



4-H Family News

Oakland County



Oakland County Fair! 7/7-16, 2023



Stop by the Oakland County 4-H booth located at the Daily Events Pavilion during the Oakland County Fair. Visit with 4-H staff and get creative with daily hands-on activities!

The 4-H booth will be staffed Friday 7/7, Monday 7/10 thru Friday 7/14, approximately from 9 am to 5 pm.

For a full list of scheduled activities, check the Oakland County Fair schedule online at: <https://www.oakfair.org/>

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Natalie K. - Mark Of Excellence Award WINNER!

Congratulations to Natalie K. for being selected as a 2023 Mark of Excellence contest award winner as part of the Michigan 4-H State Awards Program. The contest is open annually to all 4-H members ages 11-12 years old. Each county may select up to 2 applicants to be recognized as state winners. This year, 11 youth from 9 counties received the Mark of Excellence Award.

The theme of the contest is: "Because of 4-H, I can..." The award submission from applicants consisted of either an essay or video that addressed the contest theme. Each award recipient received a medal, certificate, and their winning essay added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the State 4-H Office. We are proud of you, Natalie!



Generous Gift to Oakland County 4-H is Most Appreciated!

With a deep fondness for the 4-H program in his community, Daniel Lumm, of Waterford, made a very generous gift to support Oakland County 4-H in 2022. Please read the article published in the Spring 2023 issue of Vantage, the Michigan 4-H Foundation newsletter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/lumm-makes-special-gift-supporting-oakland-county-4-h>

Exploration Days at MSU Was a Success!

Eighteen youth from Oakland County joined over 700 youth from all over state to attend the Exploration Days event on MSU's campus. Exploration Days is a 3-day event that takes place on MSU's campus that provides youth with the real college experience – they stayed in the dorms, ate in the cafeteria and attended various classes around campus. The event encourages youth to develop and expand their career and personal interests while developing a sense of independence, responsibility and a taste of college life. Our Oakland County youth had a great time, made new friends from across the state, and had the opportunity to explore their passions and envision their career paths.



Oakland County Horse Show Circuit

Oakland County 4-H Horse Council offers five horse shows for all age exhibitors. Show weekends for 2023 are:

August 4 & 5 Young Riders

August 11 & 12 Paint Creek Valley Grand Finale Show

The park and shows are open to the public! Come check out the 2023 shows at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. See attached showbill for more info.





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.



2023 Oakland County Open Horse Show Circuit

PAC Approved

www.facebook.com/OC4HorseCouncil/

Pre-Registration Form:

<https://form.jotform.com/230485065982160>

Springfield Oaks County Park
12451 Andersonville Rd.
Davisburg, MI 48350

ALL SHOWS START AS SCHEDULED RAIN OR SHINE

May 12 & 13 – Horse Council Kickoff Show (Fuzzy Horse)

May 19 & 20 – Triple B's

June 2 & 3 – Mane 2 Tail Connection

August 4 & 5 – Horse Council

August 11 & 12 – Paint Creek Valley Grand Finale Show

All entries are entered into the high-point competition for the weekend.

For 10 YEAR END "HIGH POINT AWARDS"—Separate registration & fees apply.

WEEKEND/YEAR END HIGH POINT DIVISIONS

Gymkhana (20 & Over)##:	1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16
Gymkhana (15-19):	2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17
Gymkhana (8-14):	3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18
Adult (20 & Over)##:	29, 37, 44, 64, 71, 81
Senior (16-19):	30, 38, 45, 65, 72, 82
Junior (13-15):	31, 39, 46, 66, 73, 83
Youth (8-12):	32, 40, 47, 67, 74, 84
Walk/Trot (Adult)##:	25, 33, 41, 60, 68, 77
Walk/Trot (13-19)##:	26, 34, 42, 61, 69, 78
Walk/Trot (8-12)##:	27, 35, 43, 62, 70, 79
Mini (8 & Over)##:	22, 23, 49, 50, 51, 76

Not Eligible for Overall Year-End High Point.

A year end award will be presented to Cloverbuds based on participation!

