



# 4-H Family News

## OGEMAW COUNTY

FEBRUARY 2023



### On to February!

I hope everyone has had a great start to the New Year! This newsletter is full of info about upcoming opportunities, programs, scholarships, and more. I would also love to see photos of youth at club meetings, and events, with their animals – you name it. With permission, I can feature them on our social media! Another idea is to do a 4-Her of the month feature – what do you all think?

Consider checking out some of the [upcoming local events/programs](#) and following our [Facebook](#) page to get updates as new programs are announced.

Ogemaw Hills 4-H Shooting Sports has started back up! Participants are learning the safe and responsible use of archery equipment, range safety, shooting techniques, eye dominance, target scoring, conservation, natural resources, and marksmanship. Through their experiences with their peers, youth will also develop self-confidence, discipline, teamwork, and patience. Hoping the enjoyment and excitement continues for all involved!

Ogemaw 4-H is partnering with Iosco 4-H to offer a chocolate party on February 13th. Consider attending as a family to escape the winter blues! More details can be found [here](#).

I will be out of the office from Feb 18–25 visiting with family overseas, so I will be unreachable during that time. A last note – our office is undergoing renovations, so if you stop in, please pardon our dust! Please reach out to me with any questions about anything in this newsletter.

*- Enya deFeijter*

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# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February

[Ogemaw & Iosco 4-H Chocolate Party - Logan Township Hall | February 13th, 5p-7p](#)

[Livestock Committee Meeting - MSU Extension Office | February 16th, 6p](#)

## March

[4-H Exploration Days Virtual Info Session - Zoom | March 14th, 6p-7p](#)

[4-H Exploration Days Info Session - MSU Extension Office | March 15th, 6p-7p](#)

[Ogemaw & Iosco 4-H Babysitter Training Workshop - Location TBD | March 18th, 9a-4p](#)

## April

[Earth Month Celebration - Location & Date TBD](#)

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training - MSU Extension Office | April 24th, 5:30p-7p](#)

## May

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training - MSU Extension Office | May 16th, 5:30p-7p](#)

[Exploration Days Orientation Session - MSU Extension Office | May 22nd, 6:30p-8p](#)

## June

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training - MSU Extension Office | June 14th, 5:30p-7p](#)

[4-H Exploration Days - MSU Campus, East Lansing | June 21st-23rd](#)

## July

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training - MSU Extension Office | July 20th, 5:30p-7p](#)

[4-H Forestry Camp w/ Roscommon County 4-H - Gahagan Nature Center | Date TBD](#)

## August

[Ogemaw & Iosco 4-H "Woods to Water" Summer Day Camp - Locations TBD | August 10th & 11th, 9a-4p](#)

[2023 Ogemaw County Fair](#)

## September

[Ogemaw 4-H Info Sessions - Locations & dates TBD](#)

## October

[National 4-H Week - October 1st-7th](#)

[Ogemaw 4-H Fall Recognition Banquet - Location TBD | October 22nd, 2p-4p](#)

*More details will be shared on these events as they become available. This is meant as a general overview, these events are subject to change!*



# 4-H CHOCOLATE PARTY

**HOSTED BY OGEMAW & IOSCO 4-H PROGRAMS**

Join your local 4-H programs at our first-ever **4-H Family Chocolate Party!** We are welcoming guest educator Dixie Sandborn, 4-H Horticulture Specialist with MSU Extension, to offer a fun, family-friendly event for the community. Shake off the winter blues and join us as we learn about the history of chocolate, explore fun facts, taste-test chocolates from around the world, try our hand at dipping chocolate, and more!

**Feb. 13th, 2023 from 5p-7p | hosted at Logan Township Hall (4507 M-55, Prescott, MI 48756)**

**This event is open to all youth ages 5-19, and we welcome families to join us too!**

**Registrations are accepted through our 4-H Online system.**

*Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have supplies and chocolate for all attendees.*



**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

**[v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)**

## QUESTIONS ABOUT SIGNING UP?

**Iosco:** call us @ 989-362-3449

**Ogemaw:** call us @ 989-345-0692,

or email [MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu](mailto:MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu)

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Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Ogemaw 4-H at [MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu](mailto:MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu) or 989-345-0692 at least one week prior to the event to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible. (Please allow no less than one week for short programs and no less than one month for overnight programs.)

