



July 21, 2023

4-H Family News

Ingham County



Put Your Animal Project Knowledge To The Test!

Ingham County 4-H Skillathon and Master Stockman Contest

Questions?
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A skillathon is an event to test knowledge of specific subject matter. The Ingham County 4-H Skillathon will include all animal projects (beef, cat, cavy, dairy, dog, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine). Compete individually AND/OR as a team.



Register for one or more dates of the Skillathon



More information and rules of the contest

<https://tinyurl.com/3kbyt529>

<https://tinyurl.com/4bjzx3yh>

Available Contest Dates and Times – location TBD – at the fairgrounds

Sunday, July 30th – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 31st to Thursday, August 3rd – 9:00 a.m. to noon

Friday, August 4th – Team Challenge only offered – 9:00 a.m. to noon

Friday, August 4th – Large Animal Little International – Awards will be announced

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Ingham County 4-H

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Ingham4H>

4-H PROJECT PACKET PICKUP

July 20 until 7 p.m. at the fair office

July 26th until 8 p.m. – main arena

July 27th until 8 p.m. – fair office

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

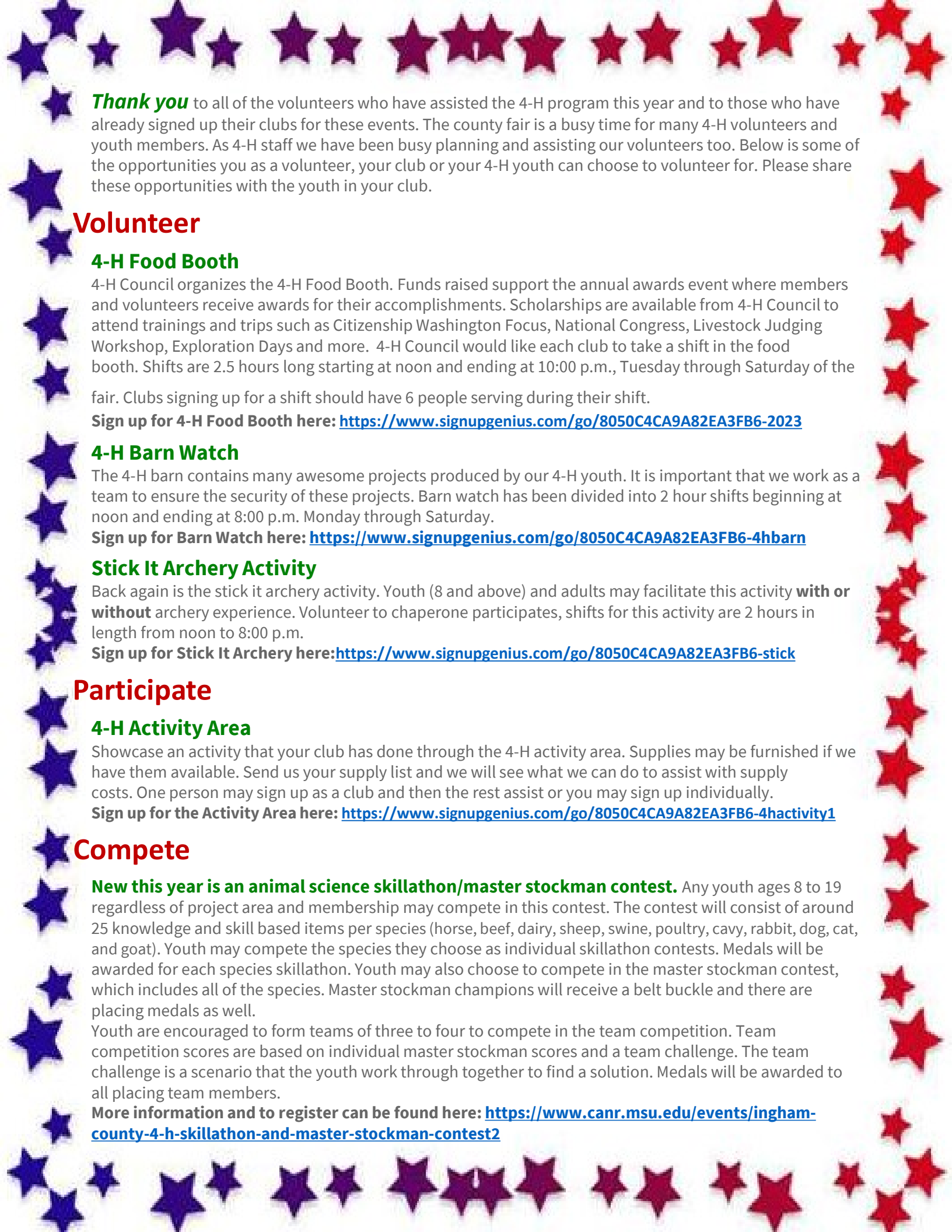
Saturday, 07.22.2023.....3D Archery, Whitetail Acres Leslie, Registration 9-10:00 am
 Monday, 07.24.2023.....Shotgun Trap, 22 Rifle and Muzzleloader, Capital City Rifle Club Williamston, Registration 2-3:00 pm
 Thursday, 07.27.2023.....Booth Set Up, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
 Saturday, 07.29.2023.....Schedule Team Leadership Interviews by 5:00 pm
 Monday, 07.31.2023.....Bill Wheeler Memorial Scholarship Applications Due by 5:00 pm, see pg 7
 Monday, 07.31.2023.....Awards Night, Fairgrounds Community Building, 7:30 pm
 07.31.2023 thru 08.05.2023.....Ingham County Fair

