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Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council to meet Oct. 9 and Nov. 6

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council will meet October 9, 2023 at the VerKuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, and on November 6, 2023 at the Ray Township Library, 64255 Wolcott Road, Ray Township. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Macomb County 4-H members and volunteers are always welcome!

Submit 2024 Macomb County 4-H Fair Theme ideas by October 31st

Macomb County 4-H members and volunteers, do you have some great ideas for the 2024 Macomb County 4-H Fair Theme? We'd love to hear them! Submit your idea(s) for Macomb County's 2024 4-H Fair Theme by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 by filling out [this form](#), emailing macomb.4h@macombgov.org, or calling (586) 469-6431.

Duplicate or similar suggestions may be combined. A voting poll will be available in November. The suggestion receiving the most votes will be the Macomb County 4-H Fair Theme for 2024.

Club/committee forms due to MSU Extension

Macomb County administrative 4-H club and committee leaders, don't forget to enroll/re-enroll your club or committee for the 2023-2024 4-H program year! Please send the following to Macomb County MSU Extension, Attn: 4-H, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036 or email them to macomb.4h@macombgov.org:

Returning clubs only:

- [2023 Annual Financial Summary Report](#) (due October 1, 2023 - returning clubs only)

All clubs:

- [Macomb County 4-H Club Information](#) (before your club members (due by November 1, 2023)
- [Macomb County 4-H Club Officer Information](#) (submit when officers are elected)
- [Civil Rights Compliance Statement](#) (due by November 1, 2023)
- Club/Committee Bylaws (submit when approved for the 2024 4-H program year)

Youth member enrollment:

- Youth members enroll/re-enroll through [4-H Online](#).

Adult 4-H volunteers:

- Update your information in [Volunteer Central](#)
- Enroll/re-enroll in [4-H Online](#).

Questions? Feel free to contact the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office at macomb.4h@macombgov.org or 586-469-6431.

Other Local News & Events

Macomb MSUE 4-H partner to hold skating fundraiser Oct. 14th

Consider joining a Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H community partner, [Elms Family & Community Services](#), for its skating fundraiser on October 14th at [The Great Skate](#), 29100 Hayes, Roseville.

Purchase individual tickets [here](#). Request group tickets and more information at events@elmsfamilyandcommunityservices.org or by contacting Events Coordinator [Jan Campanella](#). Each ticket costs \$7-10 and includes skate rental, activities and face painting for youth.

Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Shop TSC and support 4-H Oct. 4-15

The Fall Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover Campaign is October 4-15, 2023. Shop at Tractor Supply stores and support 4-H by purchasing a paper clover at checkout. Macomb County has TSC stores in [New Haven](#), [Richmond](#) and [Washington Township](#).

4-H scholarships available

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1. Learn more and access applications materials [here](#).

Join the Future Squad

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year old youth throughout Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This program is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The FREE club will meet October 2023 through May 2024. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal-setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks. Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom. Club meetings for the 2023-2024 year will take place twice monthly with Monday or Thursday meeting dates on alternating months.

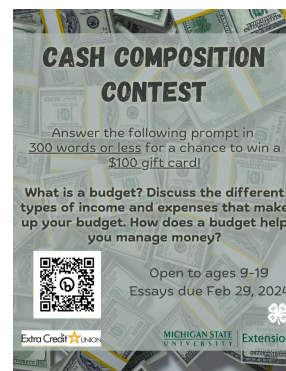
This club can be your primary or secondary club. Find more information and get registered [here](#).



Cash Composition Contest

Enter the [Cash Composition Contest](#) now through February 29, 2024 for a chance to win a \$100 gift card! Michigan youth who are ages 9-19 years old as of Jan. 1, 2024, are encouraged to answer the essay question, "What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?"

Essays must be 300 words or less. The top three scoring essays in each age bracket (ages 9-13 and ages 14-19) will win a \$100 gift card. 4-H membership is not required.



For more information, contact Laurie Rivetto, rivettoL@msu.edu, or Kathy Jamieson, jamies13@msu.edu.

Learn life skills with monthly Adulting 101 sessions

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks and have skills to be successful? Michigan State University Extension's Adulting 101 programs help

teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an adult through engaging educational sessions. Join us monthly for a new topic. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently!

[Wealth Building](#)

Date: Wednesday, October 18

Time: 6 p.m. ET

Looking for strategies to build wealth? This workshop will provide tips, tools and goal setting strategies. Learn about different types of savings and investment products. Evaluate your risk tolerance and explore investment timelines.

