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4-H Family News

WAYNE COUNTY



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WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Build Your Future Webinar



You can be a future builder! Help youth gain skills in career exploration, skill awareness, interviewing, resumes and professional growth. Learn how to utilize the *Build Your Future: Choices, Connections, Careers* curriculum during this free webinar. Any adult who works with youth is welcome. A curriculum set is available for active participation.

For more information and to register, go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2>

Date and time: March 2, 2:00 PM

Hinamatsuri (Girl's Day) Celebration

Hinamatsuri, or Japanese Girls' Day - also known as the Doll's Festival - is celebrated on March 3rd to hope for the health and happiness of young girls in Japan. Join Michigan 4-H and Japanese partners from Western Michigan University, University of Central Oklahoma, Delta State University, Mayville State University, Western Carolina University, West Liberty University, and Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures for a virtual online learning opportunity to celebrate Hinamatsuri Japanese Girls' Day! Everyone is welcome and it is geared toward a young audience.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/zkH768iMh2GezC3Y6>

Questions: contact Liana Pepin at deisenro@msu.edu

Date and time: March 3, 6:30 PM

Leader Dogs for the Blind Information Session



Leader Dogs for the Blind is looking for puppy raisers! The mission of Leader Dogs for the Blind is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel. Your family can help make a difference: Puppy raisers temporarily adopt a program puppy for eleven months until they are old enough to go to school!

To learn more, join the New Launch and Rollout meeting. Participants may visit the Leader Dog campus at 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307, or join virtually. Light refreshments will be provided.

Date and time: March 9, 6:30 PM



WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Adulting 101: Paycheck and Taxes



Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks and have skills to be successful? Michigan State University Extension's Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult" through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently.

Understanding why and how taxes and other items are deducted from a worker's paycheck is an important step toward gaining financial knowledge. Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your salary vs. your take home pay.

For more information and to register, go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23>

Date and time: March 16, 4:00 PM

4-H Spring Day Camp at Highland Park Recreation Department

Looking forward to spring and searching for fun to fill the sunny days? Join 4-H Spring Day Camp for youth ages 6 – 12. This camp has a variety of exciting activities including photography, textile art, mindfulness, yoga, plant science, kitchen science, arts and crafts, and more! Light snacks will be provided.

For more information and registration, contact Kathy Henderson, 4-H Program Instructor at 313-221-0142, or Sue Norander, Director, Highland Park Recreation Department

Date and time: March 27 – 30, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Highland Park Recreation Department, 10 Pitkin (between Hamilton and Second), Highland Park, MI 48203

4-H Future Squad



4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This program is designed to help youth (age 12-19) feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks. Youth active in the club are eligible for scholarships to state 4-H events like Capitol Experience, Exploration Days and Vet Science Camp. Meetings take place over Zoom.

To join 4-H Future Squad, <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/join-future-squad>

Date and time: October 2022 – March 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 PM



WAYNE COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS

Exploration Days



Join Michigan 4-H for a pre-college summer program geared towards youth 12-19 years old. Exploration Days takes place June 21-23, 2023 on the campus of Michigan State University and allows youth to explore careers, meet new people, stay on a college campus, and learn new ideas. We look forward to you joining us and seeing what paths lead you to 4-H this summer!

Limited partial scholarships may be available. Please reach out to your 4-H Program Coordinator.

More information and registration: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

Registration opens March 21, 2023.

World Food Prize

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>.

Registrations and papers are due March 15.

Cash Composition Contest



Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, Michigan State University Extension 4-H is coordinating the Cash Composition Contest. Youth residing in Michigan, age 9-12 as of (January 1, 2023) are encouraged to answer this year's contest where they will write a short (300 words or less) essay about needs and wants. The 5 top scoring essays will each win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship by Extra Credit Union. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 30th.

For more details go to: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest>



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Win prizes with 4-H Money Contests



Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, MSU Extension is coordinating two contests with an opportunity to win... money!

Youth ages 9-12 can write a short essay of 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card in the Cash Composition Contest.

Youth ages 13-19 can participate in a 30-question online challenge for a chance to win a \$25 gift card in the Show Your Money Smarts Contest.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts. Prizes for the contests are generously sponsored by Extra Credit Union and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.



March 2: Build Your Future - Career Education for Youth

Online

Adults who work with youth are encouraged to join this webinar session to learn ways to implement career education and workforce development skills with youth!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2

March 10: 4-H Teen Fun Night

The Northern Center & Fox Den Restaurant, Houghton Lake

Teens from Roscommon and surrounding counties are invited for a night of video games, basketball, board games, cards, food, fun and making friends.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-fun-night-march-2023>

March 11-12: Tollgate Farm Maplefest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Identify and tap a maple tree, tour the sugar shack, explore fun maple-themed activities, take a wagon ride, taste maple sap, syrup and sugar, and explore maple tools and technology. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, cocoa and real maple syrup in the historic 19th-century barn.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest

March 14: Wild Spartans Series - Upland Bird Conservation

Online

Meet Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Education and Outreach Manager Marissa Jensen. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2023

March 16: Adulting 101 – Paycheck and Taxes

Online

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www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23

March 18: 4-H Hippology Contest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches and practical horse management. Register by March 3.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

February 28th
Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

March 16th
Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club

April 13th
Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings

ALL TRAININGS OFFERED 12-1PM EST AND 7-8PM EST

REGISTER HERE:
www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series

Register for Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series!

Join Michigan 4-H for an online webinar series that will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

There will be a minimum of six topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice (once as a daytime and once as an evening option). Everyone who attends at least four of the live webinars will receive a certificate at the end of the series.

The session dates and topics for the first three months are:

- **Building the Value of Your 4-H Club:** This session will focus on the key components of creating a club environment and how that leads to positive outcomes.
 - February 28, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club:** This session will allow you to learn new strategies as well as share methods that have worked for you.
 - March 16, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings:** Learn quick and engaging activities to make your next meeting both fun and functional. Have fun and learn ways to help everyone participate at their own comfort level.
 - April 13, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series.