Friday 6:30PM: GYMKHANA

- INDIANA FLAG RACE—ADULT
- INDIANA FLAG RACE—15-19
- INDIANA FLAG RACE—8-14
- CLOVERLEAF – ADULT
- CLOVERLEAF—15-19
- CLOVERLEAF—8-14
- DOWN & BACK—ADULT
- DOWN & BACK —15-19
- DOWN & BACK —8-14
- KEY HOLE—ADULT
- KEY HOLE—15-19
- KEY HOLE—8-14
- POLE BENDING—ADULT
- POLE BENDING—15-19
- POLE BENDING—8-14
- SPEED & ACTION—ADULT
- SPEED & ACTION—15-19
- SPEED & ACTION—8-14
- 2-PERSON RELAY – OPEN

Saturday 8:30AM

- HALTER—MARES—8 & OVER
- HALTER—GELDINGS—8 & OVER
- HALTER—MINIS—8 & OVER
- FITTING & SHOWING-MINIS-8 & OVER
- FITTING & SHOWING – SWEEPSTAKES
- FITTING & SHOWING – W/T ADULT
- FITTING & SHOWING – W/T 13-19
- FITTING & SHOWING – W/T 8-12
- #FITTING & SHOWING – CLOVERBUDS
- FITTING & SHOWING—ADULT
- FITTING & SHOWING—SENIOR
- FITTING & SHOWING—JUNIOR
- FITTING & SHOWING—YOUTH

5 MINUTE TACK CHANGE

- *W/T ENGLISH EQUITATION-ADULT
- *W/T ENGLISH EQUITATION—13-19
- *W/T ENGLISH EQUITATION—8-12
- #W/T ENGLISH EQUITATION CLOVERBUDS-7
- *HUNT SEAT EQUITATION—ADULT
- *HUNT SEAT EQUITATION—SENIOR
- *HUNT SEAT EQUITATION—JUNIOR
- *HUNT SEAT EQUITATION—YOUTH
- W/T ENGLISH PLEASURE—ADULT
- W/T ENGLISH PLEASURE—8-12
- W/T ENGLISH PLEASURE—8-12
- HUNT SEAT PLEASURE—ADULT
- HUNT SEAT PLEASURE—SENIOR
- HUNT SEAT PLEASURE—JUNIOR
- HUNT SEAT PLEASURE—YOUTH
- HUNT SEAT BAREBACK - 8 & OVER

BREAK

- IN-HAND HUNTER (MINI) – 8 & OVER
- IN-HAND JUMPER (MINI)- 8 & OVER
- MINI IN-HAND SCURRY JUMP-8 & OVER
- HUNTER HACK - 8 & OVER
- #LEAD LINE - 5-7 CLOVERBUDS
- #WALK ONLY EQUITATION CLOVERBUDS 6-7
- *SADDLESEAT EQUITATION—16 & OVER
- *SADDLESEAT EQUITATION—8 -15
- SADDLESEAT PLEASURE—16 & OVER
- SADDLESEAT PLEASURE—8 -15
- SADDLESEAT BAREBACK—8 & OVER

15 MINUTE TACK CHANGE

- *W/T WEST.HORSEMANSHIP—ADULT
- *W/T WEST.HORSEMANSHIP—13-19
- *W/T WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP - 8-12
- #W/T WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP CLOVERBUDS-7
- *WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP—ADULT
- *WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP—SENIOR
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- WESTERN PLEASURE—YOUTH
- WESTERN BAREBACK—8 & OVER

TRAIL COURSE:

To be run in Upper arena At Will.

Trail ring will open after Fitting and Showing completes and will remain open approximately 1 hour after completion of Hunt Seat classes.

- TRAIL—IN HAND MINI 8 & OVER
- TRAIL—W/T ADULT
- TRAIL—W/T 13-19
- TRAIL—W/T 8-12
- #TRAIL—CLOVERBUD
- TRAIL—ADULT
- TRAIL—SENIOR
- TRAIL—JUNIOR
- TRAIL—YOUTH
- TRAIL—IN HAND 8 & OVER

RANCH RIDING:

To be run in Upper arena At Will.

Class will begin immediately following completion of Trail and remain open for 1 hour.

- RANCH RIDING – 8 & OVER

* Equitation Pattern Class-Pattern will be posted.

Cloverbuds not to ride in any other classes. Participation awards only.

Specific Show Details: ADDED CLASSES:

Horse Council—May 12 & 13

- EQUITATION OVER FENCES-MIHA JR
- SADDLESEAT PATTERN-MIHA JR
- WESTERN RIDING PATTERN-MIHA JR

Triple B's —May 19 & 20

- ADVANCED TRAIL-W/T/C
- ADVANCE TRAIL-W/T

Mane 2 Tail Connection —June 2 & 3

- EQUITATION OVER FENCES-MIHA JR
- SADDLESEAT PATTERN-MIHA JR

Horse Council—August 4 & 5

- EQUITATION OVER FENCES-MIHA SR
- SADDLESEAT PATTERN-MIHA SR
- WESTERN RIDING PATTERN-MIHA SR

Paint Creek Valley— August 11 & 12

- EQUITATION OVER FENCES-MIHA SR
- PROTÉGÉ' PROGRAM SHOWCASE (FOR YOUTH ENROLLED IN PROGRAM)
- SADDLESEAT PATTERN-MIHA SR
- WESTERN RIDING PATTERN-MIHA SR

Class Fees: \$7 per class
\$10 for Sweepstakes class

Stall/Tack Stall Fee: \$40 per stall/per weekend
[\$20 refund after stall check]

Trailer-In Fee: \$10 per horse/per day

Gymkhana Jackpot: \$12

Office Fee: \$5

Camping: \$25/per night

Camping arrival after 3PM on Friday.