[Professionalism in the Workplace](#)

Date: Wednesday, November 8

Time: 6 p.m. ET

What is professionalism and why is it important in the workplace? Increase your awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider including: shared workspace, relationships with coworkers, communicating and setting boundaries.

All sessions will take place on Zoom. Stay informed of upcoming events, news, and more by signing up for a [digest](#), following us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or checking out our [website](#). For questions, reach out to Kathy jamies13@msu.edu

Promote 4-H with the 4-H Creative Campaign Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 seconds) promoting 4-H to their peers. Videos should address the question, "Why You Should Join

4-H!" Be a 4-H spokesperson by using your voice and sharing your 4-H story with others! This contest is open to Michigan 4-H youth. Those not currently registered for 4-H can do so prior to entering this contest. The deadline for registration and video submissions is January 31, 2024.

A total of six prizes will be awarded to the top videos judged by professionals. There will be two age brackets for this competition:

- 4-H ages 9-13 (as of January 1, 2024)
- 4-H ages 14-19 (as of January 1, 2024)

Each age bracket will have three winners, who will receive the following prizes:

- First place prize: \$100 Amazon gift card
- Second place prize: \$75 Amazon gift card
- Third place prize: \$50 Amazon gift card

The 4-H Creative Campaign Contest is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. More information and contest rules can be found online [here](#). For questions, please contact Kathy Jamieson at jamies13@msu.edu.

In the news...

- **4-H license plate:** Legislation proposed by State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, would allow for the sale of a 4-H license plate that would benefit Michigan 4-H youth. Read more about it [here](#) and [here](#).



Other Statewide & National Events

Events at MSU Tollgate Farm & Education Center

[MSU Tollgate Farm](#), a historic 160 acre farm in Novi, offers programs and events to the public.

The farm is open to the public from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and it's free to walk the grounds. Find directions to Tollgate [here](#).

These are just two of the farm's upcoming events:

- **Pumpkinfest 2023:** Take a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch at Tollgate Farm in Novi on October 7th and 8th from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. to pick your perfect pumpkins. The cost is \$5 per person. Children ages two and under are free. Wagon rides, music, educational exhibits, children's strawland, story time, and many children's activities are included. Tickets are sold for select activities including fishing, pumpkin painting, inflatable archery, target practice, etc. Pumpkins and concessions are sold for cash or credit. Parking is free. For more information [here](#) or call 248-347-3860.
- **Forest Therapy:** MSU Extension Tollgate Farm and the Novi Community Coalition have partnered to present Forest Therapy experiences to the public at Tollgate Farm, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, through November 7th. Forest Therapy, the practice of enjoying nature at a slower pace, has been proven through research to lower stress and moderate blood pressure. Find out more and register for one or more Forestry Therapy sessions (October 12, October 17, October 26 and/or November 7) [here](#).

To stay updated on what's happening at Tollgate, [subscribe](#) to the farm's newsletter or [follow MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center](#) on Facebook.

Calendar of Events

Macomb County 4-H Events

October 1

[Annual Financial Summary Reports](#) due to Macomb County MSU Extension

October 9

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Meeting
7 p.m., VerKuilen Building, Clinton Township

October 9

Macomb County offices closed

October 31

[Macomb County 4-H Fair Theme submission](#) deadline
4 p.m., online

November 6

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Meeting
7 p.m., [Ray Township Library](#), Ray Township

Other Local Events

October 14

[Elms Family & Community Services Skating Fundraiser](#)
5-7 p.m., The Great Skate, Roseville

Statewide & National 4-H Events

October 1-7

National 4-H Week

October 4

[Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol](#)

Heritage Hall, Lansing

Education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and to share the impact of

its programming across Michigan.

October 4-15

[Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign](#)

TSC stores nationwide

October 18

[Adulting 101: Wealth Building](#)

6 p.m., online

October 23

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Helping Youth Find Their Spark

Online, [12-1 p.m. session](#) or [7-8 p.m. session](#)

Learn ways to help youth find their spark within their 4-H experience.

November 8

[Adulting 101: Professionalism in the Workplace](#)

6 p.m., online

November 21

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

Online, [12-1 p.m. session](#) or [7-8 p.m. session](#)

Learn strategies to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences.

January 31

[Creative Campaign Contest](#) videos due

Other Statewide and National Events

October 7-8

[Pumpkinfest](#)

11 a.m.-5 p.m., Tollgate Farm, Novi

October 12, 17, 26 and/or Nov. 7

[Forest Therapy](#)

Tollgate Farm, Novi

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

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