.

May 25 - Lights
June 1 – Mini/Draft

June 8 – Lights
June 15 – Mini/Draft

June 22 – Lights (double judge)

June 29 - Mini/Draft

Macomb County 4-H'ers invited to attend horse camp

Macomb County 4-H members ages 8-19 are invited to participate in the Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg from June 16-20. Members from Clinton Valley attended last year and would love to see other clubs participate.

The camp offers four instructional classes daily, including Fitting & Showing, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Dressage, Jumping, Trail, Centered Riding, Bareback,



Ranch Riding, In-Hand Miniature Horse, and Gymkhana. Register by May 15th. For more information, contact Deb Morgan at morga194@msu.edu or 248-347-3860, ext. 279.

Learn valuable life skills with Adulting 101 series

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do the adult tasks of managing your finances, home, health, or finding a career? Zoom in to one or more of MSU Extension's FREE Adulting 101 sessions to learn real life skills that will help you successfully transition to living independently. Register online at https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/ to receive the meeting link(s).

Build and Protect Your Credit Wednesday, May 15 at 5 p.m. ET Learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

Traveling on a Budget
Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. ET
Anticipating future travel plans? Tap
into strategies for traveling on a budget to
ensure you reach your next destination.

Cooking Basics
Tuesday, July 16 at 4 p.m. ET
Learn the language of cooking, how to read
recipes and how to be creatively resourceful in
the kitchen in this interactive session.

Summer Berries: Jam and Jelly Monday, August 12 at 4 p.m. ET

Enjoy the taste of summer while having fun making jams and jellies using fresh summer fruits.

Changing the World with Your One Vote Monday, September 16 at 5 p.m. ET

There are lots of names on a ballot, but how do you decide which box to check? Learn about how to register, and how to select your candidates.

The Ins and Outs of Paying for Post-Secondary Education

Learn about student loans, facing FAFSA and tuition free options.



Macomb County MSU Extension Program Guide

MSU Extension-Macomb's

<u>April 2024 Program Guide</u>
is now available. To receive this publication in your email inbox monthly, please email your request to macombmsue@macombgov.org.

Macomb County Open Warm & Fuzzy Show – May 4th

The Macomb County Open Warm & Fuzzy Show on Saturday, May 4th at Camp Rotary in Ray Township will help get you ready for the summer horse show season! The show is sponsored by Friends of Macomb County Horses. For more information, contact 4-H Volunteer Michelle Short.





OTHER LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Armada Fair Updates

Armada Fair Barn #15 Livestock tagging changes:

Hello all,

Wanted to make everyone aware of changes being made by the Armada Fair to the selection of certain animals allowed to be tagged for Barn #15. This is not in the Fair Book on the Armada Fair website as of yet, being that the 2024 Fair Book hasn't been published.

Being that we are getting our hogs this weekend and know others are in the process of picking up their animals shortly or some already have them, did not want to wait to get this information out there so that families can get the appropriate amount of animals for their needs. As an example a family of 3 Exhibitors could elect 3x3hogs = 9 hogs or could elect 3x2hogs = 6 hogs + 1 family hog. Exhibitors will still only be allowed to show and sell 2 animals in their selected department as entered, that part is not changing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

2024 Fair Book updates:

Exhibitors may tag "animals" choosing one of the following options A or B:

3 animals permanently assigned to 1 Exhibitor (NO FAMILY ANIMAL)

2 animals permanently assigned to 1 Exhibitor with a floating family animal(s)

1-3 Exhibitors in a family = 1 family animal 4+ Exhibitors in a family = 2 family animals

"animals" = hogs or goats or sheep depending on department entered

Andy Roosa, President Armada Fair Livestock Committee

Farm Bureau needs volunteers for Project R.E.D.

The Macomb County Farm Bureau is looking for volunteers for its Project Rural Education Days (R.E.D.) at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada on April 23, 2024. See the message below for more information and contact Kim Trpcevski at 586-727-0025 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

What is Project R.E.D.? Project R.E.D. (rural education day) is a project sponsored by Macomb County Farm Bureau with volunteer help from the agricultural community. Its' purpose is to give 3rd grade students a fun, hands-on experience, sort of an inside look at agriculture and how it helps them in their everyday life.

