



4-H Family News

Oakland County



4-H Discovery Day! April 29, 2023



Discovery Day is a free family event open to all that provides fun and educational activities for the whole family. Join us for fun games, live animal presentations, and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities – all brought to you by local organizations and 4-H clubs! Information will be available about joining 4-H and exhibiting at the Oakland County Fair. 4-H Discovery Day is one of the most popular 4-H events of the year. Don't miss it!

April 29th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm at:

[Springfield Oaks County Park](#)
[12450 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, 48350](#)

WHO MAKES IT HAPPEN?

You do! 4-H Clubs and other community organizations host booths that can be as small as one table and as big as five tables depending on the activity and the number of volunteers that you bring. Several clubs bring animals with them (rabbits, dogs, and livestock) as outdoor spaces are available.

HOW TO REGISTER

Use [this form](#) to sign-up your 4-H Club, Oakland County fair display, or community organization for a space at this year's event

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Equine Mini Series at Tollgate

Three in-person educational opportunities on Tuesdays in April, May and June as listed below. Sessions may include outdoor activities so dress appropriately for the farm!

Tuesday, April 25—Biosecurity for Horse Farms and Events – keeping your horse healthy on the farm and when attending horse events. Presenters: Tom Guthrie, MSU Extension Statewide Equine Educator and Debbie Morgan, 4-H Program Coordinator, MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center

Tuesday, May 16—Horse Farm Emergency Preparedness – Having a plan during times of emergency or disaster is key. This session will discuss important tips for horse owners. Presenters: Tom Guthrie, MSU Extension Statewide Equine Educator and Dr. Christine Skelly, MSU Equine Extension Specialist.

Tuesday, June 20—Horse Property Design and Layout – Considerations when developing a newly purchased property or making layout adjustments to your existing horse property. Presenter: Tom Guthrie, MSU Extension Statewide Equine Educator



6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Conference Center

MSU Tollgate Farm

28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi 48377

Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2023TollgateEquineMiniSeries/>

For info contact Tom Guthrie at guthri19@msu.edu, 517-788-4292 or Debbie Morgan at morga194@msu.edu, 248-347-3860, ext. 279

Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp 6/19/23 – 6/22/23

Four-day camp at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg for youth ages 9-19. The daily schedule includes four instructional classes, crafts, and educational demonstrations.

Classes: Fitting & Showing, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Dressage, Jumping, Trail, Centered Riding, Bareback, Ranch Riding, In-Hand Mini, and Gymkhana.

*\$225 fee includes meals and stall. Campers provide their own horse (with proof of current negative Coggins test), feed, bedding, and tack, including SEI approved helmets. **Campers must attend a mandatory meeting Sunday, 6/18 at 9pm!** Parents must volunteer a minimum of 3 hours. Camping at \$25/night is available and requires a separate registration.*

For registration information (deadline 5/15) please contact Deb Morgan at morga194@msu.edu or 248-347-3860, ext. 279

O.C. Sport Rocket 4-H Club is Ready to Fly Again!

Oakland County Sport Rocket 4-H Club is looking for new members to join the club! Members will learn about aerospace and mechanical science. If interested, please contact Ron Bieri at bierirp@charter.net





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

Save the date for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge

April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youthcreditcraze>

April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april-2023>

April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





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 23-29 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.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, 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 and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.



4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle
Registration Now Open!

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/.



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.