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# 4-H Spa SPIN Club



Take a deep breath and join 4-H at the 4-H Spa SPIN Club! Participants will get to make body butter, zen gardens, lip balm, body scrubs, and more as they learn the art of relaxation.

Spaces are LIMITED! Open to those in grades 5-8. Meets on Wednesdays at 4pm - beginning April 5th!

**Register at [V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)**

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## OGEMAW COUNTY 4-H SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

If you have been an active Ogemaw 4-H member for at least 3 years and are interested in attending college, a university or trade school, please consider taking advantage of this scholarship opportunity offered by the Ogemaw County 4-H Council! The application form should be completed and either mailed to the address provided in the application packet or scanned and emailed to Ogemaw 4-H (MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu) by 4pm on the date of the deadline specified in the application (**March 31st, 2023**). Be sure to leave time to obtain the required recommendations!



These awards will be paid directly to the college/university to be used to assist in educational expenses. The scholarship committee will conduct personal interviews after the application deadline, so please be on the lookout for a letter and email with your scheduled interview date and time. The application packet can be found below:

### [2023 Senior Scholarship Application \(PRINTABLE\)](#)

We do not want cost to be a barrier to participation for our 4-H members! Current 4-H members can request financial support from the Ogemaw County 4-H Council or the Ogemaw 4-H Small & Large Animal Advisory Committee to attend MSU and 4-H activities. A short application for scholarships can be found [HERE](#).

Scholarships are great for opening doors for youth to attend events like youth conferences, training workshops, or other educational opportunities around the state!

## OGEMAW COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS







# VOLUNTEER WITH US!

**We are looking for volunteers to offer new opportunities for the community!**



**Where many see challenge,  
kids see **OPPORTUNITY.****

Whether you want a short-term volunteer experience or a long-term role, 4-H has an opportunity for you! Because [safety is our No. 1 priority](#), we are committed to a thorough Volunteer Selection Process that can include an application, national and state background checks, references, an interview and online training modules. There is no charge to you as a volunteer for these background checks or the selection process.

**[Click here to learn more & apply!](#)**



## You can volunteer in a variety of ways – short or long-term!

You can volunteer in a number of roles, but the common ones are....

•**4-H Club Leader** (also called "traditional" leader, project leader): 4-H project leaders help guide the club's members in planning their annual club program, conducting club business, electing youth officers, and learning about/engaging with one or more 4-H projects. They often teach the educational component of the club program and engage with guest speakers. They help organize and facilitate a series of project lessons, usually 4 - 6 meetings or more. Project leaders help members complete project record books and prepare for events like achievement days or the county fair.

•**4-H Administrative Leader:** 4-H administrative leaders help with club logistics and organization. They may manage the club inventory and financial records, enrollment, attendance, and coordinate guest speakers alongside the project leader(s). They may also take point on fundraisers, event planning, and assist with teaching club members about their projects alongside the project leader(s). This role is perfect for those that feel they have strong organizational and planning skills, and don't mind doing paperwork!

•**Short Term Volunteer** (also called "resource volunteers"): Volunteers in this role lead an activity, assist with a program, or volunteer at any of our annual events. They may share a skill or interest they have with an existing club or after school program, or help out at an organized workshop. Or they may choose to be a chaperone or accompany a youth group to a special event or activity. *Example: you want to volunteer to be a chaperone for 4-H Exploration Days*

•**SPIN club leader:** SPIN clubs are SPecial INterest clubs and only meet for a short time- generally not more than 6 meetings per year (8-9 hours per year). These clubs typically take on a single project with a small group of kids (at least 5 youth). Not as intense as a traditional leader, but every bit as rewarding - similar to a resource leader, but this role takes on a club leadership in the short-term. *Example: you want to lead a 6-week summer SPIN Club about ice cream*

•**4-H Advisory Group Member:** Individuals may participate as members of local 4-H advisory groups or special committees (i.e. the Livestock Committee). Committee members often have less direct involvement with youth and serve in more of an administrative role in the 4-H program. *Example: you want to participate in the 4-H Council to help guide the growth of 4-H in the community*



# VOLUNTEER WITH US!

**We will supply resources, help with enrollment and marketing, and help you find activities and curriculum!**



At the core of Michigan 4-H, and critical to the success of its youth, are thousands of volunteers who give their time and talents to grow 4-H'ers. As they provide hands-on guidance and real-world experience, these volunteers also offer young people another crucially important element: a healthy adult role model who helps to grow their confidence and ignite their dreams for the future.

