



WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

MARCH 6, 2024

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VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H



Wexford County 4-H
CloverBud SPIN Club

We Are The Dinosaurs

March 25-28 | 3 - 5 pm
Carl T Johnson Center
Ages 5-7 (as of Jan 1)

Save your spot:

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NEW: CloverBud SPIN Club: We are the Dinosaurs

Attention CloverBuds!

Spend your spring break as Dinosaurs with 4-H Leader Josie at the Carl T Johnson Center in Cadillac!
Learn about dinosaurs, paleontologists, geologists, and boogie like a party-asaur!

Monday-Thursday, March 25-28, 3-5 pm.

Space is limited. Contact Kate to reserve your spot before it is share online: Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480

Exploration Days Info Session + Session List

4-H Exploration Days 2024

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NOW LET'S GROW!**

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Mon., March 18, 6 pm - Wexford County Info Session (Zoom)
Mon., March 25, 7 pm - Statewide Registration Opens

Exploration Days: June 19-21 | MSU Campus | Ages 12-19

Exploration Days is a 3-day adventure to Michigan State University under the supervision of Michigan 4-H staff and gold volunteers packed with life-skills-developing opportunities and memory-creating shenanigans for ages 12-19. Wexford County sends a delegation each year and provides transportation for all participants. Scholarships are available for Wexford County Participants. Join Kate for an Information Session on March 18th at 6 pm on Zoom to learn more and discuss scholarships and details. Connection details

coming soon.

Exploration Days Info + Session List

NEW: Spot On Shooting Club - Wexford & Missaukee

SPOT ON SHOOTING 4-H CLUB

MISSAUKEE & WEXFORD COUNTIES

Spot On Shooting will begin with Air Rifles with youth ages 9-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024). Equipment will be provided, please do not bring your own. Cost: Free

INTEREST MEETING
MARCH 21, 6:30 PM | CADILLAC SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Meet the instructors, get help enrolling, see the facility and equipment, and ask questions. Attendance is encouraged for anyone interested. Snacks will be provided.

Contact your coordinator to enroll:
Missaukee - Sue Beerens: BeerensS@msu.edu | 231.839.4667
Wexford - Kate King: KingKa26@msu.edu | 231.779.9480

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We are very excited to launch our new club in partnership with Missaukee County 4-H and the Cadillac Sportsman's Club! Spot on Shooting is intended to be a long-term club focusing on finding and exploring passions and interests and practicing the safe and responsible handling of equipment. We plan to grow this program to offer several disciplines and we will be looking for more volunteers to make it *thrive*.

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Interest Meeting (No Range Time) March 21, 6:30 PM | Cadillac Sportsman's Club Meet the instructors, get help enrolling, see the facility and equipment, and ask questions. Attendance is encouraged for anyone interested. Snacks will be provided.

Further meetings will be held on select Thursdays at 6:30 pm, April through June. Summer meetings will be determined later.

Email Kate for enrollment instructions and questions: Kingka26@msu.edu

Youth Camp Councilors Needed

Great Lakes 4-H Camp

BE A CAMP COUNSELOR!

When? July 28th-August 3rd
Where? Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle
Why? Increase Leadership skills, a great volunteer opportunity, and vast personal growth
Who? Campers between the ages of 13-15 years old

Who should apply?

- Anyone ages 16-20 years old
- Like to work with kids
- Encouraged to have CPR certification or Lifeguard experience
- Can attend counselor training July 26th-27th
- Enjoys the outdoors!

Contact: potterla@msu.edu with further questions!

Great Lakes and Natural Resources camp is looking for youth counselors for camp week! Camp runs July 28th through August 3rd this year and there is a counselor orientation on July 26th and 27th. This is a great opportunity for youth ages 16-20 looking to get some leadership experience in a fun, fast-paced camp setting! Attached is a graphic you can use to promote this opportunity to youth in your counties who may be interested. Counselors attend camp for **FREE!**

Please reach out to Laura at potterla@msu.edu with any questions.

MI 4-H's Highest Honor

Graphic Design Contest



It is that time of year! So, grab your pen! Spark your imagination! Join us as we roll out the 4-H Mark of Excellence Contest. This year, youth can submit either a video submission or a short journal reflection focusing on the theme "Because of 4-H I can!"

The Mark of Excellence is exclusively for 11–12-year-olds. To enter, a 4-H member submits an entry (video or journal entry) on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ...". Entries are submitted to the local county MSU Extension office by April 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youths' entries as their representatives and submit those names and entries to the State 4-H Awards Committee.



The commitment you put into "Making Your Best Better" is significant. Through your 4-H experiences you are molding your future by growing your skills, becoming a leader, and serving your community. Your efforts are commendable and deserve to be recognized with a Michigan 4-H State Award, the highest honor bestowed on a 4-H member.

