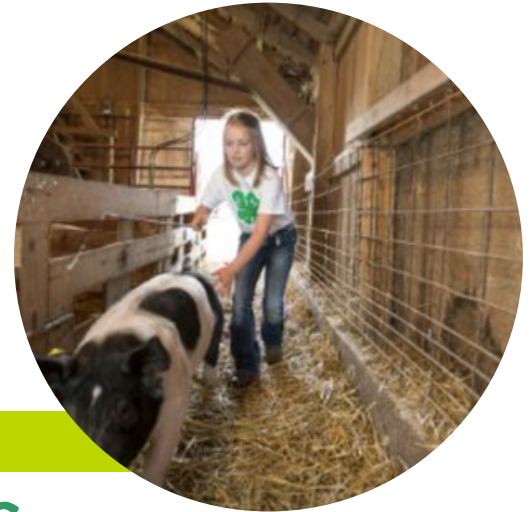




# KENT COUNTY 4-H

## CLUB DIRECTORY 2023-24



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**HEAD**



**HEART**



**HANDS**



**HEALTH**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE KENT COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. IN THE KENT COUNTY CLUB DIRECTORY, YOU WILL FIND CLUBS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS AND A LISTING OF THE PROJECTS THAT THEY ARE MOST HEAVILY INVOLVED IN.

## HOW DO I START?

### JOIN AN EXISTING CLUB:

CONTACT THE CLUB LEADER DIRECTLY VIA EMAIL TO SEE IF THAT CLUB WILL BE A GOOD MATCH FOR YOUR FAMILY. NOT ALL CLUBS OFFER ALL PROJECTS. FIND A CLUB THAT OFFERS LEADERSHIP IN THE PROJECT AREA THAT MEETS YOUR INTERESTS.

### START YOUR OWN CLUB:

ALL YOU NEED IS 5-10 KIDS AND 2 ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO ORGANIZE THE CLUB. CHOOSE THE AREAS OF INTEREST AND MEETING TIMES. OUR 4-H STAFF WILL HELP YOU GET STARTED. IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BECOME A COLUNTEER, YOU MUST APPLY AT [MSU.SAMARITAN.COM](http://MSU.SAMARITAN.COM).

### DECIDE ON A PROJECT:

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT PROJECT AREAS FOR 4-H MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN. WHETHER YOUR AREA OF INTEREST IS ANIMAL BASED, AGRICULTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, SCIENCE, OR EVEN THEATRE. THE SKY IS THE LIMIT AND YOU ARE ONLY RESTRICTED BY YOUR IMAGINATION.

### ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE:

MICHIGAN 4-H USES 4-H ONLINE TO MANAGE MEMBER ENROLLMENTS. YOU CAN FIND THE WEBSITE AT [MI.4HONLINE.COM](http://MI.4HONLINE.COM). IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ENROLLING, PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR HELP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND ENROLLING YOUR FAMILY AS 4-H MEMBERS!



## COUNTY CLUBS

### **A Canterng Commotion**

**LOCATION:** Middleville  
**CONTACT:** Michelle Fabiano  
**Email:** Mafabiano@hotmail.com  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Horses

### **Cloverleaf Crew 4-H**

**LOCATION:** Byron Center  
**CONTACT:** Megan Lenhart  
**Email:** Mlenhart630@gmail.com  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Poultry, Rabbits, Goats, Swine, Expressive Arts

### **A Step Ahead**

**LOCATION:** Sparta  
**CONTACT:** Jill Nink  
**Email:** Jill.nink@spartaschools.com  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Horses

### **County Line**

**LOCATION:** Lowell (Fairgrounds)  
**CONTACT:** Michelle Meyers  
**Email:** Shillo2010@hotmail.com  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Horses

### **Ada Adventurers**

**LOCATION:** Ada  
**CONTACT:** Mary Ellen Duffy  
**Email:** Med@ipcbilling.com  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Rabbits

### **Country Cowboys**

**LOCATION:** Sparta  
**CONTACT:** Cathy and Mike Nitschke  
**Email:** Comcast-net@comcast.net  
Camnitschke@hotmail.com  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Clowning, Rabbits, Cavies, Goats, Dogs and Horses

### **Bit by Bit**

**LOCATION:** Caledonia  
**CONTACT:** Karen Kooienga  
(hatheway)  
**Email:** Eganacres@aol.com  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Horses, Community Service

### **Dog Sports**

**LOCATION:** Alto  
**CONTACT:** Patricia Franckowiak  
**Email:** Sandex@comcast.net  
**CONTACT:** Marcy Janssens  
**Email:** Kyleandmarcy@charter.net  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Dog Agility and Training (looking for volunteers who are experts in dog agility)

### **Blue Ribbon Riders**

**LOCATION:** Saranac  
**CONTACT:** Nicole Rinks  
**Email:** N\_Rinks@yahoo.com  
**4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:** Horses