**One of the perks? Staff will support you and help you acquire resources, ideas, curriculum, marketing.... We are here to support you every step of the way & help you get off the ground with your club or program!**

## So you want to volunteer... but don't know topics to do?

There are a ton of topics out there to consider when it comes to offering a club or program. From astronomy to cooking, archaeology to spa days, and woodworking to safari adventures.... there are also great resources out there with supply lists, program outlines, and more.

Rest assured; we are here to help you find an activity you WANT to lead!

One of my favorite resource libraries is provided by Utah State University Extension's 4-H program! They have a wealth of "Discover 4-H" program and activity guides. Check them out [here!](#)

Have an idea for a club, but don't know where to start? Get ahold of us! We are happy to brainstorm with you!

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Interested in shooting sports, and getting kids engaged in learning firearm & archery safety and shooting skills? Become a shooting sports volunteer! Learn more at:

[canr.msu.edu/shooting\\_sports/leader-training-tools](http://canr.msu.edu/shooting_sports/leader-training-tools)





# OGEMAW HILLS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS







# CHAPERONES NEEDED

LET'S HELP YOUTH EXPERIENCE 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS!

LEARN MORE AT THE LINK BELOW

[bit.ly/leadchaperones](https://bit.ly/leadchaperones)

interested in being a chaperone for Ogemaw County 4-H? please get in touch with us at [MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu](mailto:MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu) or call us at 989-345-0692!

## Role Description for 4-H Exploration Days

### Purpose:

To assist with providing a safe, nurturing environment in which youth participants can participate fully in a pre-college experience.

### Chaperones must.....

- Complete the MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process, be accepted, enrolled in 4-HOnline, and in the Active Gold Volunteer Central activity status.
- Must complete 4-H Exploration Days Volunteer Orientation and 4-H Chaperone Training
- Arrive on site before the first youth in the delegation is expected to arrive, no later than 8 am if the delegation isn't coming all together, and remain on site until the last youth has been picked up or until excused by the lead chaperone
- Successfully complete all training prior to event, including 4-H Chaperone Module in Volunteer Central
- Participation and support of staff in Country Orientation meetings

### Responsibilities:

- Provide direction, encouragement and support to all assigned youth within your county delegation
- Assist with check in and check out procedures with direction from the county Lead Chaperone.
- When chaperones are not on the assigned housing floor, they are expected to post a notice on their door informing the youth they are chaperoning where they can be easily found and send notice to the youth they are chaperoning through any additional methods that the county is using for communication (example: text messages, Remind, GroupMe).
- Conduct nightly room checks in coordination with Lead Chaperone.
- Work with county staff member or Lead Chaperone (when county staff are not present at event) for any behavior needs.
- Ensure youth participants are finding sessions, meals, and other activities at the event they are interested in.
- Conduct five youth and chaperone huddles throughout the event to your specific chaperone group up to eight youth. These mandatory meetings will give you a chance to touch base with youth after sessions, before and after evening activities, before bedtime, and just before check-out and departure.
- Serve as a session support for at least one session, if not serving as a session instructor. (See session support position description)
- During free time or during any non-session times, provide supervision and encouragement to participants and sign up to assist with free time support roles
- Be present for and assist the Lead Chaperone, as needed, with the following meetings during the event:
  - County orientation at the event
  - Any specific check-in times between participants and chaperones
- Touch base with the Lead Chaperone to share any questions or concerns participants encountered while checking in/checking out or throughout the event.



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Day at the Breslin & 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 12! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 4-H Day at the Breslin and cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball game as they take on Penn State.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. Learn more at

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin).

4-H alumni can also take part in a special pre-game event: the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception. Enjoy networking and fun with other 4-H alumni before the game. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception).

