



# 4-H Family News

October 2023

Lapeer County



Help Celebrate National 4-H Week!

## Join us in Celebration of National 4-H Week & TSC Paper Clover Sales

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 10am -2pm @ Imlay City TSC

Petting Zoo  
Games and Activities  
4-H Info Booth  
Donut & Cider Fundraiser Sale

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 2023 County Awards



There will no longer be a nomination process for youth county awards. Instead, all youth will be able to directly apply for any award that they are interested in and eligible for. In addition to eliminating the nomination process, last year, we updated applications and added several new awards including awards for Cloverbuds. The awards overview and all award applications are available at the 4-H office, by email or online at [www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer\\_county\\_4\\_h/county\\_awards\\_program](http://www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer_county_4_h/county_awards_program). I encourage all youth to look at the awards overview and to think about applying for a county award. Youth and Parents can also nominate a leader or other volunteer or supporter for an award too!

All Applications and nominations are due October 13th.

## Family Skate and Awards Ceremony

All Lapeer County 4-H members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony and Family Skate on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at L.A.S.E.R. Skating Center in Lapeer. The Awards Ceremony will start at 11:30am and will be followed by pizza, pop, ice cream cake and FREE skating until 4pm. There is no cost for this event for enrolled members and their families.

### LAPEER COUNTY 4-H FAMILY SKATE & AWARDS CEREMONY

County 4-H Awards, Roller Skating, Pizza, Pop, and Ice Cream Cake

**11.04.2023**

AT L.A.S.E.R. SKATING CENTER | 11:30am - 4:00pm

AWARDS CEREMONY 11:30AM  
PIZZA/POP/CAKE 12:30PM  
FREE OPEN SKATE 1PM - 4PM

Open to ALL Lapeer County 4-H members and their families!

## Club/Committee Year End Financial Summaries

**All Club and Committee annual financial summary reports, annual compliance forms, and meeting notes/minutes are due to the office no later than October 13th.** If you need assistance, please contact Sarah before October 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Time to Re-Enroll

4-Honline Member and Volunteer **enrollment is now open for the 2023-2024** program year. Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/> and log-in to re-enroll. If you need assistance, please contact the office. Please re-enroll as soon as possible. **Current enrollment is required to participate in most 4-H events and to be eligible for awards.** Be sure to update any changes in medical information, emergency contacts, phone numbers or emails. You can add an email for each person enrolled if members would like to receive their own email updates and newsletters. If you are unsure which clubs, you will be participating in, you may register in the club "General Experience" and we can add clubs to your profile later. If you have any questions regarding enrollment, call the office at 810-667-0341 and Tina or Sarah can help you.



# Additional Information

## CrowdPower Campaign

CrowdPower is the MSU crowdfunding platform, which functions similarly to sites such as go fund me. However, CrowdPower is a free resource available to colleges and units at Michigan State University.

Lapeer County 4-H launched a CrowdPower campaign on October 1<sup>st</sup> that will run until October 31<sup>st</sup>. We have a goal of raising \$2,500. 100% of the funds raised will come directly to Lapeer County 4-H.

Our goal of raising \$2,500 will assist in purchasing updated curriculums, art and craft supplies, wildlife identification items, STEM kits, gardening tools, fishing poles and gear, and much more to make the educational goals of local youth a reality.

There are many ways you can help!

- Stop by the office and pick up a “4-H Grows Here” yard sign to put up at your home or business for the month of October.
- Share the following message on your social media:
  - 4-H helps thousands of young people explore what interests and excites them as they grow through the program. From program areas ranging from arts to animal science, environmental education to engineering, and leadership to life skills, 4-H provides fun, educational opportunities that empower young people with skills to lead for a lifetime and become the foundation for future success. By clicking the link below and making a gift today, you will provide our youth more opportunities to explore their passions through Short Term Special Interest (SPIN) Clubs, Workshops/Clinics, Day Camps, Leadership Trainings and Conferences and Community Service Projects.  
<https://givingto.msu.edu/crowdpower/lapeer-4h>
- Ask three people to donate \$10. We can far exceed our goal of \$2,500, if each family were able to secure just \$30 in donations.
- Share your 4-H Story! Tell people what 4-H has meant to you or your children and let them know how they can help!

## Save the Date! 2024 Fundraiser Auction

The 2024 Lapeer County 4-H Annual Fundraiser Auction will be held April 12th and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lapeer Center Building. Put your thinking caps on and start brainstorming themes for your club basket! If your club has requests for businesses to visit, please send them to Sarah by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for volunteers that are interested in helping with office tasks, mailings and online donation requests this fall and winter. If you can help, please contact Sarah.



## Exploration Days 2024



Michigan State University Extension [4-H Exploration Days](#) is a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state of Michigan. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2024 event is set for June 19-21, 2024 on the campus of Michigan State University.

Volunteers that are interested in being a session instructor or trip chaperone, please reach out to me as soon as possible. Session proposals are due December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Youth: Watch for more information to come about this amazing experience and scholarships that are available to attend!