Applications and interviews are based on communicating your 4-H participation and learning experiences. Applicants are eligible to compete for cash prizes and be recognized for their 4-H involvement. 4-H members who meet the minimum application score are eligible for a \$50 scholarship toward their 4-H Exploration Days registration. The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Awards will be presented during the 4-H Exploration Days pep rally on June 19 at MSU.

Learn More about State Awards

GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTEST

Submit a design for the 2024 Graphic Design contest!

Winning designs will be used for Michigan 4-H Horse Program Event program covers!

Designs must be submitted by Friday March 29

Any further questions email David Lindsay, Youth Equine Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu

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Creative? Always drawing? Boy is this an opportunity for you!

The Michigan 4-H State Horse Show Volunteer Committee would like to invite you to create some graphic designs for our Statewide events! We have our State Horse Show T-shirt design picked but need more options for our program cover and keychain.

Any interested youth can submit their designs (JPG format) by March 29 to be considered for this year's events!

Artists of the chosen designs will be notified!

Submit Design Here

Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge



ATTENTION! The Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge returns April 7-20, 2024! Youth ages 5-19 complete life skills missions to learn more about military life, celebrate military children, and earn points for prizes using the GooseChase app. Participants do not need to be in 4-H or have any previous military knowledge or connection to play. The first 50 registrants will receive a free 4-H Build-a-Boat Activity Kit to use in the challenge. Check out the recap from last year:

<https://bit.ly/MOMC23VID>

Join the Challenge!

Animal Project Opportunities



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Cluck, Hop & Wiggle Show

Presented by Missaukee County 4-H

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, May 18, 2024
Show starts at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Missaukee Agr'l Youth Show
171 E Prosper Rd
Falmouth, MI 49632

COST:

\$2.00 entry fee
\$3.00 per class
Pay at the door in cash or
check payable to Missaukee 4-H
Advisory Board.

CONTACT:

Susan Beerens
Missaukee MSU Extension office
beerenss@msu.edu
231-510-8701

REGISTER:

Scan QR code to register.
Registration ends May 5, 2024



DESCRIPTION:

This fun interactive show will include:

- Pullorum testing & Health Check 8 a.m.- 9:45a.m.
- Showing starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Rabbit and Poultry booths for making treats
- Rabbit agility available all day
- Concessions available
- Grand & Reserve Rosette and awards.
Prizes for all Cloverbuds.
- Open to all youth

Classes include:

Showmanship for: * Chicken
* Duck
* Turkey
* Rabbit
* Cavy

Skill A Thon for: * Poultry
* Rabbit

Age Groups Are:

17-19
14-16
11-13
8-10
5-7 Cloverbuds

These ages represent the age you were on January 1, 2024.



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NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR

CADILLAC, MI

2024 FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

PRIZE:
COOKIES & CANVAS GIFT CERTIFICATES

Ages 10-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024)
Entries due by March 20, 2024

Details and Entry Form Available at:
NorthernDistrictFair.org/Youth



NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR REMINDERS:

- All market projects are required to complete a record book while raising the animal. This can include photos and weights from day 1, so be sure to look at your record books now: [NDF Record Books](#)
- Most animals should be in your possession by May 1 - exceptions: market poultry and rabbits
- All market projects must be declared with the Youth Livestock Market Registration Form by May 1. All Swine (pig) projects must go to auction and will not be weighed in until Sunday of the fair. Instead, you must submit several photos of your pig with the Youth Livestock Market Registration Form as specified on the form: [NDF Youth](#)
- All market goats and sheep must be weighed in at the Northern District Fairgrounds on May 4th.
- Please plan to attend Weigh in on May 4th for fairground clean up / work bee.
- Expect meetings to shift to the fairgrounds in May and to increase to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
- Market Broiler/Cornish Orders are due by May 10
- Rabbit meat pens and single fryer breeding date: May 2nd, Due date: June 2nd. You must own the breeding pair.
- 4-H fitting and showmanship guides explain the steps to showing the animal for judging and are available on our website for those looking to practice: [About Wexford 4-H - Wexford County \(msu.edu\)](#)

NDF Youth Department



4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers - April 28

Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers is back! Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park as the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28! Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy exclusive gameday opportunities and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.

Baseball Details

Wexford 4-H Teen Committee Interest Meeting

Wexford 4-H Members ages 13-19 are invited to join the new teen committee of the Leaders Council!

What teens will do:

- plan fun events for 4-H families to meet each other
- help the 4-H leaders understand what teens in our communities want
- learn how groups work together to make decisions and keep records
- help direct the 4-H program into the future, like ideas for fundraisers
- act as role models for younger 4-H'ers to look up to
- represent 4-H at community, statewide, and national events

Email Kate to Join



Michigan 4-H State Awards Program

A State 4-H Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth!

