



JANUARY 2023

# 4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



## Enroll in 4-H Online to stay up to date on 4-H events, opportunities, and deadlines!

Don't delay anymore, re-enroll in 4-H online for the 2023 program year! On January 30<sup>th</sup>, we will only send out the February newsletter to **currently enrolled youth and families**. To ensure you are receiving important communications and updates, make sure to re-enroll! Membership fees are waived moving forward so it's free to enroll! Enroll at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

We also want to remind families that for youth to participate in the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, they must be enrolled in 4-H online by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. We also strongly encourage youth to be enrolled before weigh in dates as only currently enrolled youth are covered under 4-H liability policy. The weigh in dates are the following:

- The weigh in dates for beef is March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- The weigh in dates for sheep, goats, feeders and swine tagging is April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & DEADLINES:

#### Advisory Council Meeting

January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the MSU Extension Office

#### Horse Board & Association Meetings

January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and 7 pm in the MSU Extension Office

#### Small Animal Committee Meeting

January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the MSU Extension Office

#### Still Projects Committee Meeting

January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm on zoom (Email Jenny for zoom invite)

#### Service Club Meeting

January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Lodi Township Hall

#### Deadline for Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Book Edits

January 31<sup>st</sup> at by 5 pm to Katherine Miller by email

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## Saline 4-H Farmer's Community Service Projects



The Saline 4-H Farmers Club has gone above and beyond these past two months in community service. Starting in November, youth from the club wrote letters to Santa to raise money for Make A Wish Foundation. Next, they brought in paper items to donate to Saline Area Social Service and helped with packing meals for local families for Coalition Against Hunger at a local church. Finally, the club youth brought livestock to put on a live nativity at a local church and made Christmas cards for local nursing home residents. We are proud of these club members and volunteers for going above and beyond in the service to their community!

## What are Our 4-H Committees and What Do They Do?

As we have many families and members new to 4-H, we want to remind new and experienced 4-H'ers of the opportunities available at our 4-H Committee meetings.

In our county, we have the following committees that provide opportunities for youth and volunteers to have their voices heard and participate in leadership positions. We encourage all of our youth and leaders to attend one or more of these meetings. Meeting schedule for 2022-23 can be found [here](#):

- The Horse Association focuses on horse and pony projects and is responsible for making many decisions related the horse and pony projects in the Youth Show. They also organize an annual tack sale.
- The Advisory Council supports our 4-H program by providing financial support through their annual Christmas tree sale to our college scholarships with Service Club, our annual 4-H recognition program, and many recruitment and outreach initiatives. The Advisory Council also helps with the award selection process for our scholarships and plans and coordinates recruitment events and campaigns. This small but mighty committee can use more volunteers and youth to help in their mission.
- The Livestock and Dairy Committee focuses on sheep, swine, beef cattle, and dairy cattle 4-H projects. The Livestock and Dairy Committee is responsible for making many decisions related to Livestock projects in the Youth Show. This includes Youth Show book changes, weigh-in, and planning for the Youth Show itself.
- Small Animal Committee 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 also works very hard on planning for the small animal portions of the Youth Show, arranging small animal related workshops, and recruiting new 4-H members.
- Still Projects Committee is responsible for coordinating the Still Projects part of the Youth Show and for planning clinics and project days throughout the year to introduce youth to new project areas.
- Service Club runs the 4-H Kitchen during the Youth Show which provides funding for 4-H programs and scholarships. The Service Club would love to see more members join their group to help support Washtenaw County 4-H programs!





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## Washtenaw County 4-H Partnership with Domino's Farms Petting Farm Provides Opportunities for the Science, Animals, and Arts 4-H Club (Formerly Little Britches)



This October, the Washtenaw County 4-H office started a partnership with Domino's Farm Petting Farm to provide opportunities for our 4-H youth to work with their livestock and use their facilities. An existing 4-H club, Science, Animals and Arts 4-H Club, formerly Little Britches, has decided to use their space for their meetings. Although Domino's Farm Petting Farm has previously focused on exotic animals, the new manager, Adam Bishop, is moving the farm in the direction of a production farm to provide educational opportunities for community members around agriculture and livestock. We are excited about the opportunity for 4-H youth who may not have the option of having their own livestock to interact with livestock on a regular basis and to potentially lease livestock from Domino's Farm.

## Dairy Quiz Bowl Starts Up Soon!

Dairy quiz bowl practice is starting up again! Our first meeting will be Monday, January 16th at Horning Farms. We will start at 6:30pm with pizza for dinner to kick off the year. If you are interested in learning more about dairy cattle, animal science, or dairy farming, this is the group for you! Ages 9-19 are welcome. If you are interested reach out to Katelyn Packard to learn more at [klhorning14@gmail.com](mailto:klhorning14@gmail.com).



## 4-H Officer Roles & Parliamentary Procedure Training: February 5<sup>th</sup>



Washtenaw County 4-H will have an officer training for youth and adult 4-H leaders in the MSU Extension Office on Sunday, February 5th from 2-4 PM. This training will be led by Jackie Martin, MSU Extension Educator in Leadership, Civic and Cultural Engagement. This training is recommended for youth and adults in officer roles and a great opportunity for those who are interested in officer roles in the future. Questions? Contact Jackie Martin at [marti623@msu.edu](mailto:marti623@msu.edu).

Join Us at Washtenaw County 4-H

**OFFICER ROLES & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TRAINING**

February 5, 2023, 2-4 p.m.

