



4-H Family News

Oakland County



Discover 4-H!

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August 22, 2025
12 - 3 PM
Shepherd Park
24198 Church St. Oak Park, MI 48237

- ★ Live animal presentations
- ★ Educational, interactive games, crafts, and activities for the whole family
- ★ Learn about 4-H club opportunities available for youth

Looking for volunteers and vendors for this event! Please contact Cheyenne Shields if interested, shield69@msu.edu

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

FREE Family Fun Event!

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Join us for a fun-filled day of games, hands-on activities, and educational adventures for the whole family! Hosted by MSU Extension, 4-H, and local partners, this event is the perfect chance to discover what 4-H has to offer youth and families in your community. Don't miss out!

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Awards Applications OUT NOW!

The 4-H Achievement Awards celebrates the hard work and dedication of our amazing 4-H youth and volunteers! Hard work, leadership, and commitment help our community grow stronger and brighter every year.

Please encourage youth to take this opportunity to be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments! **Deadline to apply: September 1, 2025.**

The next 4-H Awards Ceremony will be held:
Saturday, November 8, 2025
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Lafayette Grande
1 Lafayette Grande Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

4-H COUNTY MEDAL- Provide 4-H members with recognition for their project achievements. Age: 10+ This is a great achievement to put on a resume!

MICHIGAN 4-H KEY CLUB AWARD - Top County 4-H honor. Must have 3 years of project work, 2 4-H project areas, participated in 3 4-H events outside of club. Age: 15-19

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD - recognizing "emerging" leaders, youth with motivation and potential, whose talents are less apparent to themselves than those they work with. Age: 15-18

Link to all awards! <https://sites.google.com/msu.../achievementawards4h2025/home>



Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase

Registration for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase is now open! [Michigan State University Extension](https://extension.msu.edu) is excited to partner with the Michigan State Fair again this year on this exciting program for all Michigan youth ages 5-19.

The virtual platform provides a great opportunity for youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for scholarships. Learn more about this free event at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase.

There is no cost to participate, and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by submitting [project photos and videos](#). 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. **Registration will close on August 8, 2025.**





4-H Trail Judging Clinic

Hey 4-Hers! Want to become a Trail class expert? Join us for a fun and hands-on Trail Judging Clinic on Friday, August 23rd from 12–2 PM at New Beginnings Ranch (9105 Fish Lake Rd, Holly)! 🌟

You'll learn:

- ✓ How to judge and score Trail classes
- ✓ How the scoring system works
- ✓ Tips to ride a better pattern and impress the judges!

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Join Oakland County Sport Rocket Club on their Adventure!!

Join Oakland County 4-H Sport Rocket Club on their adventure to the Armstrong Air & Space Museum on **February 21-22, 2026!** 🚀

OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE INCLUDES...

- 🌟 Overnight camping INSIDE the museum
- 🌟 Breakfast on Sunday morning
- 🌟 Special programs, a movie, and simulator rides
- 🌟 Build & fly your own model rocket

Details at: <https://www.armstrongmuseum.org/overnight-museum-experiences>

👉 Register and more information at: <https://forms.gle/iiAjgpcf2PiXLx5T7>

For more on the Rocket Club, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/oc4-hsrc/home>



ARMSTRONG AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

presented by the
Oakland County 4-H Sport Rocket Club

Feb. 21-22, 2026

Save the Date for Fall Shooting Sports Workshop



The Fall 2025 Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop will be held on September 20th and 21st at the Shiawassee Conservation Association in Owosso (4247 M-52, Owosso, MI 48867). This workshop will include Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, and Muzzleloader disciplines. Registration information will be sent soon.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 3

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens



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Join MSU Extension for the eighth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 3.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

August 2: Breakfast on the Farm

MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center, Lansing

Live in or around Ingham County? Stop by Breakfast on the Farm at the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center. The event will include tours of the farm and great food.

www.canr.msu.edu/breakfast_on_the_farm/find_a_breakfast

August 14-17: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show

August 14: Beach Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Celebrate the end of summer at the garden with a day at the beach! Make sand castles, paint shells, play beach games and more. Bring your beach towel and suit and come ready to get wet.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/beach-day

August 18: Adulthood 101 - Navigating Life: Addressing and Handling Peer Pressure

Online

This interactive presentation will explore the reality of peer pressure and ways to identify, process, and overcome it, to ensure healthy decision making and positive self-confidence.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-navigating-life

September 17: Adulthood 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress and Deliver with Confidence

Online

Learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment—from effective verbal and written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-professionalism

September 20: Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna, MI

The 4-H State Dog Show is an annual, single-day event that brings together 4-H'ers from counties across Michigan. Registration is due by August 31 and spectators are welcome!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Safe food for 4-H events

Food safety is important when hosting food events or fundraisers. A new fact sheet, **Safe Food for 4-H Events**, was created to provide education and resources for 4-H staff, volunteers and youth who are coordinating and participating in 4-H food fundraisers or events. View the factsheet at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/safe-food-for-4-h-events.

In addition, MSU Extension held a training on food safety best practice guidelines for those who are planning for, preparing and implementing food fundraisers or events. 4-H families are encouraged to watch the training online at https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1_krsqfes3.

As 4-H families plan fundraisers and other activities throughout the year, remember to review these important resources as a reminder of food safety best practice recommendations.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

