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# 4-H Family News

## CLINTON COUNTY



Hello Families,

There are so many things that I want to make sure you are aware of that we have included in this newsletter.

We will be sending direct emails out to families with information that is pertinent to you. The final cut-off for 4-H Enrollment is April 1st to be able to exhibit in the 4-H & Youth Fair this summer. If there is anyone that you can think of who may be thinking about 4-H, please let them know of this April 1st deadline. In this newsletter, you will find information regarding trips, livestock tagging, Exploration Days, practices for shooting sports, photography, and more. We will share more information on other project pieces as they arise.

Fair Jobs sign-up will open early this year and will be available April 1st. If you are not an active volunteer this gives us time to make that happen. Adults must be a volunteer in our system to help at fair, help with clubs, events, and trips. As this is a volunteer-driven program I encourage you to look at opportunities that interest you.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! All the luck to you!

Sincerely,

*Corissa Harris*

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### **ARE YOU OR YOUR CLUB LOOKING FOR A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT?**

#### CLINTON COUNTY SPRING COLLECTION EVENT

- Clinton County is holding their annual spring collection event on May 4th. Information for Clinton County Residents can be found [HERE](#).
- If you are willing to volunteer for this County Event, more information can be found [HERE](#) along with information on how to register to volunteer.

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## CLINTON COUNTY 4-H ALL SPECIES TAGGING EVENT



The 2024 Clinton County 4-H All Species Tagging Event will be held Saturday, April 27th at the Clinton County 4-H Fair Grounds from 8 am – 11 am.

This tagging event is for:

- **Market Beef**
- **Sheep**
- **Swine**
- **Prospect Beef**
- **Goats**

## GOLD AND SILVER VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Any adult planning to work a fair job or help with any 4-H youth program must be either a Gold or Silver-processed volunteer with MSU Extension and Clinton County 4-H.

- **Gold** – Volunteers that will be working directly with kids regularly or if you will be handling money. Includes a background check, 3 references, an interview with 4-H program coordinator Corissa Harris, and online training.
- **Silver** – Volunteers that plan to work a fair job, work with registration, hand out ribbons or work a gate at 4-H events. Includes a background check.

Applications for Volunteer Processing can be made [HERE!](#)

Keep in mind that if you would like to be considered as a 4-H Chaperone in the future, we will consider existing gold level volunteers first. Let's get the process started!

## PHOTOGRAPHY MEETINGS



Macy Fleischer the Photography Department Chair will be hosting a Photography Meeting at 1622 E Colony Rd, St. Johns, MI 48879 on April 6th starting at 10 am.

Summer meeting dates are TBD along with a pre-fair meeting to help members with the proper way to mount their pictures and answer any last-minute questions.



# Clinton County 4-H T-Shirts Coming Soon!



The Clinton County 4-H Council is working on a new Clinton County 4-H T-shirt option that will be available to you through an online ordering system soon!



More information to come!



# Clinton County 4-H Trip Fun!

## Cannonsburg Snow Tubing!



## DEFY Trampoline Park!





# 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)





# 4-H Events for You!

## Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience



Youth in 9th grade through age 19 are invited to attend the 4-H Capitol Experience. Youth registrants will select an issue group according to their interests, which will be led by a teen facilitator.

Youth will:

- Meet elected officials
- Hear from experts in policy representing a broad range of careers
- Hear from young people who have made a difference in their communities
- Discuss hot topics important to youth.

More information and Registration can be found [HERE!](#)

## Shooting Sports Leader Workshop

Registration is now open for the Spring Shooting Sports Instructor workshop!

Join us for 2 days of classes focused on everything you need to know to teach Shooting Sports fundamentals to youth as part of a 4-H Youth Development Program.

