#### **REVISED OFFICE HOURS**

Due to a staff shortage, the MSU Extension Office may have variable office hours until further notice.

Please call ahead for appointment when possible.

Tentative hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday

10am - 5pm (closed noon - 1pm for lunch)

Fridays: Closed

The MSU Extension Office will be closed December 20, 2018 through January 1, 2019 for the holidays.





Find us on Facebook at:

Monroe County, MI 4-H

Want to be reminded about upcoming meetings and events? Join our group by:

#### **TEXT MESSAGE**

STEP 1 Text this code: @monroe4h to 81010.

STEP 2 Reply to the message from the Remind team with your first & last name.

#### **MOBILE APP**

<u>STEP 1</u> Download the Remind app on your Android or iPhone.

<u>STEP 2</u> Create a student or parent account with your e-mail address.

STEP 3 Search for our group by entering code @monroe4h.

#### **Contact Us**

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4-H Program Coordinator
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seitzsa1@msu.edu

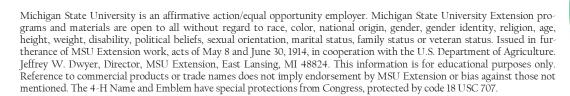
#### **Address**

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Main 734-240-3170 Fax 734-240-3183 msue58@msu.edu

#### **Web Site**

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/ county/monroe/ monroe\_county\_4\_h\_1





## DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12PM SCRUB PARTY @ AC	6PM YLB @ ELC	7PM TERRA QUEST @ AC		1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @ ELC	EXTENSION OF- FICE CLOSED	
4PM HIPPOLO- GY PRACTICE @ AC	@ELC			6PM SCRUB PARTY @ AC (IF NEEDED)	5PM MAYBEE MUSKRATS @ AC	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
5PM YOUTH RECOGNITION			7PM STATE AWARDS ORIEN-	7PM ANNUAL FAIRBOARD	EXTENSION OF- FICE CLOSED	9AM BREAKFAST WITH SANTA @ AC
& LEADER BAN- QUET @ AC			TATION @ELC	MEETING @AC	5PM TERRA QUEST COOKIE DECORATING CLASS @ AC	4PM TEEN MOVIE NIGHT @ AC
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	6PM CAT BOARD @ AC	7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ AC		EXTENSION OF- FICE CLOSED	EXTENSION OF- FICE CLOSED	
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## JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 EXTENSION OF- FICE CLOSED	1 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @AC	4	5
6	7 6PM YLB @ ELC 7PM 4-H COUN- CIL @ELC	8	9	10 6:30PM RAISIN- VILLE WRAN- GLERS @ AC	11	12
13 10AM TACK- SALE @ MBT EX- PO BLDG 4PM HIPPOLOGY @AC 6PM FAB HOLI- DAY DINNER @ HARBOR INN	14 7PM HORSE & PONY BOARD @ AC	15 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @AC	16 7PM JLA @ ELC 7PM SHOOTING SPORTS @ AC	17 7PM FAIR ADVI- SORY BOARD @ ELC	18	19 2:30PM LEGACY 4-H @ AC
20	21 6PM CAT BOARD @ 6PM	22 6PM CSI @ AC 7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHODIST CHURCH	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR 4-H DAY @ BRESLIN	30 7PM TA @ AC	31	1 FEBRUARY	2 8AM COUNCIL WORKBEE @ AC 10AM BEEF TAG- GING @ FAIR- GROUNDS

#### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED, VOLUNTEERED AND SUPPORTED THE 2018 4-H SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Thank you for all of the support for the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. A special shout-out to Katie Seitz for doing such a great job chairing the event! The club and district that won the highest selling item incentive will be announced next month. If you or someone you know would be interested in chairing the 4-H Spaghetti Dinner in 2019 please contact Sara Lewis 734-240-3170



#### Annual Mitten Tree



The Holiday Season is quickly approaching, and that means the mitten tree is up and awaiting donations. Pat Webb, Project Chairman set the tree up on November 12th, in the lobby of the MSU Extension Office. We encourage all clubs, families and interested community members to donate hats, scarves and mittens to decorate the tree.

