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4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Books are Available for Purchase!

The Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show 2023 books are now available [digitally on our website](#) or you can purchase a paper copy from the MSU Extension Office for \$5 (cash or check). One 4-H Club leader per club and Superintendent can pick up their free copy from our office. Check out the beautiful cover designs by Emily Moore of Paint Creek 4-H Club and Katherine Buckley, 4-H Independent. Remind your 4-H members they can start thinking now of entering a cover design for our contest!

FairEntry Registration for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show will begin on June 1st and close on June 16th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Livestock & Dairy Committee Meeting
April 13th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Rural Safety Day
April 15th at 12:30 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Horse Board & Association Meeting
April 25th at 6:30 and 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Still Projects Committee Meeting
April 25th at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Weigh In for Sheep, Goats, Feeders, and Swine Tagging
April 29th at 8-11 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Horse Forms Due
May 1st (Keep an eye out for the email this week!)

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4-H Contact During Staff Vacancy



We are working quickly to fill the current vacancy in the Washtenaw County 4-H Office, and we expect to see a posting for a full time 4-H Program Coordinator next week. Until we are able to refill the position, Jackie Martin, Supervising Educator for 4-H Program Coordinators in six counties in District 12, will be leading many of the efforts that Katherine had provided leadership to, including Livestock and Dairy Committee, Small Animal Committee, and Horse Association. Jackie will also be handling most of the duties related to Youth Show preparation that were previously assigned to Katherine while we work to re-fill the position. You can contact Jackie at marti623@msu.edu.

Jenny Speyer, 4-H Program Instructor for Washtenaw and Livingston counties, continues to serve in her role and will provide leadership for volunteer screening, 4-H online, and the groups she was already assigned to lead (including Advisory Council, Still Projects Committee, and Service Club). If you have a question and aren't sure who to contact, please call the office at 734-997-1678

Washtenaw County 4-H is Hiring a Summer 4-H “Intern”

Washtenaw County 4-H is hiring a temporary part-time employee for \$15 an hour to help with the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. This is an ideal position for a former exhibitor, parent, or volunteer, and could serve as internship credits if needed for education. This individual will provide support to the management of the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, under the direction of Washtenaw County 4-H staff. Individual will also oversee the completion of entries, preparation of reports, and entry of results in provided software program and assist with other general event tasks. Candidates must be able to assist with 4-H Youth Show event July 23-29.

You can find the posting at careers.msu.edu by searching for posting number **852931**. **The deadline to apply is April 16.**



Please help us spread the word about this position and pass along this information to anyone you know who might be interested! We will be posting a Facebook post about the position on our Facebook page you can also share: <https://www.facebook.com/WashtenawCounty4H>



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Don't Miss Rural Safety Day at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds on April 15

Join us for a family-focused day to learn about staying safe in your rural community! Washtenaw County Farm Bureau and the Washtenaw County 4-H program are co-hosting this fun event. This educational program will be held on Saturday, April 15 in Buildings A, B, & C at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

Registration & activities begin at 12:30 pm. Come early to check out fun activities like our Hazard Hunt, trivia wheel, photo booth, and more! The program will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The program will be family focused for all ages. Topics include tractor safety, grain and wagon safety, animal safety, fire safety, first aid, and stress management.

To pre-register, please visit: <http://washtenaw-rural-safety-day.eventbrite.com/>

For more information email WashCoPandE@gmail.com



4-H Kitchen Volunteers Needed

The 4-H Kitchen is looking for adult volunteers interested in working in the kitchen one or more days of the Youth Show from July 23-28th. These volunteers will help run the 4-H Kitchen with the help of a 4-H Kitchen Manager. Volunteer responsibilities include prepping and preparing food, providing on-the-job training to 4-H volunteers and youth during the Youth Show, and keeping the kitchen clean during the Youth Show. The Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show operates under the discretion of the Washtenaw County 4-H Service Club. Profits from the 4-H Kitchen allow the 4-H Service Club to provide financial support to the Washtenaw County 4-H Programs and annual youth scholarships. The 4-H Kitchen is also the only food vendor on the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds during the Youth Show. If you are interested, please email Jenny Speyer, at speyerje@msu.edu.

