



4-H Family News

Oakland County



Pumpkin Fest 2023!



Mark your calendars for Pumpkinfest on Oct. 7th and 8th! 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Join us for a fantastic weekend filled with delicious food, live music, adorable farm animals, and wagon rides to the pumpkin patch! 🍂 🎃

It's the perfect opportunity to embrace the fall spirit and create wonderful memories with friends and family. Don't miss out on this amazing event! See you there!

\$5.00 Per Person
Children 2 and under are FREE

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Tack Sale

2023 Oakland County Tack & Craft Sale!

Come shop with us for one of a kind unique holiday gifts!!!!

Several new & used vendors!

Admission \$1

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10am - 2pm

Springfield Oaks Activity Center

12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, MI 48350

10x10 vendor space \$35/4-H \$25

For table reservation or more info, please contact: Debbie Morgan at 248-347-3860, ext. 279 or morga194@msu.edu

Hosted by Oakland County 4-H Horse Council

2023 OAKLAND COUNTY
TACK & CRAFT SALE

HOSTED BY OAKLAND COUNTY 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
10AM - 2PM
SPRINGFIELD OAKS ACTIVITY CENTER
12451 ANDERSONVILLE ROAD, DAVISBURG, MI 48350
ADMISSION \$1

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2023 Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is an event for teens who want to improve their communities and our world through leadership and youth power! Attending the Institute will help teens gain leadership skills and approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Attend the Institute and be part of the movement that has youth leading the way!

The Institute features a wide variety of fun and interactive sessions that will provide teens with knowledge and tools to improve their leadership skills and make a positive difference in their communities and the world. This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to **ALL** teens (ages 13+ by Jan. 1, 2024) and to adult leaders who have Gold Level Volunteer status with MSU Extension. For more information and to register to participate in the Institute, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SYLI2023/> The deadline to register for the Institute is October 20, 2023.

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

For more information, please contact MSU Extension Educators **Roxanne Turner** (turnerr@msu.edu ~ 517-546-3950) or **Brian Wibby** (wibby@msu.edu ~ 906-439-5065)

SPECTACULAR!
YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

A MSU PRE-COLLEGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AGES 13+

EAST LANSING
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023

Hold on the campus of Michigan State University

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Happy New 4-H Year!

The 2023-2024 4-H Year is here! 🎉

At this time, you can log back into your family account in 4honline and re-enroll. We are looking forward to another great 4-H year!

<https://v2.4honline.com>



Fall Leader Update Recap

Active volunteers should re-enroll online asap or they can ask the office to re-enroll them. <https://v2.4HOnline.com>

Member enrollment All members should re-enroll/enroll as soon as possible. If they are attending meetings or participating 4-H activities, they need to enroll now.

Club leaders are required to submit the annual paperwork previously distributed by 10/15 or Michigan 4-H will start the disbanding process. Any questions, please contact Kelly or your PC.

FINANCIAL GUIDELINES REVIEW

Fundraising – We reviewed the chart from the Michigan 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers found at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_volunteers Hard copies were distributed to leaders in attendance. Discussed appropriate fundraising activities and process for applying for fundraising.

All club bank statements must be sent to the Pontiac Office at Oakland County 4-H, 1200 N. Telegraph R., Building 26E, Pontiac, MI 48341. If clubs have online banking with no paper statements, club leaders must scan and email to Kelly Morris or US mail to the Pontiac office monthly. If clubs have a bank account balance anytime during the year over \$2500 they must submit minutes to support all financial decisions and transactions made by the club.

Debit cards and electronic withdrawals or purchases are not allowed from club bank accounts. Reimbursement for 4-H purchases should be made using check from club account. Any deposits to bank accounts for collection of fees for 4-H activities must be in the form of cash, check or money order. This is a MSU policy.

2023-24 EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS, AND PROGRAMS

Local and state 4-H events are included in monthly newsletters. Please remember to check the newsletter and your emails for great opportunities for both volunteers and youth members.

We reviewed the TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign - 10/4-15. Club involvement at a store is encouraged. It is always a good idea to get to know your store managers. This is a National Partnership and states/counties receive funds from each store based on clovers sold. Funds are used to support scholarships for 4-H events, programs, camps etc.

Also discussed the JoAnn Fabrics discount and reward program for 4-H. Individuals must sign up to receive the discount and rewards. From the 2022 campaign, Oakland County received over \$11,000!!!!

The Awards Ceremony was discussed. Leaders in attendance seemed to prefer a banquet style event. The office will create a very quick survey to all members regarding their preference.

Leaders attending the update requested a 2023 Window Display contest during National 4-H Week -10/1-7. Although very short notice, an email will be sent out to clubs with details and information regarding the contest.

During a brainstorming session regarding needs of membership, discussion took place regarding debit cards/electronic transactions. Because this is an MSU policy, we do not believe it can be changed at this time. We will pass on the challenges and opinions to leadership.



Fall Leader Update Recap Continued..

Trainings were also discussed and some suggestions included topics such as: organic farming, sustainable ag and farming practices, Right to Farm, working with local municipalities regarding “livestock”. We will check with statewide Extension Educators about available trainings.

In appreciation for our volunteers attending, several gifts were handed out including an “I Love 4-H” blanket, goody bag and Financial Manual. All leaders complying with the deadline for club paperwork will receive a blanket and financial manual!

4-H Needs You 😊 Thanks for all you do!

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: November 1.

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 by November 1 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 Scholarship Information

The Oakland County Farm Bureau offers scholarships to high school seniors or graduates pursuing a post-secondary agricultural course of study or related field; attending a college of their choice, including community and trade schools. With a June 1st deadline. For more info, please visit:

<https://oakland.michfb.com/Oakland/Programs/Scholarship/Counties/63/Programs/Scholarships.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>

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. Applications due November 2. For more info, please contact: michiganfairs@gmail.com

GreenStone Farm Credit Services

GreenStone Farm Credit Services awards up to \$60,000 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>.



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.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

October 1-7: National 4-H Week

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 4-15: Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store or online!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

October 7: 4-H Day at the Wild Pumpkin

4-H families and friends will receive a discount of \$2 off admission, a fun fall prize, a free donut and cup of cider! Sign up required.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-wild-pumpkin

October 10: Wild Spartans - Snakes and Frogs: Fieldwork in the Tropics

Online

Participants will meet Dr. D. Bruce Means, adjunct professor at Florida State University and biologist with the Coastal Plains Institute and Land Conservancy. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024

October 18: Adulting 101 - Wealth Building

Online

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.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23

October 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Helping Youth Find Their Spark

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help youth find their spark within their 4-H experience. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm

SAVE THE DATE!

November 10-12: Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to this leadership program that will focus on service, community leadership, global leadership and more. Youth will stay at a Lansing area hotel, attend classes on MSU's campus and take part in service projects around the Lansing area. Registration coming soon.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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 at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-clovers-code/contest/>. For questions, please contact Kathy Jamieson at jamies13@msu.edu.



Join the 4-H 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. For more information and to get registered, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.