Items must be dropped off to the MSU Extension Office no later than December 12th, as that is the day the tree comes down. The gifts will then be wrapped, and distributed to youth across the country.



In November the members of Cat Board made feral cat houses to aid the community. The members made 8 shelters total that are insulated to keep the cats warm and dry during these cold weather months. The shelters will be delivered to the Human Society and Friends of Companion Animals to be placed around Monroe County.





Next Meeting is January 21st at 6 p.m. at the Activity Center! Submitted By Jewell Mason

## Teen Ambassadors













At this past month's meeting,
Teen Ambassadors made approximately 39 sets of hats &
scarves to be donated to the
Ida coat drive and an additional 21 hats and 6 scarves
donated to Pat Webb mitten
tree at the extension office.
On Saturday December 1st,
TA Members helped run the
Ida Coat drive during Christmas in Ida festivities.
Great Job TA!



#### SAVE THE DATE(S):

#### **Exploring Expo:** March 2nd, 2019

5-7 year olds can enjoy a fun filled Saturday of crafts, learning about 4-H project areas and more!

Mini Expo: March 9th, 2019

8-14 year olds can enjoy a Saturday learning about 4-H project areas and making crafts. Each participant will pick three of the available projects to complete.

#### Teen Expo: March 23rd, 2019

New this year!!! Members 15-19 will have the opportunity to pick several advanced projects being offered that day.

#### More information to come soon!



on the <u>Detroit Lions</u> at 4-H
Day at the Lions on Dec. 23!
For every ticket purchased, \$5
goes back to your county's 4-H
program. Learn more and purchase tickets online at <a href="https://www.detroitlions.com/tickets/">https://www.detroitlions.com/tickets/</a>

**% 4-H GROWS HERE** 

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#### **4-H State Awards**





Members who are interested in being a part of the State Awards for 2019 need to plan on attending a workshop on **December 12 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.** 

Members will be given copies of the forms and guidelines. We will discuss potential areas they may be interested in and have some hands on experience as we begin to work toward completion of the application.

Completed award forms will be due on February 1, 2019. Monroe County 4-H members who will be 13 as of January 1, 2018 and have not reached their 20th birthday before January 1, 2018 are eligible to apply. Members who are 11 and 12 may compete for State Recognition in the Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. Two 4-H members will be chosen from Monroe County for this award. The criteria for this will also be discussed at the December meeting.

The following trainings are geared to 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program and will give an overview of the State Award Program as well as go over the application and deadlines. It will also be a way for members to ask questions and know what to expect throughout the process.

**4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training- Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <a href="https://msu.zoom.us/j/969319321">https://msu.zoom.us/j/969319321</a> Or join by phone: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 US Toll Meeting ID: 969 319 321

**4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training- Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <a href="https://msu.zoom.us/j/483706952">https://msu.zoom.us/j/483706952</a> Or join by phone: +1 646 876 9923

or +1 669 900 6833 US Toll Meeting ID: 483 706 952

Scholarships for Exploration Days will be given to all Regional State Award winners .

General Information about State Awards can be found at:

www.canr.msu.edu/4 h scholarships and recognition program/4 h awards and recognition program

#### Michigan 4-H Online Treasurer's Training 12/11

Date: December 11, 2018

Time: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Contact: Brian Wibby, 906-315-2662, wibby@msu.edu

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Many 4-H clubs earn and spend money. Being part of a 4-H club is a great way for 4-H members to learn about money. This workshop will focus on the role of the 4-H treasurer; but will be valuable for all 4-H members to attend. Keeping 4-H money safe is everyone's job.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

4-H club members, club officers, 4-H volunteers, parents

#### LOCATION:

The training will be conducted as an online Zoom Webinar.