## COUNTY CLUBS

### Homesteaders of Kent County

LOCATION: Lake Odessa  
CONTACT: Jennie Orantes  
Email: Jennieorantes@gmail.com  
4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Homesteading,  
Crafts, Livestock

### North Kent Sheep

LOCATION: North Kent  
CONTACT: Allyn Toren  
Email: Allyn.toren@gmail.com  
4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Livestock,  
Ag Careers

### Hillcrest Garden 4-H Club

LOCATION: Grand Rapids  
CONTACT: Joe Winegar  
Email: JOEWINEGAR1960@GMAIL.COM  
4-H PROJECT OFFERED: Gardening

### Perfect Partners

LOCATION: Ada  
CONTACT: Kristi Rozeboom  
Email: Kroze@sbcglobal.net  
4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses, Fiber  
Arts, Small Animals

### Just add dirt

LOCATION: Ionia  
CONTACT: Valerie Corner  
Email: Mekako128@gmail.com  
4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses, Horticulture,  
Expressive Arts, Poultry, Rabbits

### Platinum Riders

LOCATION: Lowell  
CONTACT: Andi DenDulk  
Email: Andikr1999@gmail.com  
4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses

### Leather N' Lace

LOCATION: Rockford  
CONTACT: Marci Devries  
Email: MarciDevries@equestcenter.org  
4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses

### Rainbow Riders

LOCATION: Saranac & Lowell  
CONTACT: Linda Cooper  
Email: LCooperteam@aol.com  
4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses

### Making Strides

LOCATION: Byron Center  
CONTACT: Abby Gogulski  
Email: Agogulskifan@gmail.com  
4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses

## COUNTY CLUBS

### Regal Riders

LOCATION: Saranac

CONTACT: Samantha VanFleet

Email: Vanfleetsam@gmail.com

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses,  
Horseless Projects

### SPIN Club- American Sewing Guild

LOCATION: Grand Rapids

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CONTACT: Ingrid Amonette

Email: gridamonette@gmail.com

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Sewing

### Showcase Riders

LOCATION: Caledonia

CONTACT: Aleisha Miller

Email: Aleisha.miller@gmail.com

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses

### Trails and Tails

LOCATION: Lowell

CONTACT: Cory Stull

Email: Mrscoystull@gmail.com

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses,  
Rabbits, Poultry, Sewing

### Silver Spurs

LOCATION: Cedar Springs

CONTACT: Aftom Merritt

Email: Amerritt52309@gmail.com

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horse and  
Pony

### Top Guns

LOCATION: Grand Rapids Rifle and Pistol

CONTACT: Cameron Zwart and Stanton  
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Email: Stantontang@yahoo.com

Zwartcam@gvsu.edu

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Rifle, Pistol,  
Shooting Sports

### Sparta Livestock

LOCATION: Sparta

CONTACT: Kristi Caine

Email: Raisin5caines@gmail.com

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Livestock

### Working Paws

LOCATION: Lowell

CONTACT: Gail Roderick

Email: Gailksrp@aol.com

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED:  
Dog Agility/Training



## COUNTY CLUBS WITH WAITING LISTS

### **Anodyne Acres Adventurers**

LOCATION: Greenville

Scott Tetzlaff

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Outdoors,  
Small Animals, Cooking

**Waiting List**

### **Lowell Livestock**

LOCATION: Lowell

CONTACT: Kara Schut

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Livestock,  
Poultry

**Waiting List**

### **Boondockers 4-H Club**

LOCATION: Belding

CONTACT: Tena Bartholomew

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Service  
Learning, Crafts, Small Animals, Poultry,  
Beef, Dairy

**Waiting List**

### **Milky Way 4-H**

LOCATION: Lowell

CONTACT: Renee McCauley

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Sheep, Dairy,  
Beef, Swine

**Waiting List**

### **Dream Riders**

LOCATION: Rockford

CONTACT: Helen Tichelaar

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Horses

**Waiting List**

### **North Kent 4-Hers**

LOCATION: Cedar Springs

CONTACT: John Lund

4-H PROJECTS OFFERED: Rabbits

**Waiting List**



## ARE YOU A PARENT OR FAMILY MEMBER INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

VOLUNTEERS ARE SCREENED FOR SAFETY, THEN MAY ACT IN MANY ROLES. WHETHER HELPING TO CHAPERONE AN EVENT ONCE A YEAR OR HOSTING A CLUB EVERY WEEK, THERE IS A VOLUNTEER ROLE TO FIT YOUR NEEDS. MICHIGAN 4-H PROVIDES SEVERAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND CURRICULA TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS. APPLY TO

VOLUNTEER AT: [https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

### **VOLUNTEER ROLES:**

- 4-H CLUB LEADER
- 4-H CLOVERBUD LEADER
- 4-H CHAPERONE
- 4-H PROJECT LEADER
- 4-H AFTERSCHOOL VOLUNTEER
- 4-H SPIN CLUB VOLUNTEER

**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR ORGANIZATION!**