



MARCH 2024

# 4-H Family News

Livingston County



## Join us for 4-H Leader Training: March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am

Are you a new club leader? Are you interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer but not sure what it requires? Are you a veteran club leader looking for some new ideas to spice up club meetings?

Join us for our **4-H Leader Training on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at the Pinckney Community Public Library at 125 Putnam Street, Pinckney, MI 48169.** This training is for Livingston and Washtenaw County 4-H volunteers and individuals interested in volunteering. This training will feature hands on activities, a mock club meeting, and information sessions.



Register here:

[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2cd5PGpEJL1Q3mC](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2cd5PGpEJL1Q3mC)

### UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

#### Animal Project Committee Meeting

March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm the MSU Extension Office

#### Horse Committee Meeting

March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### 4-H Council Meeting

March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### 4-H Entomology Workshop

March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### 4-H Leader Training

March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am at the Pinckney Community Public Library

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## Spots Still Available for Upcoming 4-H Entomology Workshop

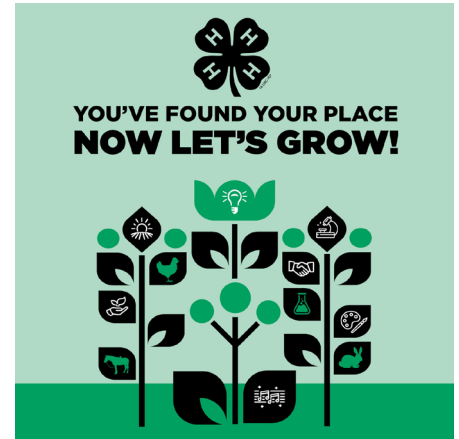


Join us for another 4-H Entomology Workshop on March 21st from 6:30-8 pm at the Livingston County MSU Extension Office at 2300 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI. Youth do NOT need to have attended the first workshop to participate and ages 5-19 are welcome. We will be building a DIY insect net, learning about how entomology projects are judged at the Fowlerville Youth Show. You can sign up for the next workshop here:

[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dccY4DZ07SFEjli](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dccY4DZ07SFEjli)

## Get Ready for 4-H Exploration Days Registration on March 25th

The countdown is on for 4-H Exploration Days! MSU Extension staff are working hard planning this pre-college program for youth ages 12-19 years old. During this three-day event from June 19-21st, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime. This year's theme is "You've found your place, now let's grow!" Registration will open on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and a \$50 deposit will be due at registration. The full cost of the event is \$220 for youth and \$130 for adult chaperones. There are opportunities for scholarships! If you are interested in attending and have questions or want more information on potential scholarships, please contact Kat VanDouser at [krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:krollkat@msu.edu) or 517-552-6903.



## Show Feed Clinic Hosted by Webberville Feed on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm



Webberville Feed will be hosting a dinner on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with educational tips for youth regarding approaching buyers, writing successful buyer letters, promotional tips regarding your fair animal project, and the basics of feeding your livestock. Speakers include Tim Trattles, Brady Littlefield, and Tracy Ostrander from Country Harbor. Interested? Please RSVP to the organizers by March 11<sup>th</sup> by calling 517-521-3082 or email [webbervillefeed@gmail.com](mailto:webbervillefeed@gmail.com). 4-H is not hosting or facilitating in this event so you do need to contact Webberville Feed for any questions.



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## Livingston County 4-H Members Serving on State 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Please join us in congratulating Livingston County 4-H member Gianna Coppola, a member of Roots and Wings 4-H Club, for once again serving on the Michigan State 4-H Youth Leadership Council (SYLC) for the 2023-24 year. Gianna has been a 4-H member for eight years and is very passionate about environmental science and natural resources. In past years she has entered projects in the Fowlerville Youth Show around vernal ponds and her work doing vernal pond patrols and also projects around Bobwhite Quails. She has also helped the Livingston County 4-H program by helping share her experience raising Bobwhite Quails with other 4-H youth. We are proud to have Gianna represent our County in this state leadership role.



## Congratulations to State 4-H Rabbit Show Winners from Livingston County

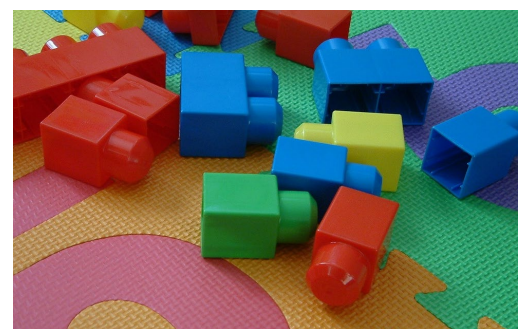
Please join us in congratulating the following youth from Livingston County 4-H who competed and placed in the State 4-H Rabbit Show:



- Emma Roberts of Fuzzy Critters 4-H Club:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place in Senior Showmanship
- Blake Crum of Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place in Junior Showmanship
  - Dwarf Hotot: Best Opposite of Breed
  - Flemish Giant: BOSV Sandy
- Brady Crum of Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> place in Pre-Intermediate Showmanship
- Breanne VerFaillie of Fuzzy Critters 4-H Club:
  - Silver Fox Best Opposite of Breed

## Help Collect Mega Bloks for the Little Red Barn at the Fowlerville Family Fair

Looking for donation of Mega Bloks for the Children’s Play Area in the Little Red Barn at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. Please search your basements, attics, and closets for lonely Mega Bloks. Donations can be dropped off at the 4-H office at 2300 E Grand River Ave, STE 111, Howell, MI. Any questions contact Barb Parker (810)957-0390.