You can connect to the training from anywhere you have internet access. Contact your local 4-H Program Coordinator to learn if they will be hosting a local site to connect a group of people to the training.

#### **CHOOSE FROM 2 TRAINING DATES:**

- Dec 11: noon 1 p.m.
- Dec 11: 6 7 p.m.

#### **SPONSORS:**

This training is available for FREE thanks to a grant from Chemical Bank.

Register online @ http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4 h up treasurers training 12 11 1



#### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

#### MONROE COUNTY MSU EXTENSION SECRETARY

Be the "face" of MSU Extension (MSUE) in the County in a way that allows clientele, and potential clientele, to quickly and easily access Extension system information; direct clientele to appropriate information and resources (e.g. Educators, Faculty, MSUE Bookstore, websites); assist with the logistics and promotion of MSUE Educational events in the county; support MSUE staff in a manner consistent with delivery of Extension programs.

To view the full position description and required qualifications, please visit the applicable Michigan State University careers page (http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/listing/) and search for posting number 547722 using the Job Search field.

Application deadline is December 18, 2018

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4-H Spin Clubs are a new thing we are trying this year. It's a like our regular clubs but with a different "spin" on it. 4-H SPIN Club stands for Special Interest Club.

Here's how they work:

- ⇒ Spin Clubs last just 6 weeks (instead of being a year long club commitment)
- ⇒ They meet once a week for at least 1 hour
- ⇒ They can be on any topic as long as it can fit into one the 4 H's (Head, Heart, Hands, Health)

#### **Calling All Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteer leaders to help with these SPIN clubs. Volunteers are the key to a successful program and are important role models for our youth. If you see one you are interested in or have ideas for another club please contact Sara or Ashley at the MSU Extension Office 734-240-3170.

#### **Spin Club Ideas:**

Yoga/Fitness SPIN Club— COMING SOON!! Info on the next page

**Babysitting 101–** Learn the skills necessary to be a top notch babysitter

**Art of Clowning**– Bring laughter and joy to the world by learning the comedic art of clowning

**Cloverbud Chefs-** Basics of cooking for 5-7 yr olds

**Sewing Basics**– Learn the basics of sewing, operating a sewing machine and dive into several beginner projects

Got a great idea?! Don't be afraid to share with the office-we want to know what YOU would participate in!! Want to help lead one of these clubs??!! Let us know!

# TERRA QUEST 4-H CLUB PRESENTS CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING CLASS



Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6pm until 9pm in the 4-H Activity Center

\$25 per person ages 10+

RSVP by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

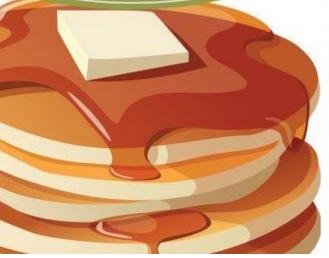
or for any questions contact Kerrie Kraftchick at

Kerrie Kraftchick@rockets.utoledo.edu



# Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018
9:30 – 11:30 am



Event Includes:

Sausage & Pancake Breakfast, Door Prizes, Fun Activities, Arts & Crafts

Tickets: Pre-Sale - \$ 5 At the Door - \$ 6 Please bring unwrapped toys to donate to the Toys – For – Tots program

Location of event is at the 4 – H Activity Center 3775 S Custer Rd, Monroe MI, 48161 (Please use Rasinville Rd entrance)

Questions please call: 734 - 240 - 3170

### Men's Basketball



#### 4-H Day with Michigan Basketball!

Come out and see Michigan Men's Basketball take on Binghamton!





Sunday, December 30 @ 12:00 PM at Crisler Center



All 4-H'ers, friends, and families can take advantage of a special discounted ticket of only \$10 a person, normally \$15.

The first 20 4-H'ers (in 6th grade or younger) to sign-up will be able to stand on the court pre-game with the Michigan Basketball team during the National Anthem and will receive a FREE t-shirt.

