



# OGEMAW COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

## It's finally SPRING!

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the increase in sunnier days, and taking some time to enjoy being outside as we head into spring here in Michigan! Stay with me here, because this newsletter is packed full of info about upcoming deadlines, programs, and more!

Plans continue for summer day camp, as well as some other upcoming opportunities for youth this summer—including the famous [Exploration Days!](#) Registration opened last month, and will be available to register youth until 12 PM on May 9th. Be sure to register before then if you plan on having youth in attendance! Transportation will not be provided this year, but families can arrange to carpool to campus. There will be \$80 total in scholarships applied to your registration after it is submitted, bringing the cost from \$220 down to \$140!

There will be a mandatory YQCA training session offered on May 16th at 6:30pm in the auditorium at Ogemaw Heights High School, registration is open and will be available until May 9th. I will not be accepting registrations or walk-ins after this date, so be sure to register to reserve your spot! Find registration here:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/OgemawYQCA/>

We also now have three certified volunteer leaders in three different 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines, and look forward to offering that once again later this year. Please join me in thanking Paul Miller, Lucas Tierney, and Jim Munn for taking the time in April to complete a day-long certification workshop!! I was also certified in the Hunting & Wildlife discipline at that workshop, so I hope to be offering some workshops, programs, and possibly a day-camp this fall.

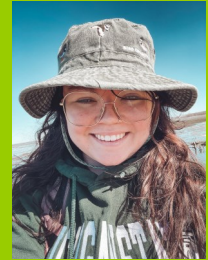
I also want to extend a thank you to those who came to the Earth Day cleanup, where we were able to remove a whopping 340 lbs. of trash and debris from the woods off of Cabin Lake Rd! It was great to see families enjoying the outdoors, and taking care of our natural places. Special thanks to Officer Bader with the DNR for his help in planning and scouting locations, and disposal of what we collected!

Stay tuned to your emails, and the [Facebook page](#), for up-to-date events, programs, and other info! Without further ado... please enjoy this month's newsletter! As always, feel free to reach out with any questions!

*-Enya*

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## Support 4-H with the spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



**4-H & TSC**  
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO. PROUDLY SUPPORTS  
CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL KIDS



Tractor Supply Company customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout this April 27 -May 8. This applies to purchases made in stores and while shopping online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com).

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

To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

# 4-H Events and Workshops

## **May 1—28: Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge (statewide!)**

Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to join a virtual walking challenge! Track and report miles walked for a chance to win prizes for you and your county 4-H program.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge)

## **May 5: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Mock Interview and Tips (online)**

Learn 10 tips for a successful interview, practice answering questions in small groups and get both positive and constructive feedback to prepare you for the 2022 4-H State Award process.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5)

## **May 7: Outdoor Survival Skills 4-H SPIN Club**

*Price Nature Center and Saginaw Field and Stream Club, Saginaw*

Learn basic survival skills to help keep you safe in the outdoors during this three day SPIN club that will take place on May 7, May 12 and May 14.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/outdoor-survival-skills-4-h-spin-club](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/outdoor-survival-skills-4-h-spin-club)

## **May 8: 4-H Grow Your Financial Garden Goosechase (online)**

Grow your financial garden of knowledge as you gain money tips during this GooseChase app-based scavenger hunt! Win potential prizes and have fun!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-hfinancial-garden-goosechase](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-hfinancial-garden-goosechase)

## **May 9: Line Dancing Lessons with Lia**

*Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building, Greenville*

Join an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing. This event is free and open to all.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia)

## **May 10: Wild Spartan Series (online)**

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may2022](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may2022)

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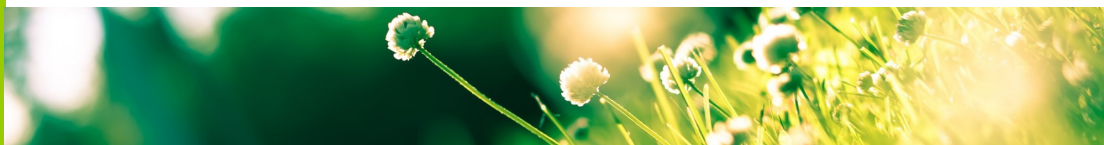
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## **May 14: Eaton County 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match**

*Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte*

4-H dog project members and leaders are invited for a day of showing and fun hosted by Eaton County. Both youth and adults may participate in agility, obedience and showmanship classes.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/eaton-county-4-h-pre-fair-dog-fun-match](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/eaton-county-4-h-pre-fair-dog-fun-match)



# Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take flight into the depths of flowers to learn about researching pollinators and flowers. Join us on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 6:30pm EST for "Uncovering the Evolutionary Secrets of Pollination." You will meet Science Education and Outreach Fellow and PhD student Robin Waterman; and learn about her research and the education and career path she has followed.

Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST.

Pre-registration is required: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>



Join Us Online

## WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE \* RESEARCH \* CAREERS \* CONSERVATION

UNCOVERING THE EVOLUTIONARY SECRETS OF POLLINATION

WITH ROBIN WATERMAN

SCIENCE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH FELLOW & PHD STUDENT  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY: KELLOGG BIOLOGICAL STATION

May 10 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>

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### Call for volunteers!

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Do you have an interest in any of the following topic areas?

- Cooking/baking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Art
- Gardening
- Embryology/ Poultry
- Outdoor Skills
- Or any other fun topics?

We are looking for adults in the community to join the Ogemaw County 4-H volunteer team and lead SPIN Clubs! SPIN clubs are short, 6 to 8 week clubs that focus on one topic & project for the duration of the club.

Sound like fun? Please reach out to me to learn more!

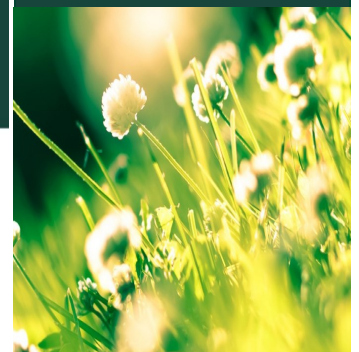
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## Michigan 4-H Foundation Opens 2022-23 Grant Cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000. These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- 4-H On-Target Grants of \$500. These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500. This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- 4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000. These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant). This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

## Purchasing and Bringing Home Livestock

Adapted from: [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock)

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock, or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help you manage their health and safety by making sure you know the questions to ask before purchasing and the preparations required to bring livestock home.



### ***Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation***

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### ***Considerations as You Bring Animals Home***

**Transporting.** Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

**Unloading.** Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

**Settling in.** Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

**Comingling.** Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.

## Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge

Starting May 1, 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 an alumni 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.

Learn more and register at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge).

# 4-H Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp

July 31-August 6, 2022  
Hosted at Camp Chickagami



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natural\\_resources\\_camp](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp)

Click the photo above for  
more info!



## This camp's a winner!

2012 - Named one of eight top 4-H science programs nationally

2009 - Received National 4-H and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Natural Resources Conservation Education Award

2008 - Named a National 4-H Program of Distinction

Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer!!

Learning sessions and recreation are designed to:

- Increase teens' appreciation and enjoyment of the outdoors, natural resources, and science.
- Increase teens' knowledge about the Great Lakes, natural resources ecology and management issues.
- Develop strong attitudinal attachment to Michigan's unique natural resources and bioregional features.
- Foster scientifically rooted environmental stewardship.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Develop leadership skills and self-confidence.
- Increase social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.

## Who should attend?

The camp is for teens aged 13 to 15, or going into 8th-10th grades in the fall, who are functioning at grade-level or above. (We use the public school cut-off date for school-year eligibility which is that 2022 campers must be born before 12/01/2009 to be entering 8th grade in the fall.) **You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend.**

**Maximum camper capacity is 70 campers, so apply early to increase your chances of getting a spot.** Registration will open in early May and spaces are limited!

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# 4-H SPIN Club: Birds of Prey



Join me to learn all about birds of prey - from eagles to vultures and everything in between! Activities will include owl pellet dissection, art projects, games, tips for identification, and hopefully a visit from some LIVE raptor ambassador animals!

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Current 4-H  
members can  
contact me and I  
will enroll your  
youth for you!



Enroll/login at 4-H Online  
([bit.ly/4Henrollment](https://bit.ly/4Henrollment)) and  
select "4-H Future  
Naturalists: Birds of  
Prey to sign up!

*Coming Soon*

# 4-H SPIN Club: Hunting & Wildlife

Join me to learn all about hunting & wildlife! This discipline of 4-H Shooting Sports introduces the history of hunting, wildlife identification (scat, skulls, fur, calls, etc.), habitats, animal tracks, safety in the outdoors, camouflage and more over the course of 7 weeks! Activities will range from outdoor games to art to scavenger hunts and more!

*Coming Soon*

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Enroll/login at 4-H Online  
([bit.ly/4Henrollment](http://bit.ly/4Henrollment)) and  
select "Hunting &  
Wildlife" to sign up!

Current 4-H  
members can  
contact me and I  
will enroll your  
youth for you!

Click the images below for more information on each program!



## IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

April 27th-May 8th

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



Tractor Supply proudly began our partnership with 4-H in 2010 and we have since helped raise over \$14 million through our Paper Clover fundraisers. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 69,000 students by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

100% of funds raised through our two Paper Clover fundraisers directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they work with - 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state it was raised, and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming.

This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime.

# Don't Miss Out!

## SESSIONS STILL AVAILABLE!

OPEN TIL  
MAY  
9TH!