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Are All the 4-H'ers in your Club Enrolled in 4-H Online?



Help the Livingston County 4-H office by reminding all your fellow 4-H'ers and 4-H families that everyone should be enrolled in 4-H Online. We have stopped sending our emails to families who are not currently enrolled and do not want anyone to miss out on opportunities we send out. All 4-H members should be enrolled in 4-H online prior to participating in 4-H projects, programming, and to participate in the Fowlerville Youth Show! If you need help re-enrolling, please reach out

to Kat - we have paper copies of the forms available at the 4-H office or via email. Not sure if you are enrolled? Log in at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to check if the youth in your family are enrolled.

## Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds Camping During the Fowlerville Youth Show

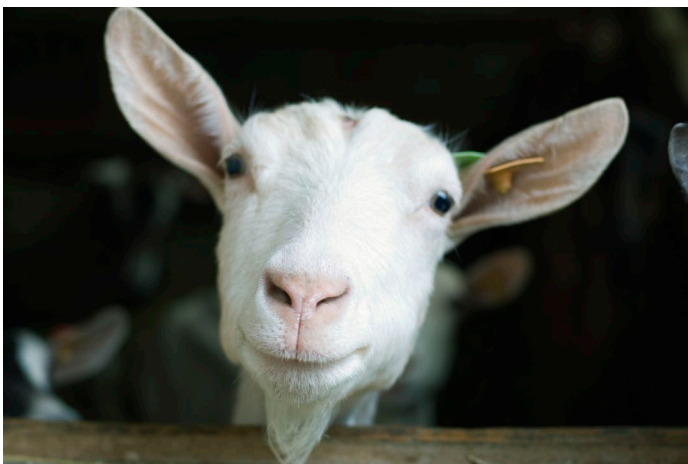
Are you interested in camping during the Fowlerville Family Fair? Camping on the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds during Fair week will open to Youth Show Superintendents on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will end at 3pm on Friday April 26th.

On Saturday April 27th the office will be open from 8am-11am for open camping registrations to the public. It will be on a first come first serve basis and is expected to fill that day.

Questions? Please contact the Fowlerville Family Fair who coordinates the camping by email at [fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com) or by phone at (517) 223-8186.



## Fowlerville Feed & Pet Supplies Discounts for Fowlerville Family Fair



Did you know that Fowlerville Feed and Seed offers a 10% discount on bagged feeds for 4-H youth? They also offer additional specials during Fowlerville Family Fair week as well as free daily delivery to the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Check out their [website](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs Horses!

**Do you have a gentle horse that needs to be worked but don't have time?**

The Livingston County 4-H Grand Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program helps children with special needs through therapeutic horseback riding and are looking for gentle horses to use for this program that operates out of Fowlerville.

Prospective horses will be tested before being accepted into the program. Horses should be able to tolerate loud noises, sudden movements, and riding double.



We would free lease your horse for 6 weeks in June/July, covering these items:

- Proof of negative Coggins test within 12 months will be required before horse can be tested or used for the program.
- Leased horse will stay at the Wylie Farm during the program dates at no charge to you.
- Leased horse will be fed a 12% sweet feed once a day, turned out on green pasture, and given hay when needed.
- The TRP Committee will purchase Coggins tests and 4-way inoculations for horses taken to Fair for our riders.
- The TRP Committee will pay for one Wormer and one hoof trim for leased horses during the program dates.
- If leased horse needs medical attention while horse is at the Wylie Farm, TRP will call Kern Road Vet and pay for expenses. Owner will be called.



**Horse Testing is scheduled for Thursday April 11, 2024  
2024 Classes start June 4th and run through July 16th on  
Tuesdays only from  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be no class the week of July  
4th.**

Email [grandequestrians@gmail.com](mailto:grandequestrians@gmail.com) to reserve your testing spot or for further information!



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Open



Apply now for the 2025 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 15-19. The deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

### March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

*Stores across Michigan*

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout. The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 10% supporting Michigan 4-H.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign)

### March 12: 4-H Give Green Day

*Online*

Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day)

### March 16: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

*East Lansing*

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024)

### March 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups

*Online*

Learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups7pm)

### March 19: Keeping Your Money Safe

*Online*

Join this session to gain insights on researching and evaluating financial institutions (banks and credit unions) to make the best choice for your financial future.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney)

### April 28: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

*Comerica Park, Detroit*

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals with other 4-H'ers! Michigan 4-H will be the Group Charity of the Game; discounted tickets available with a portion benefitting 4-H.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 28 - August 3 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

Campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn to fillet their catch.