Purchase your tickets online at https://www.fevo.com/edp/Mens-Basketball-vs-Binghamton-qUW4WCi

Questions? You can email or call Andrew Snyderman in the Michigan Ticket Office at (734) 615-7900 or aesnyder@umich.edu

Please note that tickets are subject to availability. Tickets are extremely limited. Offer not valid at the Michigan Box Office.

#### 4-H SPIN CLUB

# YCGA BASICS

#### LEARN & EMBRACE THE 4TH-H FOR HEALTH THROUGH YOGA!

#### DATES & TIME:

THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM
FEBRUARY 7TH
FEBRUARY 14TH
FEBRUARY 21ST
FEBRUARY 28TH
MARCH 7TH
MARCH 14TH (Alt. Location)
MARCH 21ST
MARCH 28TH

#### WHO SHOULD JOIN YOGA BASICS?:

Youth ages 9-19 who want to
learn about yoga, mindfulness and healthy
lifestyles should consider joining us for this
short term 4-H Club. Youth will:
Learn the basics of yoga from a certified
yoga instructor
Learn to incorporate healthier choices into
their daily lives
Learn skills such as stress management

S. CUSTER RD MONROE, MI 48161 (ENTER THROUGH D GATE)

\$40 NON-4-H MEMBERS

THINGS TO BRING: PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO BRING A YOGA MAT, YOGA BLOCK AND STRAP.

REGISTRATION: CURRENT 4-H
MEMBERS: ENROLL THROUGH 4HONLINE, SELECT YOGA BASICS AS
ADDITIONAL CLUB
NEW 4-H MEMBERS: VISIT
4HONLINE.COM, CREATE FREE PROFILE
USING PROMPTS, COMPLETE ALL
REQUIRED INFO, SELECT YOGA BASICS

#### CONTACT:

LAURIE NAGLE 419-297-1331 ASHLEY FRYE 734-240-3188



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### 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest for Michigan 4-H Members

FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HONEY BEES, INC.

4-H Youth develop entrepreneurial skills and earn cash prize though 4-H beekeeping essay contest!



Michigan 4-H youth can improve their science, knowledge, writing and research skills and win a cash prize by entering the 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition (http://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays)

This year's essay topic is Honey Varietals, State to State. Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal. Please include a photo of the varietal's flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal and a recipe that highlights the varietal.

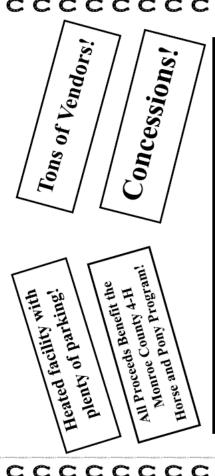
The top three winners nationally will receive cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250, and winning essays will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. The three national winners and the top winner of each state will receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

Essay length should be 750 to 1000 words and will be judged on the scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness and logic development of the topic. Youth are encouraged to research the topic using a number of sources. <a href="Download the complete rules">Download the complete rules</a> ( <a href="http://preservationofhoneybees.org/images/2019\_4-H\_Beekeeping\_Essay\_Competition\_Call\_for\_Entries.pdf">Download the complete rules</a> ( <a href="http://preservationofhoneybees.org/images/2019\_4-H\_Beekeeping\_Essay\_Competition\_Call\_for\_Entries.pdf</a> ( ) before beginning the contest. This contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to preserve the practice and the profession of beekeeping through education and research, established by the American Beekeeping Federation.

All Michigan 4-H entries must be submitted electronically to Laura Quist at <a href="mailto:quistla1@msu.edu">quistla1@msu.edu</a> by February 15, 2019. A state winner will be selected and must be submitted to the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. by February 28, 2019 as Michigan's entry in the National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition.

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Free Admission for Active Duty Military Personnel and Veterans with valid ID.



Come out and support Monroe County 4-H
Horse & Pony Board!

If interested in becoming a vendor please contact Christin Gordon by email at christinnowland@gmail.com or at 734-430-5377. Vendor tables are available on a first come first serve basis.

Date:

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# Monroe County New & Used Tack Sale

Sunday, January 13, 2019 10 AM to 3 PM

# \*\*\*\*MBT EXPO CENTER\*\*\*

3775 South Custer Road, Monroe, MI 48161

#### Admission

All spaces will be reserved upon receipt of payment and will be subject to availability based on the date of payment received. NSF checks will void your reservation. If necessary to go to a waiting list, only reservations with payment will be considered. If you are on the waiting list, notification of available space will be given after January 1, 2019.

It is mandatory for you to check in before set up

# ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY BOARD

A confirmation letter for confirmed spaces will be emailed to you upon receipt of registration forms with payment. Setup will be held on January 12 between 5-8 PM, there will also be set up on January 13 at 8am. We encourage vendors to stay the duration of the tack sale hours and that tear down not take place until 3pm on Sunday January 13.

Please return the bottom of this form along with payment to:

215 W Substation Rd.

Email: christinnowland@gmail.com or Phone: 734-430-5377

# ABSOLUTELY NO TACK SALE RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE

Space will be reserved upon receipt of payment and will be subject to availability based on date payment is received

Contact Name:	<u> </u>	Business Name:
Phone:		E-mail:
Address:		
City, State:		Zip:
10'x10' Commercial S	10'x10' Commercial Space (includes 2 Free passes per spot)	@ \$50 each = \$
10'x10" Non-Commer	10'x10" Non-Commercial Space (includes 1 Free pass per spot)_	@ \$40 each= \$
5'x7' Non-Commercia	5'x7' Non-Commercial Space (includes 1 Free pass per spot)	@\$25 each = \$
EXTRA TABLE(S)	@ \$5 each =EXTRA WRISTBAND(S)	STBAND(S)@\$3 each = \$
	**************************************	JSE ONLY********

# **MSU CANR STEM-FEE** Scholars Program

Learn about growing sclence, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers in the areas of food, energy and the environment (FEE) that offer good pay and help make the world a better place.

address this important national need. It was made possible as part of a federally funded grant through the National Science Foundation. Students interested in pursuing a career in one of the seven disciplines have the opportunity to apply graduate too few students to meet current and projected workforce demands. The MSU CANR STEM-FEE opportunity helps The Michigan State University (MSU) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) encourages student Interest and involvement in STEM-FEE. These applied STEM disciplines are vital to our national and global security and economy, but for scholarships and gain exposure to MSU.

# Apply now to be considered for a scholarship!

demonstrate financial need and are incoming freshmen currently undecided or Open to students who or two-year institution MSU, or transferring changing majors at community college to MSU from a

Up to \$25,000 in scholarships are available to each eligible student.

Applications must be completed by





For additional Information about the Scholars Program, contact MSU CANR STEM-FEE Dr. Eunice Foster or 517-353-0135.

#### DISCIPLINES FEATURED

- Animal Science Crop and Soll
  - Sciences
- Fisheries and Wildlife Entomology
  - Food Science
- Horticulture Forestry

Find more information, including how to apply, at canr.msu.edu/stem-fee-scholars.



# 2nd Annual Ingham County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show Sponsored by Town N Country 4-H Club



January 5, 2019

Ingham County Fairgrounds



Mason, MI 48854

700 E Ash St.

Doors open at 6:00AM. Entries must be in by 8am. Show begins at 9am.