Sign Up Now for 4-H Archery Starting on April 25th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

The Washtenaw County 4-H Archery Club will begin meeting on April 25th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. The club will meet each Tuesday from 6-8 pm until the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, except for July 4th. 4-H Archery is open to 4-H youth ages 8-19 years old, but limited to 25 youth, so sign up now. No equipment is necessary to participate, but you may bring your own if you wish. Recurve, long-bow, and compound bow under a 55 lb. draw weight are permitted. Additionally, a finger tab and arm guard



is required, but we have some available. A \$1 project fee is required for each session. Parents must remain on the ground during the meetings! Register at: <https://forms.gle/67wh87ncTgaCgsh17>



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Spring Livestock Tagging on April 29th from 8-11 am

Market Lamb, market goat, and feeder calf weigh in and swine tagging will be Saturday, April 29. Tagging will be held at the Farm Council Grounds and will go from 8 – 11 am. Here are a few reminders about weigh-in/tagging rules:

- ALL cattle must have an RFID tag in their ear before they are transported. If you don't have the ability to tag the animal at home, please bring the RFID tag and tagger with you and we will get it in the ear at tagging.
- Animals **MUST** be tagged in at the spring weigh-in in order to be shown at the 4-H Youth Show.
- Exhibitors are allowed to tag in up to 4 animals, but can only exhibit 2 at the Youth Show
- All males must be castrated before tagging
- All sheep and goats must have a Scrapies tag or tattoo in order to exhibit at the 4-H Youth Show
- Exhibitors wishing to exhibit in the commercial lamb class must provide a receipt of purchase at weigh in that is within the current market range for feeder lambs for market.
- Lambs cannot exceed 110 pounds at the spring weigh-in
- All market hogs must be tagged at the spring weigh-in, but they will NOT be weighed. Hogs are not allowed to leave the trailer

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show YQCA Information

All market beef and swine exhibitors are required to have an updated YQCA certification before marketing animals at the 4-H Youth Show auction. This certification can be obtained by participating in an online or in-person training. Thanks to a grant from Bayer, this training is provided free of charge to Washtenaw 4-H exhibitors. Please follow the steps below to complete a certification.



1. Contact the MSU Extension Office to obtain a coupon code (optional) to receive the training for free- you will need to specify if you need an online or in-person code.
2. Register through www.yqcaprogram.org – this step is required whether you attend in-person or online!
3. Sign up for your in-person training on the site and/or complete the online training.
4. Be sure to complete the pre-test before you attend an in-person training.

We are offering one opportunity for in-person training at the Washtenaw MSU Extension Office, Monday May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Please register for this training by calling 734-997-1678. Washtenaw exhibitors are also welcome to attend YQCA trainings in neighboring counties. Those opportunities will be shared as they become available.

Need help registering? Check out this [YQCA Family Guide](#) to help walk you through the registration process.



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Project RED Volunteers Needed for April 24-27th



Project RED (Rural Education Days) will again be held from Tuesday April 25 to Thursday, April 27th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Set up will take place on the afternoon/evening of April 24th. The Washtenaw County MSU Extension 4-H Program, the Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee and the Washtenaw Farm Council sponsor this program filled with educational experiences for 3rd grade students. Volunteers are needed for animal exhibits, group leaders, commodity displays, and other educational exhibits. Thousands of 3rd graders across the county enjoy

this event each year, and it takes many hands to pull the event together. Don't miss out on a chance to help with this wonderful community event!

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/uQ8eXUN69FmGLkmLA>

Washtenaw County Hippology Team Qualified for Nationals!

The 2023 State Hippology contest took place at MSU on 3/18, with over 60 participants from roughly 10 counties; double the size from last year. Washtenaw County had 17 girls (ages 6-17), including 2 Cloverbuds and 10 in the "Novice" category, which means they've never been to Hippology before. Our returning Senior team qualified for NATIONALS with their Reserve Champion win!!!

The participants test their horse knowledge in written, judging and individual skills tests, along with a team problem solving section. We took home many ribbons,

prizes, and smiles. Our County swept the top 4 places in the Jr. Novice division, took Reserve Champion in Jr. Regular and Sr. Regular divisions, and took home a Grand Champion placing in the Sr. Novice division.

Team Placings:

- Jr. Novice Reserve Champs: Bethany Pyle, Aamenah Jamil, and Dallis Rasthabanh (Hooves and Paws)
- Jr. Novice Grand Champions: Mackley Griffis, Amelia Lorch, and Bella Nazarro (Hooves and Paws)
- Sr. Novice Grand Champions: Lulu, Julia Lorch, Cece Vincent, and Siena Paskvan (Hooves and Paws)
- Sr. Regular Reserve Champions: Ellie Evola, Alison Oakman, Noelle Licari, and Alex White (Hooves and Paws)

The Washtenaw County Hippology team was coached by Angela Oakman (Hooves and Paws 4-H Club). Teams form in January 2024 with Angela hosting multiple (optional) study sessions for all county participants. We'd love to see more 4H'ers join in the fun next year! If interested, please contact Angela Oakman at angela_oakman@yahoo.com.



Pictured: Sr. Regular Reserve Champion National Qualifiers: Noelle, Alison, Alex, Ellie (Hooves & Paws)



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Project Galore Returns to Washtenaw County 4-H!



