



4-H Family News

Oakland County



Clare Lane Farm 4-H SPIN Club



Clare Lane Farm 4-H SPIN Club is looking for high school aged members to join! This club will focus on:

- Organic permaculture farming
- Water and soil conservation
- Food forest gardening
- Polyculture farming
- Fruit and tree guilds

Saturdays: 5/20, 6/3, 7/8, 8/26 (Sept and Oct dates TBD)

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 am

Recommend to bring: hat, gloves, sturdy shoes and sunscreen

4445 Clare Lane
White Lake, MI 48386

(At the corner of Brendel Rd, 1/4 mile east of McKeachie. Not found on GPS. No water or restrooms. Park on street near 1st driveway)

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Equine Mini Series at Tollgate

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

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 Horse Show Circuit

Oakland County 4-H Horse Council offers five horse shows for all age exhibitors.

Show weekends for 2023 are:

May 12 & 13 Horse Council Kick-Off Show (Fuzzy Horse –Show Clothes Optional)

May 19 & 20 Triple B's

June 2 & 3 Mane 2 Tail Connection

August 4 & 5 Young Riders

August 11 & 12 Paint Creek Valley Grand Finale Show

The park and shows are open to the public! Come check out the 2023 shows at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. See attached showbill for more info.



Registration is Open for the 32nd Annual 4-H Horse Camp 6/18-22/2023

Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp is a four-day instructional camp at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg, MI offered to 4-H youth ages 9-19. Campers and their own horses choose up to four classes a day (Fitting & Showing, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Dressage, Jumping, Trail, Centered Riding, Bareback, Ranch Riding, In-Hand Mini, and Gymkhana). Daily activities, including kitchen and meal prep are coordinated and provided by parent volunteers. Without these caring volunteers who have committed their time and enthusiasm to the program, horse camp would not exist. Space is limited in the barn, and registration is due 5/15. Registration fee of \$225 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!! Camping at \$25/night is available and requires a separate registration. For more information, please contact Debbie Morgan at morga194@msu.edu or 248-347-3860, ext.279



Clover Campaign

There's still time! Show your state pride and love of 4-H – purchase a Paper Clover at @Tractor Supply! 90% of all proceeds go directly towards your state program. Get a #4HPaperClover today! 🍀



International Exchange Program

Invite a Japanese youth into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too! www.states4hexchange.org



A HUGE Thank You to Those Who Participated in Discovery Day!

4-H Discovery Day was a success! Thank you to all of the 4-H clubs and local organizations that participated in the event. Over 300 people came to the event to enjoy activities such as animal interactions, arts and crafts, and archery! Current 4-H club leaders and members gained a lot of interest from youth who are now planning to join 4-H for the first time!





Scholarship Opportunities for 4-Hers!

Michigan 4-H Scholarships:

Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship

Award amount varies, two to four given annually. 4-Hers who will be college freshmen in Fall may apply. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and have financial need. Application deadline is November 1st.

Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Michigan 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. Recipients for these scholarships are selected from the MSU 4-H Youth Development Scholarship applicant pool.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship

\$2,500 awarded annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given annually. 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application is due November 1st of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarship

\$2,000 applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade following their MSU pre-college program involvement (such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, 4-H Discovery Camp, or 4-H Capitol Experience) are eligible.

For more info regarding any of the above scholarships please visit:

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h-scholarships/>

Other Scholarships for 4-Hers:

Oakland County Fair Scholarship

Purpose of award is for qualified, outstanding 4-H youth aged 17 and up to a senior in college to continue their education. For applications and more info please contact fair office or visit www.oakfair.org

Oakland County Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund

Scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior continuing education at an accredited institution or trade school in the year in which they are applying or a college student to exhibit livestock at the Oakland County Fair. For more info please visit www.oakfair.org.

Oakland County Farm Bureau Frank Genovese Memorial Scholarship

Applicants must be a graduating senior or post-secondary student who is enrolling or is currently enrolled in an agriculture, natural resource or veterinary program.

This year, winners of the Frank Genovese Memorial Scholarship will be announced during the Oakland County Fair.

Deadline is May 15. For info and application please visit:

<https://oakland.michfb.com/Oakland/Programs/Scholarship/Counties/63/Programs/Frank-Genovese-Memorial-Scholarship.aspx?hkey=f57aa87e-3b0b-4307-a4c7-7eb221b60d9c>

MSU Alumni Club of Oakland County

Each year the Michigan State University Alumni Club of Oakland County dedicates funds for scholarships. Scholarships are available to Oakland County high school seniors and seniors who reside in Oakland County but attend a high school outside of Oakland County. These seniors must have been accepted for study at Michigan State University and plan to attend the next academic year. For application and info visit: <http://msuoakland.com/scholarship>



Scholarship Opportunities for 4-Hers Continued!

Michigan State Fair Scholarship Program

The Michigan State Fair awards \$50,000 in scholarships to youth exhibiting in the following areas: Home Arts/Agriculture, Livestock, Equine, Urban Farming and Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Scholarship applications are due August 1. For more info visit: <http://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/>

Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Youth Scholarship

Each year MAFE awards six (6) scholarships of \$1,000 to outstanding youth involved in the Michigan fair industry. The scholarship is open to high school seniors or applicants who are currently enrolled in an institution of advanced learning. The application deadline is October 1st. For more info, please visit: <https://mifairs.com/category/mafe-events/>

GreenStone Farm Credit Services

GreenStone Farm Credit Services awards up to \$40,000 to incoming college freshmen pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field. For additional guidelines or to apply for the scholarship today, visit www.greenstonefcs.com/community/scholarships.

MDARD - Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship

Applications are due in May each year. Qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard-mylsf>.

Oakland County 4-H Event Scholarship:

Scholarships are offered to enrolled 4-Hers in Oakland County 4-H Youth Development for 4-H events as follows:

- International 25% up to \$500
- National Events is 50% max \$300
- State Events is 50% max of \$120
- Local Events are determined by staff at time of application

Eligibility requirements:

- A scholarship will only be awarded upon enrollment in 4-H Online.
- Application **must be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the 4-H event registration deadline.**
- Submit a short (maximum 50 words) paragraph on why you want to attend this event.
- After the event, share your experience with club, 4-H members and/or write a few paragraphs for the 4-H Newsletter about your experience.
- Must not apply for any other 4-H scholarship for this event.
- This scholarship may be received only once each year.
- Final decision for this scholarship will be determined by 4-H staff, applicant will be notified immediately.
- Funds will be sent directly to the event registrar.
- Cancellation notice must be made at 48 hours in advance of event or in accordance with event policy. If not, applicant may be responsible for all funds submitted on their behalf.

For more information regarding scholarships and applications, please contact our office at 248-858-0889.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

May 1: Explore 4-H Club at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation (DPFLI) *DPFLI, Detroit*

Take part in an eight-week 4-H club to experience some of the many projects that 4-H has to offer! To enroll in this club, attend the 4-H Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to sign-up, meet leaders, and enjoy games, giveaways, refreshments and more. Fun for the whole family!
www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli

May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program *Lake Lansing, Haslett*

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers *Comerica Park, Detroit*

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College *Online*

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop *Escanaba*

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp *Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia*

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp





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Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.



Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.