Why have Project R.E.D.? We started at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in 2001 with a little over 800 kids, from three counties (Wayne, Oakland, & Macomb) and have grown to educating about eight hundred Macomb County third graders alone. There was definitely a need for each county to conduct its own program about the importance of agriculture in Michigan. From animals and field crops, to greenhouses, and beekeepers we try to show the kids about the agricultural diversity in our state. It's great to see the smiling faces of these kids who maybe never knew where their milk & Cheerios came from (the supermarket – right?) And what can anyone say about the excitement throughout the event?

Who are the volunteers? Many of the volunteers are members of Macomb County Farm Bureau. Some volunteers are local farmers, 4-H Students and Leaders, Master Gardeners, MSU Extension and Farm Bureau staff. They share their knowledge, help to direct students, teach to their proper areas, help with parking and lunches, and a number of other behind the scenes activities.

Selfridge ANGB needs air show volunteers June 7, 8 and 9

Selfridge ANGB is looking for volunteers to help at the 2024 Selfridge Air Show and Open House being held on June 7th, 8th and 9th, 2024. Volunteers are crucial to help make this event a success. S.T.E.A.M. driven is the theme this year. Volunteers are needed for concessions, Fun Zone, S.T.E.A.M. Zone and parking. Volunteers working concessions (food booth or stationary food/drink cart) can earn donations toward their organization. Volunteers can work a full day or can support a shift. Shift times are 6 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Lunch is provided. There is not a minimum or maximum to how many shifts or days your organization can cover. The concessionaire would like the volunteers to be at least 15 years of age, but Selfridge is flexible as long as they are capable of performing their duty. If there are a few younger volunteers, they ask that there is an adult present. For more information and an application, contact Ashly Garlick at selfridgevolunteers@gmail.com.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Sign up for the Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge!

Starting May 5, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program. Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Miles walked/ran will be collected weekly through a Google form; this form will be sent upon completion of the registration. Each week, the top contestants will be based on the number of miles logged from Sunday to Saturday. Individuals will report their miles by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. ET. Submissions received later than Sunday by 11:59 p.m. ET will not be eligible for weekly prizes.



Learn more and register at https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge.

Michigan 4-H presents Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Join Michigan 4-H for a fun contest leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Learn how to keep your money safe in this year's sixth annual online contest. Compete with other youth across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a financial institution that works for you! Learn more at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.

New this year, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

 A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers hat. Hats are redeemable on gameday in section 332.

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An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity. Timing and logistics of this opportunity will be released within a month of the game date.

Only tickets purchased through the Michigan 4-H link are eligible for these exclusive opportunities. This year, tickets will be available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Volunteer Webinar Series: Working with Cloverbuds



Join Michigan 4-H on April 22nd at Noon or 7 p.m. for Working with Cloverbuds. 4-Hers, 5-7 years, bring a level of excitement, curiosity, and intuitiveness. 4-H volunteers can help these youth start to identify their spark and build their connection to the program. Come attend this session to learn and share techniques for working with cloverbuds and project ideas that work well with this age group. For more information and registration visit: https://www.canr.msu.edu/volun teering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinarseries

Message to 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Project leaders

We value you as a volunteer and your dedication and expertise to offering 4-H programs in the outdoors. Some of you may remember the Outdoor Adventure Challenge (OAC) program that Michigan 4-H has offered in the past. This message provides an update about that program and other outdoor learning experiences as we move forward.

If you were involved with the Outdoor Adventure Challenge (OAC) Program, please note:

- OAC volunteer certifications are NO LONGER VALID for high-risk activities.
- The following higher-risk activities are currently <u>PROHIBITED</u> and cannot be led by volunteers or staff as part of a 4-H Club or program:
 - Rock climbing
 - Rappelling
 - White Water Paddling
 - Great Lakes/Coastal Paddling
 - Winter Camping
 - Caving/Spelunking
- Volunteers may still lead the outdoor activities that are listed below:
 - Camping
 - Backpacking/Hiking
 - Orienteering
 - Outdoor cooking
 - Paddle sports outside of white water

This is <u>not an exhaustive list of outdoor activities</u>, so please reach out to the <u>4-H staff</u> if you have questions about a specific activity not listed.

