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# 4-H Family News

Livingston County



## We Need Your Help to Staff the 4-H Kitchen!

We still need help in the 4-H Kitchen! A huge thank you to all who have already signed up! We have a few time slots still available for kitchen workers, and many timeslots available for cashiers. Can't fill an entire shift? That's okay! We appreciate all the help we can get!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEAE2FA5FBCE9-4hkitchen>

The 4-H Kitchen is one of our only county wide 4-H fundraisers and assists in our ability to maintain and improve the 4-H building, provide 4-H camp and program scholarships to youth, and to fund county wide 4-H events and programs. Youth who are helping in the 4-H kitchen should be at least 8 years old and able to follow directions independently.

Reminder: Adults who sign up do need to complete the SILVER level volunteer screening. This DOES NOT require an interview, references, or trainings. They will only need to complete an application and consent to a background check. If you have questions about the process, please email Kat at [krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:krollkat@msu.edu).



### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

#### Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show

July 8<sup>th</sup> at Cohoctah Park 1000 Allen Rd., Howell, MI

#### Night Run Series Speed Shows

July 12<sup>th</sup> at Cohoctah Park, 1000 Allen Rd., Howell, MI

#### Fair Clean Up

July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

#### 4-H Staff Out of the Office

July 31<sup>st</sup>

#### 4-H Biodiversity Quest

August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District

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## 4-H Club Booths at the Fowlerville Youth Show



Club booths will be assigned by the youth show committee. Please direct all questions or concerns to the Fowlerville Family Fair office, email address [fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com). We are hopeful that they will have communications out regarding booths soon!

We will be hosting our booth decorating contest again this year! This contest is for 4-H clubs only, and because of this, we will be awarding prizes differently than in prior years. Pre-registration is not required! Clubs will be judged on the following criteria:

- Booth showcases what youth have learned and experienced through the last year (30 points)
- Booth exhibits creativity with arrangement of exhibits (30 points)
- Booth promotes Livingston County 4-H (30 points)
- Pride in the club is displayed (10 points)

The top 3 clubs will earn the following prizes: A pizza party OR Ice cream social for the club, a ribbon and small 4-H mall prize for each youth participant (stop by the 4-H office to claim after judging is complete!). Winning club leaders will be contacted by 4-H staff, and will be posted on social media.

## We Need Your Help in the 4-H Office During the Fowlerville Family Fair!

We are looking for volunteers to assist us in the 4-H office this year during fair week, so that we can be free to move around the fairgrounds to support the youth and other volunteers in our program. This is not a required volunteer activity, but it is greatly appreciated!

Volunteer duties while in the 4-H office include:

- Staying cool under our fans!
- Answering questions regarding event/barn locations.
- Answering general 4-H questions (How do we join?)
- Providing Band-Aids for minor wounds.
- Instructing youth on the junk drawer challenge and/or Goosechase and giving out prizes- instructions will be provided
- Collecting clean pen tickets from youth.



We are also looking for some extra hands on the dates that we are hosting crafts, Tuesday 1-3pm and Friday 1-3pm, in case we have large crowds! Instructions will be provided to volunteers for these crafts.

Ready to sign up? Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEAE2FA5FBCE9-4hoffice1>



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## Get Ready for the Fowlerville Family Fair 4-H Goosechase!

We are excited to announce the return of our Goosechase scavenger hunt at the Fowlerville Family Fair! This year we will be offering two Goosechase challenges; one for visitors and 4-H members that are only on the grounds for one day, and the other for our week-long participants with new quests dropping daily. Bring your A-Game this year! Prizes will be offered for both the daily and weeklong Goosechase challenges. To participate, you will need to download the Goosechase app on your cell phone - stay tuned for the code to join!



## Biodiversity Quest: Saturday, August 19 at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District



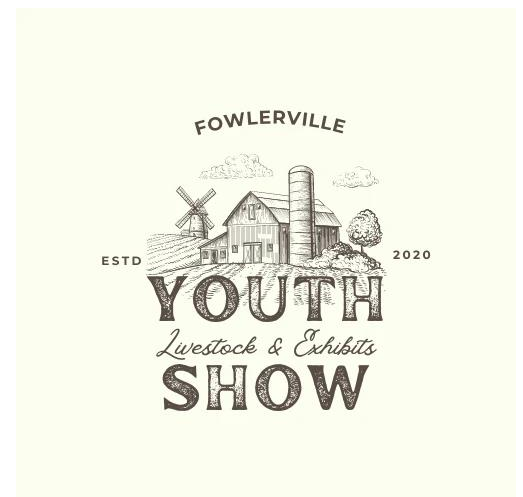
Meet us on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District (9585 Roberts Rd. Gregory, Michigan) to check out what is growing in our 3-acre pollinator planting! We will be taking a hike to observe the plants growing, doing a bug hunt, and a fun nature craft!

This event is free and open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 8-19. If you have a younger youth interested in the program, please contact us. We hope to see you there and admire all the hard-work our volunteers did this June!