Application deadline: April 1
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards24>

Recognition event: June 19



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Exploration Days Registration

Info Session March 18 | 6 pm
Registration Opens March 25! Save the Date for Exploration Days, June 19-21, 2024.

This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime. We highly encourage participation even if not college bound! Wexford County 4-H sends a delegation each year and

the minimum application score are eligible for a \$50 scholarship toward their 4-H Exploration Days registration.

provides transportation and scholarships.

Learn More

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

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/

Where? Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

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When? July 28-Aug 3, 2024

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Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

July 28- August 3
Presque Isle County

Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! Camp will be held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, on the shores of Lake Esau. This year's camper fee is \$500 per camper and includes 6 nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt, and experiential learning. Camper age is 13-15 and they do not need to be a 4-H'er to attend. **Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.*

Learn More

Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe

March 19 | 6 pm

Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money. Join us to discover tips on

- Researching and evaluating financial institutions
- Choosing between banks and credit unions
- Strategies for securing your financial future

Learn More



**REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN**
DATES: MARCH 17-19

Registration & Information

www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/

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NATURALIST & EDUCATION DIRECTOR, NORTH LAKELAND DISCOVERY CENTER

March 12 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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NORTH LAKELAND DISCOVERY CENTER
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Registration Closing: Capitol Experience

March 17-19, 2024

4-H Capitol Experience registration is open until March 4!

Who: Youth in 9th grade through 12th grade.

What: a 3-day event where youth can meet with peers to talk about issues that are important to them, network with folks that work in a wide variety of roles related to public policy and see state government in action at the Michigan Capitol.

Cost: \$365 includes conference registration, lodging, and meals. **Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.*

Learn More

Wild Spartans: Nurturing & Inspiring a Love of the Northwoods

Mar 12 | 6:30 pm

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a plunge with turtles and get a little batty while exploring the Northwoods of Wisconsin. You will meet Naturalist and Education Director for the North Lakeland Discovery Center, Licia Johnson, learn about her fieldwork, and the education and career path she followed to get there.

Pre-Registration Required

Volunteer Vault

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Apply to Volunteer

Help Wanted: Shooting Sports

Help Wanted: Sewing Club

Help Wanted: Wild Ones Club

Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H Programs are partnering to start a new shooting sports club to meet at the Cadillac Sportsmans Club. We are looking for volunteers to assist at meetings and possibly attend training this spring to become instructors for shotgun, rifle, and archery, as well as the other disciplines.

Wexford 4-H is seeking 2 volunteers with sewing experience to assist and/or lead sewing club meetings in the coming year. Our club is very popular and could expand in the near future. We have many supplies waiting to be used, a class set of machines, and many resources available to support volunteers.

Wild Ones is a year-round club focusing on outdoor recreation and nature. The club is looking for 2 or more leaders to help youth develop a passion for nature and conservation. We have a significant number of supplies to help facilitate your ideas and adventures.

Certification Workshop: April 27-28, 2024 in Charlevoix, MI

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate:
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MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

GROUP MANAGEMENT FOR 4-H CLUBS AND GROUPS

March 18, 2024 at Noon and 7pm

4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups March 18 | Noon or 7 pm

Working with a group of youth with a variety of ages can mean different energies during meetings and events. 4-H volunteers need strong behavior guiding strategies to help maintain the group focus and energy. Attend this session to learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement.

Webinar Registration

2024 Host Family Applications Open!



What: 2024 Inbound Host Family Applications have opened!

Increase: Due to the popularity of this exchange here in Michigan we have been approved to increase from only 13 participants this past year to 20 in 2024

When: Arrival (tentative) in Grand Rapids from July 21 to August 16

How: A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

Applications to host: www.states4hexchange.org

Questions: contact Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

Learn More

County Calendar

MAR 11

Livestock Clubs Meeting

5 pm | Wexford County Annex Building

Join Makayla to learn how to raise, show, and sell animals. Ages 5-19

Wild Ones Club Meeting

MAR 13

5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

Join Kate on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for fun hands-on adventures and activities relating to nature. Ages 5-19. *Seeking New Leader*

Wexford Exploration Days Info Session

MAR 18

6 pm | Zoom

Join Kate to learn about this 3-day trip to MSU in June for ages 12-19.

Northern District Fair Board Meeting

6 pm | Fair Office (199 E 13th St. Cadillac)

MAR 21

Volunteers are needed to make the fair a success. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm.

We are the Dinosaurs SPIN Club

3-5 pm | Carl T Johnson Center, Cadillac

MAR 25-28

Spend Spring Break as a Dinosaur with 4-H Leader Josie!
Open to CloverBuds ages 5-7 as of Jan 1.

Leaders Council Meeting

5:30 pm | TBA

MAR 26

Come see how caring adults in the community help youth thrive!

[Click Here for Full List of Statewide Events](#)

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