



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 experience for youth ages 13-19 by providing the opportunity 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
 - Danforth "I Dare You" leadership conference
- Developmental Committees- these serve as advisory groups to our various 4-H programs. Youth serve, through leadership roles, to assist with enhancing various programs.
 - 4-H Council, Still Exhibit, Horse Leaders', Small Animals

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- Community-based 4-H Clubs: these are the 4-H Clubs that currently exist in our community. They range from animal husbandry to horticulture, horses to cake decorating. Here is more of what we have to offer-
 - World Wide Kids explores cultures from around the world through field trips, speakers & delicious foods! They then share what they have learned by hosting a community-wide, International Dinner.
 - International 4-H Exchange program
 - Service Club spends the year fundraising to not only help provide scholarships but also to take part in a State-to-State 4-H exchange program. They spend 5 days sharing & exploring what makes each of our 50 states so great!
- Unique, experiential learning- 4-H is more than just Fair & the Clubs! As you can see, there are activities in the Community, at the State and National Level! But here are more local opportunities:
 - Kettunen Centre- this beautiful 4-H centre located in Tustin, Michigan, offers workshops from Teen Leadership to Entomology!
 - Ionia County Bake Off- make a delicious baked good (local or international) & then interact with our judge to claim the title!
 - Teen Leader program- youth-driven program to organize & execute a civic project within their community.
 - 4-H Community garden- hands-on learning about the benefits of gardening & experimenting with different techniques.
- 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 Ionia County 4-H Advisory Council and 4-H Service Club, as well as MSU, provide scholarships to all those whom apply!

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

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