

*Washtenaw County***4-H Family News**

October 2021

The New 4-H Year is off to a great start...**4-H re-enrollment for 2021-2022 4-H year, open NOW!**

Visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> using the same login email and password from last year. DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE! Contact the office, if you need help!) Please plan to re-enroll by November 15 to make sure your 4-H membership is not interrupted.

Calling Washtenaw County 4-H Youth

It's time to apply to serve as a **Washtenaw County 4-H Ambassador!**

4-H Ambassadors (ages 13-19 as of Jan 1, 2022) are responsible for representing and promoting Washtenaw County 4-H at community events and assisting with county-wide 4-H activities. This is a great way to build leadership skills and can be a path to future statewide leadership opportunities. Training is provided. Ambassador meetings will be held monthly- on average- throughout the year to allow for training and time to plan events and meetings may be conducted in-person or via Zoom based on the preference of the group. Apply online no later than October 15 at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4y3m4577>

Contact Jackie Martin with questions at marti623@msu.edu.

MI 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

4-H members age 15-19 are invited to apply for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. This group serves as advocates, spokespeople, leaders, and advisors for Michigan 4-H programs statewide. Serving on SYLC is a great way to meet youth from across the state, expand your understanding of Michigan 4-H, and build your resume and leadership skills. More information, including the application and information sessions, is available online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/>. Applications are due October 31.

Fall Recognition Program - November 7th, 2021

All are invited to help celebrate youth and adults for their outstanding participation in Washtenaw 4-H during the 2020-2021 year! The program will start at 2:00 PM at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds Building A. Volunteers are needed to help with a craft or table decoration please contact the office!

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9 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

The 4-H team is working remotely on several days, please don't hesitate to contact us via email anytime!



4-H Member News & Opportunities

4-H Family News

Youth Show Premium Announcement

2021 4-H Youth Show premium checks and auction checks have been mailed out. All checks must be cashed or deposited by December 2021.

The Horse Protégé Program is back and ready to start a new year!

We are excited to have 6–9-year-olds interested in learning ALL about horses in a fun and educational way to join us. We meet for one-hour meetings monthly from October through March. After that, we begin meeting one on one with assigned mentors and their horses until the Washtenaw Fair in July.

Teen mentors wanted! Mentors need to be at least 13 years old, have shown horses at the fair for two years and have a deep knowledge of horses, tack and care. If interested please contact the leader, Abbie-Jo Wilcox at wilcox.abbiejo@gmail.com.

4-H scholarships available

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience. A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at:

www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 3 - 9

For the 79th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate **National 4-H Week** from October 3-9.

During the 2021 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and “Find their Spark” – the theme of this year’s celebration. From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to help the next generation explore what interests and excites them. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H helped you or your kids find your spark on social media channels and with individuals in your community.

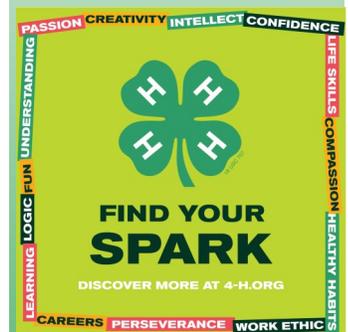
Submit your County Medal Applications by October 10th!

Don't forget to nominate your 4-H Leaders and volunteers to be recognized!

We are still taking nominations for Leader of the Year, Alumni of the Year, and Friend of 4-H awards to be presented in November.

Are there any businesses or community members, who helped in significant ways? Perhaps they could be a Friend of 4-H award nominee! **Due October 10th**

Forms to nominate: https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw_county_4_h/scholarships-awards



IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

OCTOBER 6-17TH 2021

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



CLUB LEADER UPDATES

ANNUAL CLUB REVIEW & FINANCIAL STATEMENT DUE

August 31 is the end of the 4-H Fiscal year. Clubs should make sure you have monthly bank statements (*if your club holds more than \$100 in club funds*), and meet with your club officers for your end-of-year wrap-up processes and conversations. If your bank sends statements to our office monthly but you don't have a copy, please contact the office.

ALL FINANCIAL PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE OFFICE BY October 20th!