# County Calendar of Events

## October

- Auction Committee Meeting.....5:30pm: 10/3
- Fall Into 4-H at Imlay City TSC.....10am-2pm: 10/8
- Award Applications Deadline.....4:30pm: 10/13
- Club and Committee Annual Paperwork Due.....4:30pm: 10/13
- Ambassador Meeting.....6:00pm: 10/16
- Council Meeting.....7:00pm: 10/16
- Horse Committee Meeting.....6:30pm: 10/23
- 4-H Horse Clinic.....1pm-4pm: 10/29

## November

- Family Skate and Awards.....11:30am: 11/4
- Auction Committee Meeting.....5:30pm: 11/7
- Ambassador Meeting.....6:00pm: 11/20
- Council Meeting.....7:00pm: 11/20
- Horse Committee Meeting.....6:30pm: 11/27
- Office Closed.....11/23 & 11/24

**PAPER CLOVER**  
EVERYONE'S A WINNER!

**TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.**  
TractorSupply.com

**OCTOBER 4-15**  
Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

The graphic features a dark green background on the left with a white tear effect. On the right, a yellow background contains a brown rock, a green 4-H clover logo on a white sign with 'TSC' and 'I'M SUPPORTING 4-H!' text, and a pair of silver scissors.



# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Promote 4-H with the 4-H Creative Campaign Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 seconds) promoting 4-H to their peers. Videos should address the question, “**Why You Should Join 4-H!**” Be a 4-H spokesperson by using your voice and sharing your 4-H story with others!

This contest is open to Michigan 4-H youth. Those not currently registered for 4-H can do so prior to entering this contest. The deadline for registration and video submissions is January 31, 2024.

A total of six prizes will be awarded to the top videos judged by professionals. There will be two age brackets for this competition:

- 4-H ages 9-13 (as of January 1, 2024)
- 4-H ages 14-19 (as of January 1, 2024)

Each age bracket will have three winners, who will receive the following prizes:

- First place prize: \$100 Amazon gift card
- Second place prize: \$75 Amazon gift card
- Third place prize: \$50 Amazon gift card

The 4-H Creative Campaign Contest is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. More information and contest rules can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-clovers-code/contest/>. For questions, please contact Kathy Jamieson at [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu).



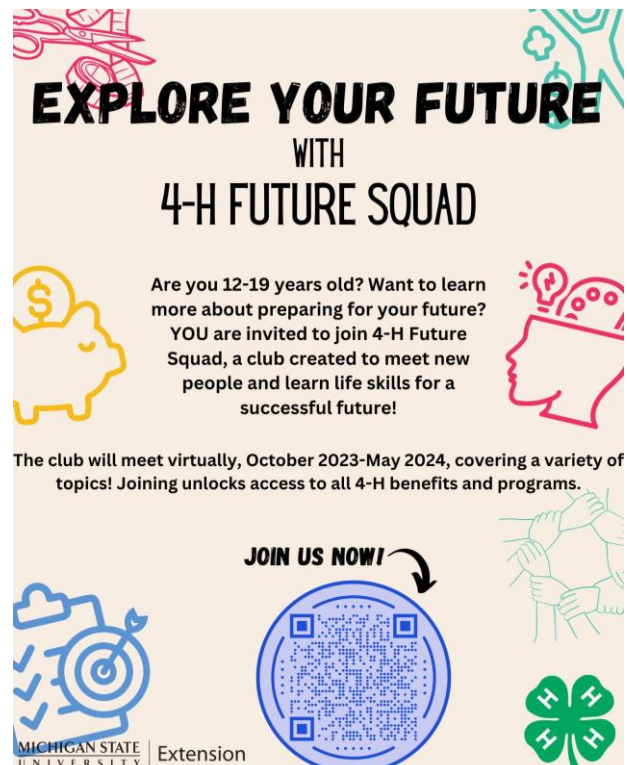
## Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year old youth throughout Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

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 feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The FREE club will meet October 2023 through May 2024. 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. Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom. Club meetings for the 2023-2024 year will take place twice monthly with Monday or Thursday meeting dates on alternating months.

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/).





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

**All applications are due by November 1.**

Learn more and access applications materials at: [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

### October 1-7: National 4-H Week

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week)

### October 4-15: Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store or online!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

### October 7: 4-H Day at the Wild Pumpkin

4-H families and friends will receive a discount of \$2 off admission, a fun fall prize, a free donut and cup of cider! Sign up required.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-wild-pumpkin](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-wild-pumpkin)

### October 10: Wild Spartans - Snakes and Frogs: Fieldwork in the Tropics

*Online*

Participants will meet Dr. D. Bruce Means, adjunct professor at Florida State University and biologist with the Coastal Plains Institute and Land Conservancy. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024)

### October 18: Adulting 101 - Wealth Building

*Online*

This workshop will provide tips, tools and goal-setting strategies. Learn about different types of savings and investment products, evaluate your risk tolerance and explore investment timelines.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23)

### October 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Helping Youth Find Their Spark

*Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help youth find their spark within their 4-H experience. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

**12-1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark)

**7-8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm)

## SAVE THE DATE!

### November 10-12: Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to this leadership program that will focus on service, community leadership, global leadership and more. Youth will stay at a Lansing area hotel, attend classes on MSU's campus and take part in service projects around the Lansing area. Registration coming soon.



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Learn more about how you can grow with Lapeer County 4-H!

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