More information and how to register can be found [HERE!](#)

**MICHIGAN SHOOTING SPORTS**  
LEARN BY DOING

**JOIN THE SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP!**

**WHEN?** April 27th and 28th 2024

**WHERE?** Charlevoix Rod+Gun Club



# 4-H Events for You!

## 4-H Creative Campaign Contest

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VIDEOS DUE 4/1/2024

Let your creativity grow! Enter the

### 4-H CREATIVE CAMPAIGN CONTEST

Share your 4-H story for a chance to win!  
To learn more, visit  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-clovers-code/contest/>

Are you between the ages of 9-19 and passionate about 4-H! Here's your chance to shine and make a difference! Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development invites you to showcase your creativity and share your personal 4-H journey in a short video about "Why You Should join 4-H!" Be a voice for change and inspire others to join the 4-H community. Plus, you could win awesome prizes for your efforts! Don't miss out!

 Deadline to register and submit your videos is April 1, 2024.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and get started:

## Missaukee 4-H Rabbit, Cavy & Poultry Show

Attention Rabbit, Cavy, & Poultry Exhibitor!

Missaukee 4-H is hosting an interactive show on May 18. This is a great opportunity to practice for the fair and get some tips from the judge or just try showing for the first time. We will also learn how to make treats for our rabbit and poultry. We will have the rabbit agility set up for anyone who wants to try.

For more information click [HERE!](#)

### Cluck, Hop & Wiggle Show

Sponsored by Missaukee 4-H

May 18, 2024

Show starts at 10:00 a.m.

Missaukee Agr'l Youth Show

\$2.00 entry fee  
\$3.00 per class

Scan QR code to register



Rabbit Showmanship  
Rabbit Skill A Thon  
Cavy Showmanship

Poultry Skill A Thon  
Chicken, Duck & Turkey  
Showmanship

Open to all youth ages 5-19

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# 4-H Events for You!

## World Food Prize

<b>SAVE</b>	 <b>May 9 2024</b>
<b>WRITE</b>	
<b>ATTEND</b>	
<b>CHANGE</b>	
 <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/">www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/</a> MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY   Extension	

Youth in grades 7-12, and their teachers/mentors, may register to participate in the 2024 World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI)!

This event is an MSU pre-college program that empowers teens to explore solutions to critical local and global challenges. The event will be held May 9, with options to participate on the campus of MSU in East Lansing or via Zoom.

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is a proud supporter of the WFP MIYI, which is a free event. For more information, visit

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

## 4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest

**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**



Michigan 4-H and FFA Horse Judging State Contest

**Where:** MSU Pavilion for Ag and Livestock Education

**When:** Saturday April 13th at 9am

**Who should register:** Any 4-H or FFA Member interested in Horse Judging!

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Registration is now open for the 2024 Michigan 4-H and FFA Horse Judging State Contest!

The contest will be held on April 13th and start promptly at 9 am at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education.

For more information and how to register click [HERE](#)

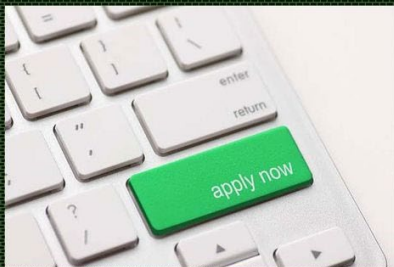


# Award Opportunities

## Michigan 4-H State Awards



### Michigan 4-H State Awards



- Write your resume, cover letter, and application
- Tell your 4-H story
- Hands-on learning experience to develop career skills
- Get recognized
- Compete for cash prizes

**Application deadline: April 1**  
**Recognition event: June 19**

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards24>

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The Michigan 4-H State Awards are the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth.

This hands-on learning experience not only allows members to be recognized for their accomplishments, but also helps 4-H members to develop and practice “adulting” skills such as resume writing, filling out an application, and interviewing.

State award information can be found [HERE](#)

## Mark of Excellence

Are you a young person ages 11-12?  
Apply for the Mark of Excellence Award.

The essay theme is “Because of 4-H, I can...”

Tell us how #MI4H has made an impact on your life for a chance to be recognized!

More information available [HERE](#)

MARK OF EXCELLENCE

because of 4-H I can...

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1

4-H GROWS HERE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension





# 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).

