

**2023 Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary
Science Camp**
June 26-29, 2023 at Michigan State University
Applications due March 31, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. EST



The Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is a four-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University (MSU) in partnership with MI 4-H Youth Development, MSU Department of Animal Science and MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Youth explore fields relating to animal science and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities. Participants have the opportunity to visit and explore MSU farms and facilities. Throughout the week, youth will work their way through a veterinary science case study as a team and create a presentation for critique by veterinarians. This fun and interactive camp allows youth to examine situations, ask questions and problem-solve. It will help youth explore various animal-related career fields while also reflecting on their experiences and communities.

Where and When:

The 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp begins with check-in on Monday, June 26 at 12:30 p.m. EST and runs through noon on Thursday, June 29. Overnight dorm lodging is part of the camp. The camp agenda will be sent to camp attendees with additional information in the weeks leading up to camp.

Who Can Attend:

Youth ages 13 to 17 (as of January 1, 2023) who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science-related activities. All attendees must be (or become) current Michigan 4-H members. Out-of-state residents are welcome to apply.

Who leads the camp?

Camp is led by Michigan 4-H Staff along with camp counselors who are usually students at MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Counselors for this camp must be 21+ and are screened through the [MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process](#).

Cost: The registration fee includes all meals, lodging, transportation around camp and camp materials. The cost per youth is \$410.

Registration Deadlines:

- Applications will open at noon on March 10th and are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on March 31st. Applications will be completed via Qualtrics survey. **No late applications accepted.**
- All applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decision via email by April 15th. Those youth accepted into the camp will also receive additional payment and registration information at that time. A waitlist will also be determined based on application scores.
- Payment is due by May 1, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Once the selection process is completed by the 4-H staff, the cancellation policy for all participants is: No refunds will be given after May 15, 2023.

Selection Process:

Space is limited! Up to 50 youth will be admitted! Attendance at this camp is granted through a competitive application process.

Selection is based on:

- Youth meeting correct age requirement
- Fully completed application with all signatures
- Responses to short-answer questions
- Optional one-page cover letter
*Please note, only the short-answer questions and optional cover letter will be reviewed by selection committee members.
- Short-answer responses and optional cover letter **must be completed by YOUTH**. Application materials will be scored based on youth voice and perspective.

Timeline:

March 10, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EST

- Camp applications will open.
- Link to application: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6P7wjaA1UTKEkVA
 - We recommend looking at page 3 of this document and preparing your responses to the essay questions prior to beginning the application.
 - There will be a space in the survey to upload your cover letter if you choose to complete one.
- Your application is not complete until you see the confirmation message! An email with your responses will automatically be sent to you when your application is complete.

March 31, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. EST

- Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp Application and optional cover letter are due. **NO late applications will be accepted.**

By April 15, 2023

- Youth that apply will be notified of admittance via email.
- Admitted youth can begin registering for the event using instructions provided in admittance notification.
 - At the time of registration, payment must be submitted and all forms must be completed. Forms could include Event Rules, Parent/Guardian Consent, 4-H Overnight Housing Permission Form, Michigan 4-H Youth Authorization and Acknowledgement Forms, overnight event acknowledgement of risk.

May 1, 2023

- Payment and registration is due – payment instructions and information will be provided upon acceptance into camp. No refunds after May 15.

Event Contact:

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Application Questions

*Note: This document is **NOT** the application! These are just the questions you'll be asked in the application survey. We recommend preparing your responses to the essay questions prior to beginning the application.*

Link to application: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6P7wjaA1UTKEkvA

Personal Information Questions:

- Full Legal Name
- Gender
- Age as of Jan. 1, 2023
- Date of Birth
- Expected H.S. graduation year
- 4-H Membership Status: Are you a current Michigan 4-H member?
Note: you do not have to be a current MI 4-H member to apply, but you will be asked to join (with no fee) if accepted.
- Number of years in 4-H (if applicable; include current year)
- Address, City, State, Zip Code
- County of residence
- Parent/Guardian Email Address and Youth Email Address (if applicable)
- Parent/Guardian Phone number and Youth phone number (if applicable)
- Would you like to be considered for a potential scholarship opportunity?
If yes, please thoughtfully tell us why you would like to be considered (must be completed by youth applicant.)
- How did you learn about 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp?

Essay Questions (MUST be completed by youth applicant):

1. **Why do you want to attend the Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp?**
2. **What previous experiences do you have in animal and veterinary science related activities? (no experience needed)**
3. **What do you hope to gain from your experiences at camp?**
4. **After attending the camp, how do you plan to use what you have learned to help others, your school and your community?**

Optional: Upload a Cover Letter (PDF format preferred)

Essay questions and optional cover letters will be reviewed and scored by a committee of Michigan 4-H staff following the application deadline. The 50 applicants with the highest average scores will be offered admission into the camp. There will be a waitlist of approximately 10 youth.