We had a great turn out of 4-H'ers to Project Galore on March 18th at the MSU Extension Office. 21 youth of all ages tried out new projects and learned new skills. This afternoon of projects included sessions on crochet, photography, cat showmanship, poultry showmanship, how to raise a leader dog, basic sewing, felting, yoga, card making, and weather. Thank you to the 4-H Still Projects Committee for hosting and planning this great event. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped facilitate this event and the instructors. We couldn't have put on this event without our 4-H volunteers.



Junior Livestock Decorates Bags with Flowers for Seniors in Chelsea



Junior Livestock finished their latest service project in time for Easter. Together, the group decorated 100 bags, just in time for the resident of the Chelsea Retirement Community to enjoy the blossoming flowers of these beautiful African Violets during preparations for Easter. These flowers were made available to the group through a generous donation from Hilltop Nursery and Farms. Thank you so much to the Prielipp family for donating these flowers to these Chelsea seniors!!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC 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 from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

Save the date for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge

April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youthcreditcraze>

April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april-2023>

April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





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Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.



4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle
Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All

Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.



MSU Extension Child and Family Development

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and early childhood professionals.

Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

Class dates:

- 4/4/23: ABC's of ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
- 4/11/23: Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Science for Young Children
- 4/18/23: NO CLASS
- 4/25/23: Positive Discipline

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4j5Ci-IrT6m-pfi_ZX6D3Q

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Building Strong Adolescents

Are you wondering how to navigate the teen years with your child? Do you wonder how to set limits while still promoting independence and encouraging positive relationships? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children between 9-16 and explore the assets children need to succeed. Certificates of attendance are available.

Class dates: April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22 from 7:30PM-9:30PM

Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/BSAApril2023/>

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, aldric82@msu.edu

The Parent Talk System

Do you feel like your children aren't listening to you? Finding yourself constantly repeating yourself trying to gain compliance? This 6 week series is for parents of children of all ages and is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Topics include eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character. Certificates of attendance are available.

Class dates: April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25, June 1 from 7:30-9pm EST

Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ParentTalkMay2023/>

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, aldric82@msu.edu

Early Childhood Professional Development Classes

These free online classes provide professional development training hours for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

What Children Need to Know to Start School

Class Date: April 20th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-fWIZlqTu-lkyn9Czibow

Mindfulness for Young Children

Class Date: April 28th

Class Time: 1:00PM to 2:30PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VLYBmjHIR-qzBK-PRCn0Gg

For more information contact Vivian Washington at washi138@msu.edu



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Early Childhood Professional Development Classes

Building Early Emotional Skills for Early Childhood Professionals:

Building Early Emotional Skills (BEES) for Early Childhood professionals is an opportunity to learn more about how children develop important social emotional skills, and how you can help them learn to understand and express their emotions appropriately. This course is online. It is expected to take approximately one hour per week to complete the course content. This training is approved in miRegistry for 8 hours. Spring course begins on March 5, 2023. Registration will run from February 27 – March 12, 2023. Registration Information: https://www.canr.msu.edu/building_early_emotional_skills_in_young_children/online-program-for-professionals

In-Person Workshop: Including All of Us

Including All of Us is an intensive training to provide an opportunity for child care professionals to learn about issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in early childhood. Including All of Us includes group content, where early childhood professionals can explore their own beliefs, worldviews and understanding of issues surrounding diversity. Participants learn about ways they can incorporate anti-bias education into their work with young children and create environments of equity for all children. Ensuring that child care environments are high quality, equitable and inclusive will help build and nurture social emotional competencies and prepare children for success in school and in life. Including All of Us provides an opportunity for teachers to practice self-reflection and develop an awareness that will have a positive impact on their teaching, child care skills, and family interactions.

This in-person, free program is six hours in length and can be taught in one six-hour session or two, three-hour sessions. The program is approved in the MiRegistry system and completion certificates are available. To schedule a workshop at your location, contact Vivian Washington at washi138@msu.edu

Online Self-Paced Classes

Positive Discipline

Helping young children learn self-control is important to their ability to be successful citizens now and in the future. Positive Discipline workshops help adults learn how their role in creating appropriate environments and experiences can strengthen that development. This class has a “parent and caregiver” track and a “professional” track. Certificates of attendance are available for all who take the class and professional development training hours are available for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

Registration: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/positive-discipline-online-course>

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Infant Safety

MSU Extension has partnered with the Livingston County Child Abuse Prevention Council to create a self-directed online infant safety course called “Sleeping, Crying, Driving.” This three part course contains videos and interactive content on infant safe sleep, how to handle extended infant crying and guidelines for transporting your child safely. A certificate of completion is available for those who need proof of attendance.

Registration: https://www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development/infant-safety/

MI Parenting Resource

This free, online program is meant to support caregivers across the state in strengthening their parent-child relationships and gaining new tools for enhancing positive child behaviors.

Registration: <https://miparentingresource.org/>

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu