



# 4-H Family News

## Oakland County



### Discovery Day 2024



Discovery Day is Saturday, **April 27, 2024!** 10 AM – 2 PM at Springfield Oaks Park in Davisburg. Discovery Day is a FREE family event open to the public providing fun and educational activities for the whole family! There will be information about joining 4-H and exhibiting at the Oakland County Fair. Concessions will be available! **Sign up [HERE](#) to request a table to showcase your club or community organization.**

Oakland County 4-H horse & pony members will be in the Springfield Oaks Activity Center with loads of information about 2024 4-H horse programs! 4-H horse clubs will also be presenting educational info and demos. Details about some of the programs listed below will be available.

- **Oakland County 4-H Horse Achievement Level Program**
- **BOH Proud Equestrian Program** – therapeutic riding program at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club
- **Horse Protégé Program** – novice/mentor program (April-August) for horse project members and horse enthusiasts
- **Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp**, 6/16-20, Springfield Oaks County Park
- **Camp Counselor-in-Training Program** for youth 16-19
- **Oakland County 4-H Horse Shows**: 5/10 & 5/11, 5/17 & 5/18, 6/7 & 6/8, 8/9 & 8/10.
- **State 4-H Horse Show, 8/16-18/24 & Delegate Selection**

Any questions about Oakland County 4-H horse programs, please contact Debbie Morgan at [morga194@msu.edu](mailto:morga194@msu.edu) and/or visit our website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/oakland/4-h/>

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## Exploration Days

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live like a college student 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!

**Registration opened on March 25 and closes on April 19.**

**Cost: \$220 - Scholarships are available! Please contact Cheyenne Shields for more information at [shield69@msu.edu](mailto:shield69@msu.edu)**

[View session listing here!](#)



## Silo Ranch Open House

Spring will be here soon so come check out Silo Ranch in Commerce on April 6th from 12:00 – 3:00 PM.

- \*4-H informational meeting & meet n greet with the animals
  - \*Sign up for riding lessons with Fox Run Training
  - \*Community Garden information and sign up
  - \*Bueno Tacos & Bearclaw Coffee Truck
  - \*Tack Sale
  - \*Happy Paws Haven Rescue- Adoptable animals available!!
  - \*Liv's Lovely Henna- get a horse henna and more!
  - \*Raffles and chances to win prizes
  - \*Purchase Silo Ranch swag
- And more!!

2552 Wixom Rd  
Commerce Township, MI 48382



## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony- SAVE THE DATE


The 4-H Achievement Awards is a fun evening that honors youth 4-H members and volunteers for their efforts and accomplishments throughout the year. It is their commitment and dedication that encourages each individual to grow, makes our community stronger, and contributes to shaping the future.

**The next 4-H Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024.** Please be sure to mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details to come.





## Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp

Registration is now open for the Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp!  Information and all required forms can be found on our website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/oakland-county-4-h-horse-camp-2024>

Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp is June 16–20, 2024 at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg for youth ages 8-19. Four instructional classes daily include: Fitting & Showing, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Dressage, Jumping, Trail, Centered Riding, Bareback, Ranch Riding, In-Hand Miniature Horse, and Gymkhana. **Registration deadline is 5/15/2024.**



Any member 16 and over interested in becoming a CIT, please find info and application (due 4/29) at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/oakland/4-h/horse-project-resources>

## Farm Explorers at Hess-Hathaway Park!



**Farm Explorers**  
A fun, educational & interactive event  
**Thursday, May 16 5:30pm-7:30pm**  
Hess-Hathaway Park, 825 S. Williams Lk. Rd.

FREE EVENT  
No registration required

Free hotdog, chips & drink  
While supplies last.

Sponsored by: **OAKLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

Presented by: **Oakland County 4-H**

Waterford Parks & Recreation

QUESTIONS? Call Waterford Parks & Recreation at 248-674-5441

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 4-H Programs Presented
- Up-Close Farm Animal Visits
- Commodity Carnival Challenge
- Hayrides
- Lawn Games
- Craft

Join us at Hess-Hathaway Park for a **FREE** event on Thursday, May 16 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for educational and interactive activities! Free Hotdog, chips & drink available! While supplies last.

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825 S. Williams Lake Rd  
Waterford, MI 48327

## 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp

Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is for youth who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science related projects and activities. Participants must be ages 13 to 17 as of January 1 of the current programming year. Youth explore fields and careers relating to animal science and veterinary medicine, visit MSU farms and facilities, and participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Registration opens April 1 at noon [HERE!](#)



**4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp**

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY\*

**July 8-9 and 10-11, 2024**

Registration opens April 1st at noon



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



From April 24 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign).

### 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.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign)

### April 3: Keeping Your Money Safe

*Online*

Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/keeping-your-money-safe-4-3>

### April 10: Adulting 101 Series - Cover Letter and Resume Writing

*Online*

By attending this workshop, you can start or improve a resume or cover letter. Gain tips and tricks and be ready to apply for that opportunity!

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

### April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Working with Cloverbuds

*Online*

Come attend this session to learn and share techniques for working with Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) and project ideas that work well with this age group. 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-working-with-cloverbuds](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds7pm)

### April 27-28: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

*Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, Charlevoix*

Learn about Mich. 4-H Shooting Sports mission, policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up and more. Registration deadline: April 4.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2024-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2024-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens)

### May 8: 4-H and FFA State Meats Judging Contest

*East Lansing*

By participating, contestants show their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats. This contest will include individual and team competition.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-meats-judging-contest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-meats-judging-contest-2024)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Sign up for the Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge!

Starting May 5, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program. Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Miles walked/ran will be collected weekly through a Google form; this form will be sent upon completion of the registration. Each week, the top contestants will be based on the number of miles logged from Sunday to Saturday. Individuals will report their miles by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. ET. Submissions received later than Sunday by 11:59 p.m. ET will not be eligible for weekly prizes.

Learn more and register at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge>.



## Michigan 4-H presents Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Join Michigan 4-H for a fun contest leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges.

### Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Learn how to keep your money safe in this year's sixth annual online contest. Compete with other youth across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a financial institution that works for you! Learn more at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>.

## Get your tickets 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 Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.

New this year, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers hat. Hats are redeemable on gameday in section 332.
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity. Timing and logistics of this opportunity will be released within a month of the game date.

Only tickets purchased through the Michigan 4-H link are eligible for these exclusive opportunities. This year, tickets will be available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. Learn more at [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).