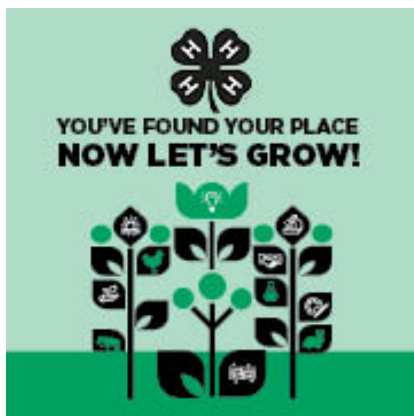


Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).

## 4-H Exploration Days registration coming soon!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth ages 12 –19 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days, scheduled for June 19-21, is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions.



With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they'll also have time for fun with free time activities such as skating, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open March 25. The cost for the 2024 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days).

## Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Making your summer plans? Consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program! Michigan will be hosting 18 Japanese youth and two chaperones. These visitors will quickly become a part of your family for their 3 ½ week stay (the last full week of July to the middle of August) and gain a fun American experience through your exceptional hospitality. In addition, your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Host families must complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match a host brother/sister (within three years of age), be a Michigan 4-H Gold-level volunteer, participate in a family interview as well as a home visit process. For more information contact Jan Brinn at [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or John Wurm at [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).



# Livingston County 4-H March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1  <b>MSRBA Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion</b> ★	2  <b>MSRBA Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion</b> ★
3  <b>MSRBA Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion</b> ★	4	5  7pm - Animal Project Committee Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12  7pm - Horse committee meeting	13	14  6:30-8pm 4-H Cooking Workshop @ 4-H office 	15	16  Tentative - 4-H Leader training - Pinckney
17  	18	19  7pm - 4-H Council Meeting	20	21  6:30PM 4-H Entomology Workshop at Howell MSU Extension Office 	22	23
24	25  7pm - Exploration Days Registration OPENS!!	26	27	28	29  	30
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★ = this event is not run by Livingston County 4-H. Please see the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association for more information: <https://msrba.net/show-schedule/>

Have a club event you want to highlight? Send it to Kat and we will try our best to add it here!





# Livingston County 4-H April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 4-H/FFA Horse judging Contest 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 	23 6:00pm - Animal Information night 	24	25	26	27
28 Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers 	29	30	31			

Dates To Be Announced  
 Horse Committee General Meeting  
 Dog Showmanship Clinic



# MSU Extension Child and Family Development

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and early childhood professionals.

## Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

### Class dates:

- 3/05/2024: Reducing Challenging Behaviors in Toddlers
- 3/12/2024: Talking With Kids About Race
- 3/19/2024: Screen Time for Children
- 3/26/2024: Supporting Children Through Grief and Loss (Guest Expert)

### Registration:

[https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_viGxTEIqSdKY2cEX2EhVbQ](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_viGxTEIqSdKY2cEX2EhVbQ)

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)



## Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available.

**Class dates/times:** Mondays, March 18, March 25, April 1, 8, 15 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm EST

**Registration:** [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu)

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## Kinship Caregiver Classes

Kinship Caregiver classes are targeted to relatives caring for another relative's children.

**Class date:** 3/13/2024: RELAX: Alternative to Anger for Parents and Caregivers

**Class Time:** 7:00PM to 8:30PM

**Registration:** [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_msxyZuH0QeS9MsKaD\\_y7Tg](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_msxyZuH0QeS9MsKaD_y7Tg)

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## Early Childhood Professional Development Classes

These free online classes provide professional development training hours for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

### Title: The Importance of Outdoor Play

**Class Date/Time:** March 21st, 2024 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM

**Registration:** [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_aLmFlhzS SdyvYO\\_BUI-Mg](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aLmFlhzS SdyvYO_BUI-Mg)

### Title: Essential Skills for Learning and Life

**Class Date/Time:** March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM

**Registration:**  
[https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IEMoyn5NRxmro-PH5DnAxw](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IEMoyn5NRxmro-PH5DnAxw)

For more information contact Vivian Washington at [washi138@msu.edu](mailto:washi138@msu.edu)



## Online Self-Paced Classes

These free online classes can be completed on your own at your own pace.

### Positive Discipline

Helping young children learn self-control is important to their ability to be successful citizens now and in the future. Positive Discipline workshops help adults learn how their role in creating appropriate environments and experiences can strengthen that development. This class has a “parent and caregiver” track and a “professional” track. Certificates of attendance are available for all who take the class and professional development training hours are available for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

**Registration:** <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/positive-discipline-online-course>

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### Infant Safety

MSU Extension has partnered with the Livingston County Child Abuse Prevention Council to create a self-directed online infant safety course called “Sleeping, Crying, Driving.” This three part course contains videos and interactive content on infant safe sleep, how to handle extended infant crying and guidelines for transporting your child safely. A certificate of completion is available for those who need proof of attendance.

**Registration:** [https://www.canr.msu.edu/early\\_childhood\\_development/infant-safety/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development/infant-safety/)

### MI Parenting Resource

This free, online program is meant to support caregivers across the state in strengthening their parent-child relationships and gaining new tools for enhancing positive child behaviors.

**Registration:** <https://miparentingresource.org/>

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