Judges: Rabbit-Kelly Hansen, McKenna Lynch, and other judges will be added later ARBA comment cards will be used (Town N Country has the right to substitute judge as the need arises)

- \$1.00 Fur/Wool class \$2.50 per class
- \$2.50 Showmanship
- Educational Display Contest \$1 to enter



Senior (15-19 years old). Ages as of January 1s, 2019. Cloverbud showmanship will Showmanship: Junior (8-11 years old), Intermediate (12-14 years old)

be judged by our teen leaders

- Breed Classes: All breeds that are recognized are eligible for show. All breeds will be judged by the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- Goverbud Breed Judging \$2.50 entry fee (limit 1 animal-they will have their own class)
- Educational Exhibit-Open to all participates Photography Class—Open to all participates
  - Cavy class-Open to all participates

Food Vendors, Bake Sales, Silent Raffle, and Silent Auction will be available

Show Superintendent: Penny Jackson 517-202-1618 jezuitrabbitty@yahoo.com

Interested in being a vendor? Contact me!

Follow us on Facebook- Town N Country 4-H Rabbit Show

#### Michigan 4-H Day



#### at the Breslin Center



February 24, 2019

What: Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Michigan Wolverines.

When: February 24, 2019. Southwest Harrison Gate will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at 12:30 p.m. Game time is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

Cost: Tickets are <u>FREE</u> for the guests listed above. Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

**Transportation & parking:** FREE for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

#### Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
- Take photos with Sparty.

#### Get in the game!

Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

#### For more information:

http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.
Contact your county MSU Extension office or
email Jane Love at lovejan@anr.msu.edu





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#### 4-H Day at the Breslin 2019



Free tickets will be available starting Dec. 3 from your county MSU Extension office for the 2019 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the University of Michigan Wolverines on Sunday, Feb. 24 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. with the game beginning at 2 p.m. Make sure to come early to engage in the activities set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events and to mingle with other Michigan 4-H'ers. Wear your MSU Extension or 4-H green and white apparel to show your 4-H support!

Learn more at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

#### **4-H Events and Workshops**

December 10: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4-

h embryology staff teacher and volunteer training-kent county

#### December 11: Michigan 4-H Upper Peninsula Treasurer's Training

Online Webinar

Learn more about the importance of a treasurer's role in 4-H clubs while exploring how to effectively manage money.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4 h up treasurers training 12 11

#### December 12: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, Sandusky

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4-

h embryology staff teacher and volunteer training-sanilac county

#### December 23: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

The Detroit Lions would like to invite all 4-H members, families and friends out to a Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program. http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions

#### December 28 - Jan. 1: 4-H Camp Kidwell Winter Camp

4-H Camp Kidwell, Bloomingdale

Spend time during winter break enjoying yourself at winter camp. Options for both day camp sessions and overnight camping!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4 h camp kidwell winter camp

#### January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4-

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#### January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4-

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#### January 26: State 4-H Rabbit Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one day event is open to Michigan 4-H members ages 8 to 19. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish. Spectators are welcome!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019 state 4-h rabbit and cavy show

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events">http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events</a>.

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#### 2019 State Award applications now available

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning



2018 State Award winners in the senior division with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June, where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at <a href="http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO">http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO</a> and is due Feb. 1, 2019. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu. INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL WORKSHOPS IF APPLICABLE.

#### 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest for Michigan 4-H Members

Michigan 4-H youth can improve their science, knowledge, writing and research skills and win a cash prize by entering the 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. This year's essay topic is *Honey Varietals*, *State to State*. Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Contestants should identify one unique varietal to their state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal. Please include a photo of the varietal's flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal, and a recipe that highlights the varietal.

The top three winners nationally will receive cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250, and winning essays will be published in *ABF Quarterly*, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. The three national winners and the top winner of each state will receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

Essay length should be 750 to 1000 words and will be judged on the scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness and logic development of the topic. Youth are encouraged to research the topic using a number of sources. Download the complete rules at <a href="https://bit.ly/2PuegUu">https://bit.ly/2PuegUu</a> before beginning the contest. This contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to preserve the practice and the profession of beekeeping through education and research, established by the American Beekeeping Federation.

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