## February 14: Wild Spartans Series – Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility, Management of a Threatened Species

Meet Doug Larson, research assistant at the Black River Sturgeon Facility. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2023)

## February 28: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building the Value of Your 4-H Club Online

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-the-value-of-your-4-h-club-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-the-value-of-your-4-h-club-7pm)

## March 3-5: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

This weekend workshop will focus on all things dairy cattle nutrition. MSU and MSU Extension faculty, industry partners, and MSU students will lead educational sessions. Open to MSU Extension Gold Volunteers and 4-H youth (ages 12-19). Register by Feb. 8.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-dairy-conference](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-dairy-conference)

## March 4: 2023 Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop

MSU Campus, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens ages 12-19 and adult volunteers in the beef, sheep, goat and swine project areas.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-livestock-workshop](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-livestock-workshop)

## March 4: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Register by Feb. 15.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-ram](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-ram)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 12-14, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as “amazing”, “life-changing”, and “an opportunity unlike any other”.

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings

with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights, education, energy, environment and natural resources, health or law enforcement and corrections.

The cost to register in 2023 is \$365, which includes meals, material fees and lodging at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office.

Registration is open until February 13. To find out more, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/).



## World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due March 15!

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 11 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due March 15.



Join Michigan Junior Livestock Society & Michigan 4-H

## Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits & Poultry

Industry leaders bringing you educational sessions on animal selection, nutrition, showmanship, animal husbandry, and life after the show ring.

Registration  
opens 1/17/23



**Registration**  
All registration will be done  
electronically through 4-H  
Online

Saturday  
**March 11, 2023**  
University Center  
80 Livingston Blvd Gaylord, Michigan

**Registration Info**  
Fee: \$25/participant  
\*Includes lunch & shirt\*  
Deadline: February 20, 2023



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Get ready Northern Michigan youth! Michigan Junior Livestock Society has joined Michigan 4-H for an exciting educational opportunity! The Michigan Youth Livestock Conference is set to happen March 11, 2023. This event will take place at the Gaylord University Center at 80 Livingston Blvd Gaylord Michigan 49735. The Michigan Youth Livestock Conference will provide new opportunities to Michigan youth who are interested in or passionate about raising, exhibiting, producer, or showing livestock. This event is open to all youth and is geared towards those ages 10-19. Registration is through 4-H Online. Space is limited.

**Registration for this event will open January 17th and close February 20th 2023. Questions or concerns can be directed to Michelle at [eaglingm@msu.edu](mailto:eaglingm@msu.edu) or Kimberly at [Kimberly.roestel@gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.roestel@gmail.com)**

Enroll today, get approved and find this event in your profile! <https://v2.4honline.com>

# 2023 SKILLATHON

*The Third Annual*

## Michigan 4-H State Championship

*Competition of Knowledge and Comprehension of Animal  
Science and Livestock Management Practices*

March 4 and 11, 2023 - Qualifiers  
March 18, 2023 - State Championship



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While other state 4-H programs have similar offerings, Michigan 4-H hosts the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation every March. This annual competition tests youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in 10 categories. Qualifier dates are March 4 and 11, 2023. **The Skillathon is open to Michigan youth (8-19 years old as of Jan. 1, 2023) and adults.**

