

Things to Know for 4-H Exploration Days

1. Everyone is expected to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct & Exploration Days rules. The event rules and expectations and more detailed information on the event are in the 4-H Exploration Days Handbook at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days/responsibilities. Parents/guardians may wish to keep a copy handy to access the emergency contact pages.
2. We ask that if you are sick to remain home instead of attending 4-H Exploration Days. If you become sick during your time at the event, a parent/guardian or trusted adult will need to pick you up and take you home.
3. Knowing and following the event rules and expectations, found in the Handbook, is required. You must attend the sessions for which you pre-registered and be on time. Session absences are reported to the county. Informing your chaperone of where you are, outside of sessions, is also a requirement.
4. Check your email for event communication and bring any items needed for your sessions (many sessions require closed toed shoes, long sleeves, athletic clothes or clothes that can get grubby) and bring things to be ready for the weather (raincoat, umbrella, sweatshirt).
5. Each county has a male and female Lead Chaperone. The Lead Chaperone serves as head chaperones for the county. There are also often other chaperones within a county group. Adults also serve as session and activity hosts and are available to assist you.
6. Each youth will be assigned to a specific chaperone to whom they are accountable. Youth participants and the assigned adult chaperone need to keep each other informed of where they will be, when and with whom. All chaperones will create a system to ensure all parties know where they are. This could be using Whereabouts Schedules posted on residence hall doors, group texting or another method that lets all parties know where people are.
7. The event General Headquarters is in West Holmes Lounge. The phone number is 517-432-2635 and is listed at the bottom of the name badges. This number can be used for phone calls or text messages. For night time assistance, contact the West Holmes night receptionist at 517-353-6360 and ask to speak with the 4-H Exploration Day. The night receptionist number can only be called.
8. Check-in time is Wednesday, 8 to 11 a.m. on your assigned wing of the residence hall (east, west,). You will connect with your Lead Chaperone to check-in.
9. At check-in you'll receive a room key, conference card, Activity Guide, T-shirt, name badge and lanyard. Linen packets (2 sheets, 2 towels & pillow case) will already be in your assigned room. You'll need to put the bedding on your bed so you might want to practice at home if this is new!
10. Wear your name badge in a visible place (around your neck) at all times (except while you're sleeping of course!) Your name badge admits you to activities and identifies you as a 4-H Exploration Days participant.
11. Keep your key attached to your lanyard and put your conference card inside your name badge holder (or other secure place). Lost fee charges are \$75 for keys, \$10 for conference cards. If you lose these but find them soon afterward, return them to the State 4-H office by July 1 and you won't be charged.
12. The Activity Guide lists where and when everything is being held and includes a campus map with a building index. There is only one shuttle bus so space is extremely limited; please walk to your destinations as much as possible. You can view the Activity Guide on-line before the event at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Participant-Information/

- a. Tip: if your destination is on the right side of the centerfold map, you should walk there, not ride the shuttle bus!
13. County meetings and youth/chaperone huddles will be held during the event. Watch for a posted announcement on your housing floor giving times and locations. Attending chaperone huddles is a requirement to check in with your chaperone.
 14. Curfew: By 10:15 p.m. you must be on your assigned residence hall floor for your youth/chaperone county huddle. By 11:15 p.m. you must be in your assigned room. Your Lead Chaperone and chaperones will do a room check each night.
 15. Lock your room whenever you leave it and at night when sleeping. Close your blinds when undressing.
 16. There is a lost and found at each residence hall 4-H Information Center. After the event, lost and found items will be tagged by residence hall and room number and returned to the appropriate county. Call the county MSU Extension office after the event if you leave something behind.
 17. There are public scooters on campus, however, these are managed by a private group and must be purchased through a credit card. These are “use at your own risk” and MSU Extension is not responsible for the scooters.
 18. Check-out time is Friday before 1:30 p.m. Be sure you have arranged for your pick up and transportation home.
 19. **YAPP App for event communication:** Visit <https://my.yapp.us/MI4HEXPO> in your favorite browser and follow the instructions on the page, or scan the code below with your phone’s camera to open the link directly.



Please Bring:

- Casual clothing (shorts, T-shirts, jeans, jacket)
- Comfortable walking shoes, tennis shoes are recommended! This should be something more sturdy than flip flops.
- Watch
- Alarm clock
- Fan (if you want one)
- Sports/reusable water bottle with your name on it (to fill up at appropriate containers, not in cafeteria)
- Wash cloth (if you want one)
- Hand soap for bathroom sink
- Bath soap, shampoo, personal toiletries, etc.
- Hangers (optional)
- Spending money for souvenirs and/or snacks
- Specific items for your session (check your event email for specifics)
- A small bag or tote to carry items in (optional)
- Umbrella or rain jacket (optional)

Please Don't Bring:

- Valuables (such as handheld electronics and expensive jewelry)
 - MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University are not responsible for loss or damage to personal items. Please take care of your belongings.
- Towels, sheets, pillows and blankets – they're provided
- Large appliances or equipment