Profits to benefit Oakland County 4-H Horse Program.

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Overall Year-End High Point Award

(excludes Adult, Mini & Walk/Trot)

Register for Year-End High Point by May 20th

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Pre-Registration Form:

<https://form.jotform.com/230485065982160>

All shows held at Springfield Oaks County Park
12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, MI 48350

May 12 & 13 Horse Council Kick-Off Show
(Fuzzy Horse –Show Clothes Optional)
Jeff Bodway: 248-202-0570

May 19 & 20 Triple B's
Michele Renard: 248-245-8807

June 2 & 3 Mane 2 Tail Connection
Kirsten Lahti: 248-514-8789 / Brian Buchler: 231-342-2497

August 4 & 5 Horse Council
Jeff Bodway: 248-202-0570

August 11 & 12 Paint Creek Valley Grand Finale Show
Melissa Zaluski: 248-709-0369



New this year:
Adult W/T,

Preregistration form:



General Information:

- REGISTRATION/OFFICE HOURS:**
Friday: 5:00-6:30PM ONLY for exhibitors entering classes #1-19.
Friday: 6:30-9:00PM for ALL entries
Saturday: 7AM through end of show
- CLASS FEES: \$7 per class. Sweepstakes class \$10.**
Sweepstakes: Minimum 4 entries, no ribbons, 25% 1st Place, 15% 2nd Place & 10% 3rd Place.
- GYMKHANA JACKPOT: \$12** fee per rider per show. Best overall time for each event wins share of pot. Pot is split evenly for Cloverleaf, Indiana Flag Race, Key Hole, Figure 8 Stakes, Pole Bending and Speed & Action classes.
- STALL/TACK STALL FEE: \$40** per show. No reservations will be taken. ALL STALLS MUST BE STRIPPED!! \$20 refund after stall check. PLEASE PUT MANURE IN SPREADER and TRASH IN GARBAGE CANS.
- TRAILER-IN FEE** (showing from trailer): **\$10** per horse/per day
- TRAILER PARKING:** All trailers not being used for overnight camping MUST BE PARKED in NON-camping areas, in trailer parking areas. DO NOT park trailers in camping.
- Please clean up around your trailer. As a courtesy to others, leave the grounds as clean as when you arrived.
- CAMPING: \$25/Night.** Campsites will be available first come, first served. Camping arrivals after 3PM on Friday and departure by 11PM on Saturday or an additional day will be charged. Any vehicle, trailer or camper in a camp site will be charged for electrical use/camping. Payment for camping at time of registration.
- 4-H RULES APPLY— No Stallions**
- JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL.** All concerns can be filed at registration office.
- NO REFUNDS for registered classes.**
- Back number is 1 Horse/1 Rider combination**
- Exhibitor's age as of January 1st of the current year.**
- Rider/horse combination in W/T classes is not to ride in W/T/C classes.**
- Adult Classes: Show Clothes are optional.**
- A current year Negative Coggins Test is required.**
- 5-7 year olds must adhere to the 4-H Cloverbud guidelines. All 5-7 year olds must wear ASTM/SEI approved helmet.**
- Exhibitor must show in age appropriate group.**
- Ponies must ride in age Division.**
- No Novice Horses in 12 & Under classes.**
- Lunch breaks to be announced. Food concessions will be available.**
- Entries close 2 classes preceding class entering ring.**

- The Committee has the right to split, combine or cancel classes and to break all High Point ties.
- A responsible adult must be on grounds at all times horse is on site.
- No electric fans or appliances (other than trimmers) to be connected to outlets in barn. Battery operated fans are acceptable.
- The Committee has the right to eliminate tack stalls if necessary.
- Stalls are to be stripped within 1 1/2 hours after completion of last classes on Saturday and all horses out of the barn. Barn will be closed and locked 1-1/2 hours after last classes.
- Aisles, including center aisle, must be kept clear.
- Miniature Horse (38 inches and under) and Small Ponies (38-46 inches) are eligible for Mini classes.
- Payment by cash or check only.

Points are as follows for Daily & Year End High Points:

	Number of Riders in Class									
	10+	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1 st	10	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	6
2 nd	9	8	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	5
3 rd	8	7	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
4 th	7	6	5	4	3	3	3			
5 th	6	5	4	3	2	2				
6 th	5	4	3	2	1					

Daily and Year End ties will be broken based on most 1st place, then most 2nd place, etc.

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