We want to emphasize that while we are moving away from the Outdoor Adventure Challenge (OAC) program model, we continue to value the impact of outdoor education on young people and are embracing the opportunity to develop new models and programs to get youth outdoors.

Upcoming 4-H animal science events

Some exciting 4-H
Animal Science events
are coming up statewide.

Learn more here and
mark your calendars!

Multi-state photo contest entries due May 1st

Photography is a rapidly growing project in 4-H. The <u>Hit Me With Your Best Shot photo competition</u> hosted by Minnesota 4-H is an opportunity to enter your best picture in a national 4-H competition.





COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 27: <u>Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls</u>

10 a.m.-3 p.m., VerKuilen Building, Rooms A & B, Clinton Township

May 4: Macomb County 4-H Rabbit Clinic

10 a.m., Grange Hall, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

May 15: Adulting 101 - Build & Protect Your Credit

5 p.m., Zoom

May 16: Exploration Days Orientation #1

6:30-7:30 p.m., Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren

May 23: Exploration Days Orientation #2

6:30-7:30 p.m., VerKuilen Building, MSU Extension Assembly Rooms A & B, Clinton Township

May 25: Macomb County 4-H Light Horse Show

Time TBA, Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 1: Macomb County 4-H Mini/Draft Horse Show

Time TBA, Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 6: Adulting 101 – Traveling on a Budget

6:30 p.m., Zoom

Other Local Events:

April 23: Farm Bureau Project R.E.D.

Armada Fairgrounds, Armada, contact Kim Trpcevski at 586-727-0025 to volunteer

May 4: Macomb County Warm & Fuzzy (Horse) Show

8 a.m., Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 2: Armada Fair Animal Tagging

8-10:30 a.m. - Swine; 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Goats, Sheep & Prospect Beef; 12-2 p.m. - Steer

Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 7, 8, 9: Selfridge Air Show & Open House

Selfridge ANGB, volunteers needed

July 14: Armada Fair Animal Tagging

10 a.m.-12 p.m. - All Poultry & Rabbits



Shop JOANN through May 4th and support 4-H



The 2024 JOANN 4-H Point of Sale Campaign runs through May 4. During this time, round up your purchase or donate to support 4-H when you shop at JOANN stores or online. Last year, Michigan raised nearly \$125,000 during the campaign and was first in the nation.

Macomb County has JOANN stores in Chesterfield Township, Roseville, and Shelby Township.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



From April 24 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming.

Macomb County has TSC Stores in New Haven, Richmond, and Washington.

To learn more regarding the campaign, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/s pring-tractor-supply-copaper-clover-campaign.

Upcoming 4-H Animal Science events

Some exciting 4-H Animal Science events are coming up statewide. <u>Learn more here</u> and mark your calendars!

March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

Stores across Michigan

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout.

April 19: Last day to register for 4-H Exploration Days

April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Working with Cloverbuds Online

Come attend this session to learn and share techniques for working with Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) and project ideas that work well with this age group. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option. Register for the 12 p.m. session or the 7 p.m. session.

April 24-May 5: TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign

Purchase a paper clover for \$1 at checkout to support 4-H.

April 28: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

1:40-5 p.m., Comerica Park, Detroit

April 30: 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest entries due. Register by April 29th.

May 1: Hit Me with Your Best Shot 4-H Photo Contest entries due.

May 5-June 1: Michigan 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge

Online

May 8: 4-H and FFA State Meats Judging Contest

East Lansing

By participating, contestants show their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats. This contest will include individual and team competition. Register by April 26th.

May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Preparing 4-Hers for Fairs and Showcases

Online. Register for 12-1 p.m. session or 7-8 p.m. session.