2023 Ingham County Fair

Youth Department – Michigan State University Extension, 4-H Youth Programs

Judging Schedule: The following judging schedule is an overview, please be certain to review the detailed information in the project area that you enter. Also note deadlines prior to fair for creative writing, scholarship applications, special awards, etc.

7/18, 7/20, 7/22, 7,24			Shooting Sports
7/22	Saturday	9:00 am	Dogs
To Be Determined			Radio Controlled Cars
7/28	Friday	2:00 to 4:30 pm	Foods & Nutrition
7/28	Friday	6:00 pm	Cats
7/28	Friday	9:00 am to Noon	Fine Arts
7/29	Saturday	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	Club Projects
7/29	Saturday	11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Horticulture/Floriculture
7/29	Saturday	7:30 am	Rockets
7/29	Saturday	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Woodworking
7/29	Saturday	9:30 am to Noon	Science
7/29	Saturday	8:00 am to Noon	Clothing & Textiles
7/29	Saturday	Noon to 5:00 pm	Arts & Crafts
7/29	Saturday	9:00 am to Noon	Photography
7/29	Saturday	9:00 am	Personal Development
7/29	Saturday	Noon to 3:00 pm	Communication
7/29	Saturday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Crops
7/29	Saturday	9:00 am to 11:00 am	Cloverbuds
7/31	Monday	7:00 pm	Shooting Sports Awards
8/2	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Still Life Auction-Main Arena



Thank you to all of the volunteers who have assisted the 4-H program this year and to those who have already signed up their clubs for these events. The county fair is a busy time for many 4-H volunteers and youth members. As 4-H staff we have been busy planning and assisting our volunteers too. Below is some of the opportunities you as a volunteer, your club or your 4-H youth can choose to volunteer for. Please share these opportunities with the youth in your club.

Volunteer

4-H Food Booth

4-H Council organizes the 4-H Food Booth. Funds raised support the annual awards event where members and volunteers receive awards for their accomplishments. Scholarships are available from 4-H Council to attend trainings and trips such as Citizenship Washington Focus, National Congress, Livestock Judging Workshop, Exploration Days and more. 4-H Council would like each club to take a shift in the food booth. Shifts are 2.5 hours long starting at noon and ending at 10:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday of the fair. Clubs signing up for a shift should have 6 people serving during their shift.

Sign up for 4-H Food Booth here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA9A82EA3FB6-2023>

4-H Barn Watch

The 4-H barn contains many awesome projects produced by our 4-H youth. It is important that we work as a team to ensure the security of these projects. Barn watch has been divided into 2 hour shifts beginning at noon and ending at 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Sign up for Barn Watch here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA9A82EA3FB6-4hbarn>

Stick It Archery Activity

Back again is the stick it archery activity. Youth (8 and above) and adults may facilitate this activity **with or without** archery experience. Volunteer to chaperone participants, shifts for this activity are 2 hours in length from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Sign up for Stick It Archery here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA9A82EA3FB6-stick>

Participate

4-H Activity Area

Showcase an activity that your club has done through the 4-H activity area. Supplies may be furnished if we have them available. Send us your supply list and we will see what we can do to assist with supply costs. One person may sign up as a club and then the rest assist or you may sign up individually.

Sign up for the Activity Area here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA9A82EA3FB6-4hactivity1>

Compete

New this year is an animal science skillathon/master stockman contest. Any youth ages 8 to 19 regardless of project area and membership may compete in this contest. The contest will consist of around 25 knowledge and skill based items per species (horse, beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, cavy, rabbit, dog, cat, and goat). Youth may compete the species they choose as individual skillathon contests. Medals will be awarded for each species skillathon. Youth may also choose to compete in the master stockman contest, which includes all of the species. Master stockman champions will receive a belt buckle and there are placing medals as well.

Youth are encouraged to form teams of three to four to compete in the team competition. Team competition scores are based on individual master stockman scores and a team challenge. The team challenge is a scenario that the youth work through together to find a solution. Medals will be awarded to all placing team members.

More information and to register can be found here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ingham-county-4-h-skillathon-and-master-stockman-contest2>

4-H IS HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

If you live in Gratiot, Clinton, or Ingham county, have experience with 4-H, and are looking for more experience or a summer job, apply now!



