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4-H Family News

WASHTENAW COUNTY



Re-Enrollment Starts September 12th

On September 12th re-enrollment begins for the 2022-23 program year. If you need to access your club roster or anything else in 4-H online, please do so before August 31st when the system will be shutdown to prepare for re-enrollment. This means families and volunteers will not be able to access the 4-H online system from August 31st to September 12th.

Our annual Club Leader Re-Enrollment meeting will be October 5th at 6:30 pm in the MSU Extension Office. We will collect annual club documents and information about the new 4-H program year. Keep an eye out for an email coming soon from Katherine with the documents and requirements for clubs to re-enroll.



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UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Advisory Council: Fall 4-H Program Kick Off

September 8th at 7:00 pm in the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office

Horse Board and Horse Association Meetings

September 27th at 6:30 and 7:00 pm in the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office

Small Animal Committee

September 27th at 6:00 pm in the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office

Service Club Meeting

September 26th at 7 pm at the Lodi Township Office

Club Leader & Committee Re-Enrollment Meeting

October 5th at 6:30 pm in the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Congratulations to Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Winners



Congrats to the following 4-H members who participated in Sweepstakes this year, representing:

Beef, Karissa Rasch of Saline 4-H Farmers, Sheep, Adyson Naebeck of Country Expressions, Swine, Reid Schneider, of Rogers Corners Herdsmen, Feeders, Lee Blumenauer of Country Expressions, Goats, Sydnee Short of S & L Bauernhof, Dairy, Katie Polzin of Saline 4-H Farmers, Horse, Brooklyn Lyos of Risky Riders, Dogs Audria Zuniga of Townline Workers, Poultry, Devon Daggett of Challengers, Rabbits, William Rogers of Saline 4-H Farmers, and Llamas, Ryan Stubbs of Ann Arbor Llama Lovers. The Sweepstakes Showmanship Champion for 2022 is Karissa Rasch and the Runner Up is Lee Blumenauer.

For Herdsmanship, congrats to the following clubs:

Dairy, Saline 4-H Farmers and Townline Workers, Beef, Saline 4-H Farmers, Swine, Blue Ribbon Livestock, Poultry, Saline 4-H Farmers and Country Expressions, Llama, Ann Arbor Llama Lovers, Rabbit, Blue Ribbon Livestock, Goat, Saline 4-H Farmers, Sheep, Silver Leaves, Horse, River Rough Riders

Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship

Do you have a 2023 graduate in your family? The application for the [Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship for 2023 Graduates](#) is ready! This scholarship is funded by the Washtenaw County 4-H Service Club and Advisory Council and open to any high school senior graduating in 2023 who is a participant in the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Program planning to attend college or a technical school. **The scholarship application is due Friday, September 2, 2022.** Please return application and letter of recommendation via hard copy or email (speyerje@msu.edu) to the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office. If you have any questions, please call the office or email Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu.

Advisory Council Looking for More Members!

The Washtenaw County 4-H Advisory Council is looking for more members to add to their committee. The council meets every other month on the 2nd Thursday in the MSU Extension Office. The main purpose of the council is to raise funds along with the Service Club to provide scholarships to 4-H youth. The Advisory Council would like to expand their scope to provide more support to the Washtenaw County 4-H program but needs members of each committee to join the Council. The September 8th meeting in the MSU Extension Office will discuss recognition and awards and plans for the recognition program this fall. Members of other Washtenaw County 4-H Committees are encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please email Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu.





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4-H Dairy Days Washtenaw County Winners

Congrats to our 4-H members who competed in Michigan 4-H Dairy Days July 19-21! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lake State. During the week there are breed shows and showmanship contests for 4-H youth as well as open shows for dairy enthusiasts of all ages. Our youth participated in Dairy Skillathon Contest, Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, and Dairy Quiz Bowl.

Our county 4-H members did amazing in their competitions! Join us in congratulating all of them on their hard work!

Dairy Skillathon Competition

Novice team - Evan Weidmayer & Grace Weidmayer

3rd place team

Evan Weidmayer - 3rd place individual.

Junior team - Raelyn Bristle & Lizzie Pantolin

1st place team

Lizzie Pantolin - 3rd place individual.

