



What 4-H can offer YOUth



I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalties, my Hands to larger service, & my Health to better living, for my Club, my Community, my Country & my World.

4-H offers interactive learning opportunities for youth to gain valuable life skills.

Here are just a few:

- Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council: this year-round council provides a leadership & confidence-building opportunity for youth ages 13-19 by providing a positive environment to learn about & provide a 'youth voice' in state government public policy-making regarding environmental issues.
 - 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
 - 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
- 4-H Exploration Days: this 3-day, pre-college program augments success skills necessary for post-high school endeavors. It provides youth ages 13-19 the opportunity to explore career & personal interests while experiencing life, for 3 days, on a college campus.
 - 4-H Recognition Program (State Awards)*
 - County 4-H Celebration Banquet (County Awards)*
- Citizen Washington Focus: this week long citizenship program takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Centre in Washington, D.C! Youth ages 14-19 are able to exchange ideas & understand the importance of civic engagement, all through hands-on learning, while strengthening their communication skills with youth from diverse backgrounds.
 - 4-H Capitol Experience (Michigan State capital- Lansing)
 - Danforth "I Dare You" leadership conference
 - International 4-H Exchange Program- travel to Poland, Japan, or Belize!

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- 4-H Developmental Committees- these serve as advisory groups to enhance our various 4-H programs. Youth representation, through leadership roles, is a critical part of these groups.
 - 4-H Council, Livestock, Dog, Horse Leaders', Small Animals
- Community-based 4-H Clubs: these are the 4-H Clubs that currently exist in our community. Here is 1 of our many Clubs we have to offer:
 - *Magna Serentis*, which means *great adventures*, is an outdoor education club. Hike the Manistee River; Rock Climb Pictured Rocks; Kayak the Great Lakes! All with this adventurous 4-H Club!
- Unique, experiential learning- 4-H is more than just Fair & Clubs! The extensive list continues:
 - Kettunen Centre- this beautiful 4-H centre located in Tustin, Michigan, offers workshops from Visual Arts to Entomology!
 - Teen Leader program- youth-driven program to organize & execute a civic project within their community and/or Club.
 - Performing Arts & Style Show- this show is part of the Montcalm Fair but allows youth to show-off that new dress they made or play that rockin' saxophone solo they have been working on!
 - Food Auction- Exhibit an *Outstanding* or *Best of Show* barbeque sauce? Or maybe you make a killer cheesecake. This is your chance to sell those aromatic, mouth-watering dishes to the highest bidder!
- SCHOLARSHIPS! At this point you are probably excited by the numerous opportunities 4-H has to offer. However, there may be that lingering question- "how do I pay for all these awesome experiences?!" Linger no more! The Montcalm County 4-H Council and MSU, provide scholarships to all whom apply!

So what are you waiting for? Join the Revolution of Responsibility today!

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