Link to Apply:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/5N6SFRW2](https://tinyurl.com/5N6SFRW2)

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Apply for 2023

BILL WHEELER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Information about eligibility and application form can both be found here:



<https://tinyurl.com/2p8fjfwu>

Due Monday July 31



Apply today to join the

4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Open to 4-H youth 15-19 as of January 1, 2024
Applications Close July 15

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc2325>

Beef Series Part 2!

Sessions are open to any Michigan youth enrolled in 4-H!
*Youth Must Be Enrolled in 4-H to Attend!

Schedule & Topics:

- April 16th: Showmanship & Judge's Perspective
- May 14th: Fitting & Clipping
- June 11th: Hair & Skin Care
- July 23rd: Fair Prep & Show Success

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON ONLY!

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: KENT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
COST: FREE

*YOUTH WILL NOT BRING THEIR ANIMALS
YOUTH MAY CHOOSE TO ATTEND ANY OR ALL OF THE SESSIONS!

YOUTH WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS THROUGH A DEMONSTRATION & CLINIC SETTING!



4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

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

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 2
6PM



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2023
INGHAM COUNTY 4-H
STILL LIFE SALE

INGHAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, MAIN ARENA

MORE INFO: <https://www.facebook.com/4hinghamcounty/>

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SCAN ME



2023 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show August 12, 2023 MSU Pavilion

National 4-H Congress

- November 24-28, 2023
- Tour Atlanta, GA
- Meet Youth from across the US
- Register with your county 4-H Office by August 15



ADULTING 101 SERIES

Eating Healthy on a Budget



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16 1 PM ET

FREE ON ZOOM

Aviation Day

JOIN KENT COUNTY 4-H & THE WEST MICHIGAN AVIATION ACADEMY FOR AVIATION DAY ON AUGUST 18TH, 2023

Who: Incoming 7th & 8th Grade Students

Time: 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: West Michigan Aviation Academy

Cost: \$10 Per Student

Registration Link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/aviationday2023/>



WEST MICHIGAN AVIATION ACADEMY

2023 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

Location: Centerline of Calhoun County

Event Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Registration: Register until July 16th, 2023

Events Include:

- .22 Cal Rifle (Field & Target)
- Hunting & Wildlife
- BB Gun
- Target Archery
- Skeet
- Muzzleloading
- 3-D Archery
- Trap
- Air Rifle (Precision & Sporter)

RESULTS

Spring Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover held Apr. 26 - May 7

Nationally, just over \$1 million was raised.

Michigan ranked fourth with \$57,763 raised to support 4-H.

The top five states were:

1. Texas
2. Tennessee
3. New York
4. Michigan
5. Pennsylvania

Top 10 Michigan counties:

1. Oakland County
2. Lapeer County
3. Kent County
4. Genesee County
5. Macomb County
6. Washtenaw County
7. Kalamazoo County
8. Otsego County
9. Ottawa County
10. Monroe County

Ingham County Raised \$864.59

Be sure to mark your calendars for the fall TSC 4-H Paper Clover promotion, October 4-15.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at: <https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA>.

July 11-13: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

July 13: Adulting 101 - Sew What!

Online

Not sure about detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets? Have a loose button or need something hemmed? We'll spend an hour addressing these concerns and sew much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-7-13

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 17: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills.

Registration is due July 5!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23

July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water! We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.



Bill Wheeler Memorial Scholarship Nomination Form

This form can be used to self-nominate or nominate another for the Bill Wheeler Memorial Scholarship

To be eligible for scholarship consideration one must:

1. Have exhibited an animal project at the Ingham County Fair for at least 3 years (including current year).
2. Be a graduate of the current year and be currently exhibiting in the livestock project area at the Ingham Co. Fair.
3. Plan to attend a college, university, or trade school upon completion of high school.
4. Expenses will be reimbursed up to \$500 when eligible receipt(s) are received.

NOTE: Up to 6 (six) scholarships will be awarded.

4-H members are eligible to win this scholarship *no more than one time*.

Due Date: Monday, July 31st, 2023 (*Interviews may be conducted virtually*)

Please drop off or send completed application to:

Ingham County MSU Extension
121 E. Maple Street P.O. Box 319
Mason, MI 48854-0319

Or email to:

weissle@msu.edu

Section I

Name of Individual: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age as of January 1, 2023: _____

Years in 4-H/FFA: _____ Years in Animal Project(s): _____

Name of your 4-H/FFA Club(s): _____

4-H/FFA Animal Project Leader: _____

Nominator and Phone #: _____ Date: _____

4-H/FFA Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section II (Do not attach additional pages to this section)

1. Describe your 4-H/FFA leadership and community service involvement.

2. How did you become involved in your livestock project area? How did you continue involvement?

3. In what ways do you feel you have personally benefitted from your involvement in your 4-H/FFA animal project?

- 4. What contributions have you made to your 4-H/FFA animal project area? How are you going to pass the knowledge you acquired in 4-H on to others?**
- 5. What do you feel have been your greatest accomplishments in your animal project?**
- 6. What are your near-future plans? I.E. what school do you plan to attend? What area of study do you wish to pursue?**

What College, University or trade school will you be attending?