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hconservationquest/>

## Fowlerville Youth Show Questions

If you have questions about the Youth Show, please contact the Fowlerville Family Fair at (517) 223-8186 or [fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com). The 4-H office is happy to help with any resources needed for showmanship, but we do not facilitate the Youth Show and cannot help with questions about entries, superintendents, etc. If you need any help with showmanship guides, please contact Kat at [krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:krollkat@msu.edu). We look forward to seeing our youth and families at the Fowlerville Family Fair for daily activities in the 4-H Building! Stop by and say Hi!





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## Upcoming Livingston County 4-H Summer Horse Shows

- Do you know a youth or adult interested in horse shows this summer? Check out the Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show and Night Run Series Speed Shows. For more information on both of these shows, [visit our website](#) and look under Livingston County show bills.
- **Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show**
  - Saturday, July 8, 2023 Cohoctah Park – 1000 Allen Rd., Howell, MI 48855.
  - Gates open at 8 am – Show starts at 9 am
  - Age Divisions: 14-19; 8-13; Pony 8-19 (Cantering); Walk-Trot 8-19; Clover Bud 5-7\*
  - Highpoints by Age Divisions: English, Western, Gymkhana (Showmanship counts toward both English and Western)
  - Park Fee per Horse/Rider \$10 (4-H May 1 Horse/Rider Park Fee \$5)
  - Per Class Fee \$6 – OR Blanket Fee \$40 - Cash or check only – NO REFUNDS
  - Highpoint \$8 per highpoint – you must sign up before earning points
  - \*Cloverbud rules: Helmets required for all Clover buds. Loaner helmets may be available. Participant awards only; no placings
    - Age 5 (6 or 7) Horse must wear a halter and lead. Youth must be directly accompanied one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on foot holding the animal's lead or halter to maximize safety.
    - Age 6 (or 7) May ride a horse unaccompanied, but only at the walk. Adult volunteers to be in the ring at all times.
    - Age 7 only: May participate in walk-trot events with adult volunteers in the ring at all times.
- **2023 Night Run Series Speed Shows**
  - Cohoctah Park – 1000 Allen Rd., Howell, MI 48855
  - Wednesday, July 12 – Fun Class and Cloverbud\* class 5 pm - Show starts 6 pm
  - Gates open at 4 pm – Registration starts at 4:30 pm and ends at 5:55 pm
  - PRIZE DIVISIONS: Adult (20+) Senior (15-19) Intermediate (12-14) Junior (8-11) Walk-Trot (8-20+)
  - Poles on June 28 and July 12
  - \*Cloverbud – ages 5-7 – Walk Only on a lead line with an adult – participation prizes for all. No horse/rider fee for clover buds. Loaner helmets will be available for clover buds who don't have their own.





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs You! If you love working with horses and children, this could be for you!

Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program helps special needs children with therapeutic horseback riding, and there are volunteer opportunities available to help bring in horses on the day of classes, grooming, tacking, and helping children get ready to ride.

- Once the rider is mounted, up to three volunteers are needed per horse:
- One or Two side walkers who walk alongside the horse and rider to offer support, and one person who leads the horse.
- Side walkers and horse leaders need to be 14 years old, younger volunteers are able to help with grooming, tacking, assisting with games, etc.
- Riders are put through patterns of walking, trotting, reversing, changing directions, and stopping. We also play games on horseback like Egg and Spoon, and Red Light, Green Light. The Grand Equestrians riders also show at Fair, which is especially awesome!

It is so rewarding to see the smiles on the kid's faces and see the progress they make!

We also sign for community service hours ☺

2023 Classes will start June 6th and run through July 18th on Tuesdays only from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be no class on July 4th. Volunteers must complete the [MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process](#) before volunteering. The 4-H staff are happy to help anyone with questions about this process.

Email [grandequestrians@gmail.com](mailto:grandequestrians@gmail.com) to sign up or for further information!





# Livingston County 4-H July 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 MSU Extension Closed Happy 4th!	5	6	7	8 8am - Leaders Day Horse Show @ Cohoctah Park
9	10	11	12 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Cohoctah Park	13	14	15
16	17	18 5-8 pm- Fowlerville Family Fair Clean Up	19	20	21	22 9am - Fowlerville Family Fair - Still Exhibit Project Judging
23 8am-6pm Fair Animal Check In	24 Fowlerville Family Fair	25 Fowlerville Family Fair	26 Fowlerville Family Fair	27 Fowlerville Family Fair	28 Fowlerville Family Fair	29 Fowlerville Family Fair
30 Fowlerville Family Fair Clean Up	31 4-H Staff Out of Office					

★ = Events run by the Fowlerville Family Fair. Contact them at: [Fair@Fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:Fair@Fowlervillefamilyfair.com) or (517) 223-8186



# Livingston County 4-H August 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
4-H Staff Out of Office						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jenny out of office August 4-15th						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Kat out of office August 14-18th						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						10am - Biodiversity quest at the Livingston Conservation District
						ARBA Rabbit Show - Ionia MI
27	28	29	30	31		
				2022-2023 4-H Program year ENDS!		

★ = 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!



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](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.