Free of charge. Please register by Feb 2 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/washofficer/>

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/washofficer/>  
If this link doesn't work, it may take a day to be active!



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H Equine Events for 2023

- **August 18-20:** State 4-H Horse Show

Save the Dates for the 2023 Youth Equine Events! Full event details for each event will be coming soon. Follow the [Michigan 4-H Horse Program on Facebook](#) for more updates.

- **January 14-15:** Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference
- **February 3-4:** Horse Judging Workshop and Mini Contest
- **March 18:** Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest
- **April 15:** Hairy Horse Show
- **April 16:** Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest



## Washtenaw County 4-H Hippology and Horse Judging Team



Washtenaw County 4-H is looking to build a Hippology (The Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest is on March 18, 2023) and Horse Judging (The Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest is April 16, 2023) team! Horse Hippology is the study of all horse-related knowledge, including judging, anatomy, breeds, colors, care, equipment, health and welfare, and riding disciplines. Horse Judging teaches what judges look for in conformation (halter) and performance (riding) classes. This is important information to know if you ever shop for a horse of your own. If you need more information or are interested in participating on

either team, please contact Angela Oakman by January 31st at [angela\\_oakman@yahoo.com](mailto:angela_oakman@yahoo.com) or 734-395-9714 (phone or text). The Horse Judging Workshop and Mini Contest (event at MSU: February 3-4) is highly recommend for anyone participating on the Horse Judging team.

## 4-H Youth, We Need Your Feedback on Trophies!

The 4-H Office needs feedback from youth ages 8-19 about their preference for trophies or custom awards at the 2023 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Each 4-H youth can respond to the survey and let us know their preference. Custom award examples are provided such as engraved travel mugs, buckets with award decals, embroidered blankets, duffel bags, totes, and more. Youth can also make suggestions of potential custom award ideas.

Take the survey here: <https://forms.gle/L7RkriyVznK83k49A>





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Save the date for Michigan 4-H equine events



Michigan 4-H equine programs are gearing up for a busy year! If you are an equine enthusiast, be sure to mark your calendar for these dates and look for additional information in the weeks and months ahead.

- February 3-4: Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest
- March 18: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest
- April 15: Hairy Horse Show
- April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest
- August 18-20: State 4-H Horse Show

For more information on events, [www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](http://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information).

### January 10: Wild Spartans - Working Towards a Career as a Wildlife Biologist

*Online*

Meet Erin Johnston, wildlife biologist - wildlife and habitat section lead for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with the Michigan Natural Resources Department. Learn about researching, managing and protecting species with cultural significance, as well as Johnston's field work, and the education and career path she followed.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-january-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-january-2023)

### January 14 – 15: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference

*MSU Pavilion, Lansing*

This annual event is open to all judges, horse show managers and adult volunteers.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference)

### January 16-20: 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

4-H members test their shooting sports and natural resources knowledge with peers across the nation. Registration should open around Jan. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl)

### January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

*MSU Pavilion, Lansing*

This one-day event is open to participants aged 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023)

### January 31: Adulting 101- International Conversations

*Online*

Join us for an engaging cultural conversation live and learn about another county. Gain new knowledge and ask questions that interest you with an international guest.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations)

### February 11: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

*Paw Paw Conservation Club, Paw Paw*

Interested in leading Hunting & Wildlife shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a Certified Instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration closes Feb. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## 2023 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Make plans to join us for the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, February 12, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center on MSU's campus. Tip-off is 3 p.m. with gates opening to the public at 1:30 p.m.; come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff for this annual event! Tickets will soon be available at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).

## Registration is now open for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest!

Are you interested in a career working with animals? Join us for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest to learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields.

This event will be on February 18-19 on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers, and participants can choose to attend one or both days. Space is limited, so don't delay! Register now at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>.

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

*Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension.*

*Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.*

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.





# 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:

- 1/3/23: Positive Discipline
- 1/10/23: The Resilience Toolbox
- 1/17/23: What Children Need to Know to Start School
- 1/24/23: Talking With Kids About Race
- 1/31/23: Mindfully Feeding Infants and Toddlers



**Registration:** [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_prC0K8g9SFe2es2ymb6\\_kg](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_prC0K8g9SFe2es2ymb6_kg)

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto: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:** : January 23, January 30, February 6, February 13, February 20, February 27

**Class times:** 8-9:30 pm EST

**Registration:** <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ParentTalkJanuary2023/>

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)

## Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available.

**Class dates:** January 5, January 12, January 19, January 26, February 2

**Class times:** 7:30 pm-9 pm EST

**Registration:** <https://events.anr.msu.edu/GuidingPrinciplesJanuary2023/>

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)





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## 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.

### Purpose of Play

**Class Date:** January 19th

**Class Time:** 7:00PM to 8:30PM

**Registration:** [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_U4dleNZRQHS2CvBw5PbXHA](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U4dleNZRQHS2CvBw5PbXHA)

### ABC's of Early Literacy

**Class Date:** January 27th

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

**Registration:** [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yenkWkOnQ7Gncpf3TSJrrQ](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yenkWkOnQ7Gncpf3TSJrrQ)

For more information contact Vivian Washington at [washi138@msu.edu](mailto:washi138@msu.edu)



## Online Self-Paced Classes

These free online classes can be completed on your own at your own pace.

### 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](mailto: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/](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](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)