These meetings are great for answering any of your questions about finances, fundraisers, etc. **CLUB REVIEW MEETINGS MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 20th, 2021.** As the parent organization, MSU, continues to tighten financial guidelines, which we are all required to follow.

Please visit the following live link where you can sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA622A1F4C16-4hannual1>

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

ALL Michigan 4-H Certified GOLD Volunteers are required to complete an annual background check, the Volunteer Central system will notify you when to renew your acknowledgement. For more information, please reach out to Ashley Walds. https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/application_info

FALL RECOGNITION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7TH, 2021

You are invited to help celebrate youth and adults for their outstanding participation in Washtenaw 4-H during the 2020-2021 year! The program will start at 2:00 PM in Building A at the Farm Council Grounds. If there are any folks who are willing to help with table decorations please contact the office!

Save the Date
2022 4-H Youth Show dates are July 24-30, 2022



YOUTH SHOW & YOUTH SHOW COMMITTEE

2021 Youth Show Cover Contest Extended to November 10th, 2021

This year the 2021 Cover Contest, was a class at the annual Youth Show, and we received the first submissions of artwork for the front and back cover of the 2022 Youth Show book. **Last Call to ALL YOUTH for your ART!** The Advisory Council will determine the winner of the contest. **Deadline is extended until November 10th!** Please send in your art to be considered.

Help us plan and oversee the 4-H Youth Show by being part of the **Youth Show Committee**. Please contact the office.

HORSE ASSOCIATION

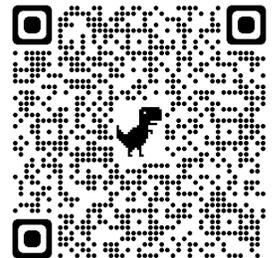
Meetings are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of even months at 7:00 pm

Washtenaw 4-H Horse Association is open to ALL 4-H members, parents, and volunteers who are active or interested in the 4-H Horse and Pony Project. The Horse Association is responsible for handling many of the decisions regarding horses for the Youth Show. The Association meets **every month on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM. The next Horse Association meeting will take place on October 26th at 7:00 PM**. At this meeting there will be Election of youth board officers, committee assignments (including Show committee, Youth Show Book and Tack Sale committees) and other event planning items, along with ideas for the 4-H Horse program. We hope to see you there!

Tack Sale is December 4, 2021. 2nd date is February 26, 2022.

****Calling all Volunteers to assist with sign up, arrangement of tables, recruiting volunteer for the silent auction and the food tables.****

If you would like to reserve at vendor/ seller table/ spot, please click on the QR code for the registration form.



Spring Round Up is scheduled for May 14 & 15, 2022. One day is for a clinic and one day is for the SRU.

LIVESTOCK & DAIRY

Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Thursday of even months at 7:00 pm

The Livestock and Dairy Committee is open to ALL 4-H members, parents, and volunteers who are active or interested in sheep, swine, beef cattle, and dairy cattle 4-H projects. The Livestock and Dairy Committee is responsible for making many decisions related to the Youth Show. This includes Youth Show book changes, weigh-in, and planning for the Youth Show itself. This Committee meets every other month, on the **second Thursday of even months at 7:00 PM**.

Their next meeting will be **October, 14 at 7:00 PM** at the Extension Office. We will be having officer elections and reviewing Youth Show suggestions. If you are interested in running for office please contact the office. See you there!



JR LIVESTOCK

Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Thursday of odd months at 6 pm

The Junior Livestock is an established group of youth with the same interest in the large animal project area of our youth show. The youth members of this group range from ages 12-19 years old. **We meet every other month one hour before the Livestock and Dairy meeting at 6:00 pm at the 4-H office.** Special meetings and activities are planned accordingly. Activities include educational programs, assisting in setting the rules and regulations through the Livestock and Dairy Committee, mentoring programs, fun group activities, fund raisers, and community service projects. Club members hold junior club officer positions within the Livestock and Dairy Committee. New election of officers will be determine at the October LD meeting. If interested in running for a junior office, please contact Kathy Grau, Junior Livestock Advisor, kgrau3437@aol.com or the 4-H Office for an application.

SMALL ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Meetings are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of odd months at 6:00 pm

The Small Animals Committee is seeking more involvement! This group is open to any youth, parents, or volunteers who are active or interested in goat, llama, poultry, rabbit, dog, cat, cavy, or pocket pet 4-H projects. This group works very hard on planning for the Youth Show, arranging small animal related workshops, and recruiting new 4-H members. Their next meeting will be held September 28th at 6:00 PM.

Small Animal Mentorship Program is for 4-H youth showing for the first time or cloverbuds that would like assistance with showing and learning about their animal. Please contact the office for more details!

Seeking new officers! The small animal committee is seeking new officers. If you are interested, please let the 4-H Office know.

STILL PROJECT COMMITTEE

Meetings are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of even month at 6:30 pm

The Still Project Committee is made up of any aged 4-H member or leader who participates in still projects at the 4-H Youth Show. That means you! Please join in the discussion to make our 4-H event even better! Join us!

Please stop by the office to pick up material for your next sewing or craft project.

ARCHERY

Washtenaw 4-H Archery Club will resume in April. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.



JR Master Gardener

4-H Junior Master Gardener (JMG) is a program of Washtenaw 4-H Youth Development/Michigan State University Extension. JMG teaches youth 9-11 years old about gardening and volunteering via a series of classes. Participants will plant a garden and care for it through harvest. Classes provide a high-quality, positive learning experience via project-based, hands-on education. The program is based on the research and expertise of Michigan State University and Master Gardener volunteers. We hope to help kids discover that gardening is a fun and rewarding activity and volunteering is an important part of being a good citizen of the community.

Each JMG participant must attend all 6 classes, complete all quizzes, and accumulate at least 10 volunteer hours. Participants are responsible for caring for the JMG Garden, which they plant during the class, throughout the spring and summer until the Harvest Party. Participants who complete the JMG certification requirements above will be recognized and will receive a 4-H Junior Master Gardener certificate of accomplishment at the Harvest Party! The Master Gardener Volunteer instructors are screened MSU Extension 4-H volunteers and they would like to share their enthusiasm, expertise for gardening and volunteering with youth in our community. **Applications open – April 2022; Program begins – May 2022; Harvest Party – September 2022**

4-H Exchange Program

International Programs Reboot with Outbound Q & A sessions. Please notice participants need to register and there is a morning session and evening session. This session is for families and 4-H Leaders interested in learning more about our International Programs. **When: Oct 12, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)** Register in advance for this meeting: <https://msu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudOyvrTguE9EhuawmsSqMRgDcD7KVRDg7>

Service Club

The **Service Club** raises funds each year and then donates all those funds back to the 4-H participants through scholarships, awards, recognition, trainings and by their support for adult chaperone expenses for many events. This group welcomes anyone and particularly those adults who are finishing a 4-H career but are still looking for ways to stay involved.

Advisory Council

Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Thursday of odd months at 7:00 pm

Advisory Council is the association that helps to oversee activities for the county 4-H program. The council is made up of all 4-H Leaders, Volunteers, and Teen Leaders throughout the county program. It serves as a counsel to the 4-H Program Coordinator for 4-H Youth Development and the Washtenaw County MSUE staff

Dress up in your favorite costume - it's time for Trunk or Treat!! **4-H Advisory Council** is sponsoring a trunk at **Halloween Trunk or Treat at Washtenaw Council Grounds organized by the Farm Bureau on October 19th and Saline Main Street on October 27th.** We're looking for volunteers to promote 4-H at these local Trunk Or Treats.

SAVE THE DATE
4-H ADVISORY CHRISTMAS TREE SALE,
held at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
will be held on **November 27 & 28th and December 4th & 5th, 2021**



LOCAL & STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com from Oct. 6-17.

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

October 6: 4-H Future Squad—Budgeting 101

Online

Do you have a plan to reach your financial goals? Do you know how you spend your money? This workshop will get you started on creating a budget that works for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-6>

October 7: 4-H Future Squad—Building Connections

Online

Sometimes it's not what you know, but who you know. During this interactive workshop youth will learn how to build connections and how to network like a professional.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-7>

October 13: 4-H Future Squad—Using Your Voice

Online

Participants will take part in discussions and activities to identify the unique strengths and assets youth bring to decision-making groups and discuss strategies to remove barriers to highlight youth voices.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-13>

October 14: 4-H Future Squad—Goal-setting

Online

Whether exploring goals for future money or career goals, this workshop covers the importance of goal setting and the basics of SMART goals, allowing youth to create their own.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-14>

October 20: 4-H Future Squad—Career Connections Through Volunteering

Online

Do you hunger for social justice? Do you thirst for connection in your community? Assess your skills and passions for volunteering as a pathway to career connections, as well as grow your friendships and networks.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-20>

October 27: 4-H Future Squad—Public Speaking

Online

This training will help participants learn the best practices of public speaking. Participants will practice getting over nerves, learn what not to do, and hone basic public speaking skills through hands-on activities and example videos.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-27>

October 28: 4-H Future Squad—The Art of Time Management

Online

Time management looks at how you organize and spend your time. There is an art to arranging your time to increase productivity and reduce stress. Learn some tips and develop some plans to best manage your time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-28>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

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Making Food Your Business 4-H Spin Club

Mondays and Thursdays
October 4th thru October 25th
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm EST

Register:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/makings>



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Fall Into Fun

with Michigan 4-H

Fall Into Fun with Michigan 4-H this autumn! Using the GooseChase app, Michigan youth and families are invited to join in gameplay while learning about our environment. Each week, multiple gameplay prompts will be released that will engage youth in learning about how Michigan's plants, animals, and environment change in the fall. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers!

Who: Michigan Youth and Families

What: Fall themed 4-H SPIN Club

When: October 13th - November 24th

Where: Virtual on GooseChase

To register, please use the following link:
<https://forms.gle/p1W0zNzdHvQZC6ku5>

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Save the Milkweed, Save the Monarchs! 4-H SPIN Club



Come learn about one of Michigan's most iconic butterflies and how you can help it survive. We'll look at the dangers of pesticides and the importance of healthy habitats. Discover how to create your own butterfly garden! Join us to gain awareness and become an advocate for this beautiful creature.

Who: 4th-7th graders and 8th-12th graders

When: Thursday afternoons Sept 30- Nov 4 3:30-4:30 & 4:30-5:30

Where: Huron Meadows Metro Park & Livingston Co Extension office

Cost: \$10, scholarship available!

Please email Emily at hooverem@msu.edu to register. Registrations due on Sept 30, Noon

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

JOIN ONE OR ALL!

Michigan 4-H Future Squad Virtual and In-Person Sessions

Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsmanship Award

Nominations being accepted until ~~Oct 1~~

Extended to Oct. 15!

4-H GROWS HERE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension



Orchard Outrage! The Case of the Vanishing Apples



Register before Oct 12:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Orchard/>

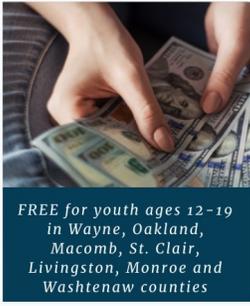
Limited to 10 teams of 4 players
Join as an individual or as part of a team

Open to youth ages 12 - 19 No cost to Play

Thursday, Oct. 14 - 6:30 PM (EDT)



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FREE for youth ages 12-19 in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw counties

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4-H Financial Fitness and Fun

Tuesdays

October 5-December 7
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

- October 5 - Do You Have a Plan? Money Goals
- October 12 - Paying for Post-secondary Education
- October 19 - Budgeting: Understanding Income and Expenses
- October 26 - They Took What? Your First Paycheck and Taxes
- November 2 - Pay Yourself First: Start a Saving Habit
- November 9 - Banking Basics
- November 16 - Credit Craze: Managing Credit Wisely
- November 23 - Keep Yourself Out of Debt
- November 30 - Avoiding Money Mishaps: Tips to Avoid Fraud
- December 7 - Grow Your Money: Investing and Risk



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Register Today!



4-H ALUMNI FALL TEAM WALKING CHALLENGE

Teams of 5 adults, starting October 3!