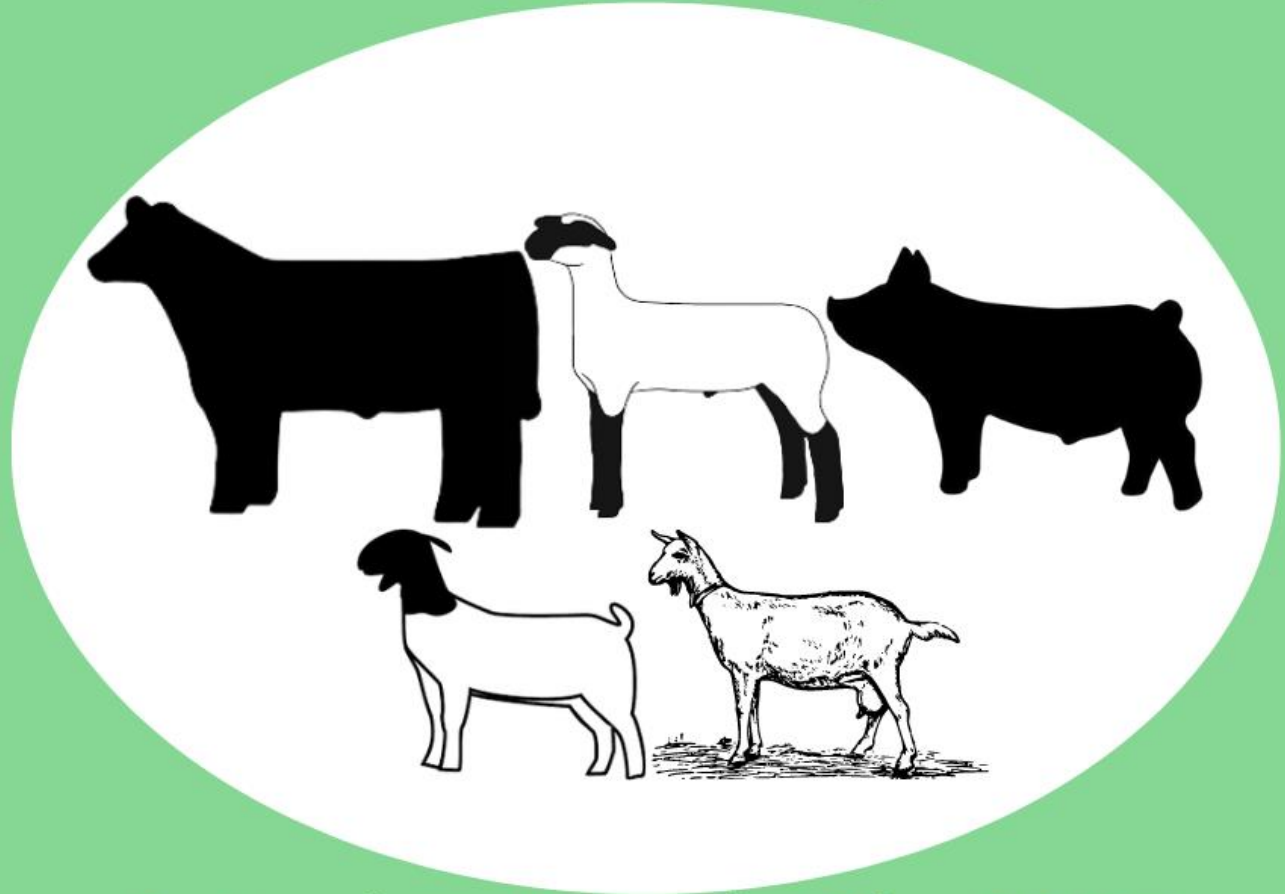
For more information please visit the Skillathon page:  
<http://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2023-Skillathon>

Or email us at: [4HSkillathon@msu.edu](mailto:4HSkillathon@msu.edu)

Join us for the

# Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop

beef, sheep, swine, goats



**Saturday, March 4th, 2023**

**MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing**

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**Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Livestock  
Workshop!**

This event will be on Saturday, March 4th at MSU's Anthony Hall. The statewide livestock and goat programming committees are hard at work planning an awesome educational opportunity for 4-H teens in beef, sheep, swine, and goat projects. Registration information and a detailed schedule will be available in early 2023. Mark your calendars!





## Save-the-Date for these Michigan 4-H statewide events and programs!

- ✓ [Horse Judging Workshop and Mini Contest - Feb 3-4](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training - Paw Paw: Feb 11](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin \(FREE Spartans Women's Basketball vs Penn State\): Feb 12](#)
- ✓ [Animal Science Career Quest: Feb 18-19](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference: March 3-5](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training - Roscommon: March 4](#)
- ✓ [2023 4-H Skillathon - March 4th & 11th \(Qualifiers\) and March 18th \(State Championship\)](#)
- ✓ [Michigan Youth Livestock Conference - March 11th](#)
- ✓ [4-H Capitol Experience - March 12-14](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest: March 18](#)
- ✓ [Hairy Horse Show: April 15](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H / FFA Horse Judging Contest: April 16](#)
- ✓ [SW Michigan 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Tournament: June 11](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H State Goat Show: June 17](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Exploration Days: June 21-23](#)
- ✓ [Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp: July 23-29](#)
- ✓ [2023 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show – August 12](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Horse Show: August 18-20](#)
- ✓ [August 19 – Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament \(aka State Shoot\)](#)

**Click the events above to learn more! Webpages are updated as information and registration becomes available.**