Dairy Judging Competition

Novice team - Evan Weidmayer & Grace Weidmayer

1st place team

Evan Weidmayer- 4th place individual

Grace Weidmayer - 2nd place individual

Junior team - Harper Jane Adkins, Raelyn Bristle, & Lizzie Pantolin

1st place team overall, 2nd place oral reasons

Harper Jane Adkins - 3rd place in oral reasons

Raelyn Bristle - 9th place individual

Lizzie Pantolin - 6th place individual

Harper Jane Adkins - 3rd place individual

Dairy Quiz Bowl Competition

Novice Team - Adler Line, Layla Line, Evan Weidmayer, & Grace Weidmayer

1st place team

Junior Team - Harper Jane Adkins, Lydia Avery, Raelyn Bristle, Jolene Line, & Lizzie Pantolin

1st place team





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nominate an extraordinary 4-H alum today!



**Nomination deadline:
Oct. 1, 2022**

Nominations are now open for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society – Michigan’s 4-H hall of fame! Anyone may nominate an extraordinary Michigan 4-H alum for this recognition.

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominees must be living and must have been a Michigan 4-H member for three or more years.

For details and the online nomination form, visit <http://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h-emerald-awards/4-h-emerald-clover-society/>

September 7 : Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, MSU Campus, East Lansing , MI

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the grassy area north of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, Wisconsin

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

October 5-16 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion

Various Locations

Support 4-H youth from Oct. 5-16, 2022 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

October 7 : Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2022 president’s report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 2-8, 2022

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 2-8, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. Here are some ways you can celebrate 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program. Stores may also be willing to dedicate their entire storefront to 4-H signs, memorabilia, and décor for the week.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, you might be looking for ways to reconnect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H club by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to [share a 4-H memory](#), express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

Have a 4-H Reunion — [4-H alumni](#) often credit 4-H for the connections they've made, remembering the friends they made and those who they may still keep in touch with today. Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by [making a donation](#) that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>



Tips for a successful 4-H club

4-H is a learn-by-doing, educational, fun program for young people ages five to nineteen. Through involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful experiences that contribute to their development and personal growth. The value of the experiences depends largely on the relationship built between and among the members and adults. Active participation in a 4-H club supports young people to develop life skills and assets.

A model 4-H club includes the following:

- At least five youth members from two or more families.
- One or more registered adult volunteers (who has completed the Volunteer Selection Process and became a Gold Status Volunteer).
- Decision making and operation of the club is the members' primary responsibility.
- Six or more club meetings during the 4-H year (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31).
- Participation in learning experiences outside the local club
- Involvement in the community at large with service-learning activities.
- Evaluation and recognition of progress on individual and group goals.
- Fundraising should be done for the good of the total group and must be consistent with the Michigan 4-H Treasurer's Record Book; raising funds should not be the main focus of group activities.

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips_for_a_successful_4-h_club_part_2.



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:

9/6/2022: Together We Can: Co-parenting

9/13/2022: Importance of Outdoor Play

9/20/2022: Positive Discipline

9/27/2022: The Resilience Toolbox

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_53Q2IZRkSjCWm8vpsmTxJg

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at 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 for September/October: September 26, October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24, October 31

Class times: 11:30AM to 1:00 PM

Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ParentTalkSeptemberOctober2022/>

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

Extension Extras Family FAQs Lunch and Learn

Join MSU Extension for our live question and answer parenting programming option, Extension Extras Family FAQs Lunch and Learn! This one hour program features MSU Extension child and family development experts answering your pressing parenting questions. The Birds and the Bees – Talking with Kids About Sex: There are few conversations that parents dread more than the birds and the bees. How should you talk to your kids about sex? When? Join MSU Extension experts with your questions about talking with kids about sex and sexuality. Ask your questions and receive live answers! Pre-register at https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OmLLnpFtQZ-Z44mRq9Q6PQ and join via Zoom or join live on [Facebook@MiStrongerFamily](https://www.facebook.com/MiStrongerFamily)

Class Date: September 8th

Class Time: 11:30AM – 12:30PM

Registration: <https://bit.ly/MSUEFamilyFAQ>

For more information contact Carrie Shrier, shrier@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.

Understanding a Toddler's World

Class Date: September 15th

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

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U4dleNZRQHS2CvBw5PbXHA

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

Raising Young Readers

Class Date: September 23rd

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

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yenkWkOnQ7Gncpf3TSJrrQ

For more information contact Vivian Washington at 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

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/>

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