



OCEANA COUNTY

4-H Family News

January 2022

OCEANA DATES & DEADLINES**(all deadlines are 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated)**

- March 1– Bert Stevens Scholarship must have been received, with attachment, to the Oceana Community Foundation. Visit the Oceana Community Foundation's website for more information and the online application: <https://oceanafoundation.org/scholarships/>
- March 1 - SMAA/Jr. Mkt may drop without penalty
- March 2 - SMAA/Jr. Mkt may sign up for second animal (per space)
- April 1- SMAA signups close for year
- May 2- Goat pictures with 4-H tag and breed due to the office.
- May 10– Swine Pictures with breed & ear tag due to the office.
- June 1– Lamb Project Application Deadline
- June 1– Lamb Pictures with breed & ear tag due to the Office
- June 1– Feeder Calf Pictures with breed and tag number due to the office *NOTE– tag MUST be in the ear
- Aug. 1– All other SMAA/Jr. Mkt pictures with breeds due to the office
- Aug. 1 – Potential Buyer's names due to the office. May not be faxed or emailed as they need stamped and a copy made.
- Aug. 16– Office must be notified in writing of backup animal if being used.
- Aug. 23– Entry day of Fair
- Aug. 25- Market Livestock Auction
- Aug. 27- SMAA/JR Mkt Auction
- Aug. 28- Load out day of Fair
- Sept. 1- New 4-H year begins

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SENIORS DO NOT FORGET TO GET YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IN!

OCEANA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP

The application deadline is TBD (usually sometime in March)

You must be a graduating Senior by June.

You must have been accepted at a college, university, accredited trade school or enlisted in military Service.

You must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of 4 total years

You must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Applications are available in the office and also online at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/oceana_county_4_h/scholarships-recognition-and-awards

If your application is accepted, you must be available for an in person interview.



** Financial need is not a consideration for either of these awards **



BERT STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP (requirements)

1. *Graduating Senior*
 2. *Four years of high school membership in 4-H.*
 3. *Must have exhibited at the Oceana County Fair for the first three (3) years of high school.*
 4. *Maintaining a minimum 2.5 cumulative high school GPA.*
 5. *Planning to pursue any degree at any two or four-year accredited college, university or vocational/ technical school.*
 6. *Fill out application online and submit written portion **by March 1, 2022.***
2. *If you are a **MUSKEGON COUNTY RESIDENT YOU MUST NOTIFY SARAH SCHANER** at Schaner4@msu.edu so she can verify with the Oceana Community Foundation that you qualify as an Oceana County 4-H member.*

The application process is through the Community Foundation for Oceana County which is found online at: <https://www.oceanafoundation.org>. You also need to mail, or email, the Oceana County 4-H Youth Program Participation form to the Foundation. This can be found on the portal, or we can email it to you. It will also have the address and complete instructions attached.

Would you like help understanding scholarship applications for college?

Join Applying for Student Loans (Webinar) ~ FREE Jan. 17, 2022 ~ 3-4 p.m. ET ~ Online via Zoom

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/applying-for-student-loans-webinar-january-17-2022>

This one-hour online workshop will cover the basics of understanding student loans. This session will address the following areas:

- How to prepare financially for college
- What does the FAFSA and Financial Aid process look like?
- How to choose which loans to utilize

If this class is closed, visit www.mimoneyhealth.org for additional options of the free online webinars)

SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE!



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Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/ conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience for more information.

4-H Events and Workshops

January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

Zoom Webinar

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

Class locations will be announced one week before each class: 1

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered

monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

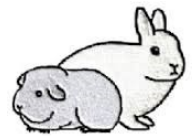
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavy they enter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>



March 4, 2022– March 6: Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., Annual Convention and Show

To find out more information or to view a catalog of this event, [visit the MSRBA website](http://www.MSRBA.net). at: [https://MSRBA.net](http://www.MSRBA.net)

- **4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest** at the MSU Pavilion. Sunday, March 27, 2022.
- **4-H State Horse Show** at the MSU Pavilion. August 19-21, 2022. Entry deadline July 10.

For more information on the state horse events, visit their website (<https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses.../registration-information>)



4-H Exploration Days ~ June 22-24, 2022

Registration will be open Spring of 2022.

What's It All About? About 2,000 youth (ages 12-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually. This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life!

4-H Exploration Days registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! **Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1.**

This MSU pre-college program is designed to:

- Increase responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time management skills.
- Increase communication, team work, citizenship, and leadership skills.
- Foster ability to meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Increase college exploration and access to the Michigan State University campus and its resources.
- Develop social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.
- Give youth opportunities to try things that aren't available in their county.

What's it like?

- There'll be more than 100 session choices held on and off campus. You'll choose two or three for your three-day stay.
- You'll live in a Michigan State University dorm & eat in the cafeteria—just like MSU students.
- Sessions are taught by people who know their stuff, including MSU faculty members, 4-H Volunteers and staff members and other experts.
- It's not all sessions! There's plenty of time for fun, including skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball—even a great dance Thursday night.
- **The 2022 cost** hasn't been determined yet. The fee includes meals, a shared room in a dorm, sessions and a t-shirt. You may wish to check with your county MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

Registration opens Spring 2022. Registration books will be available online and from county Extension offices in March.

Full information including a tentative schedule at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/index

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Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.



MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!



Make plans to attend the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension

Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



You can find the Market animal project notebooks online, along with what 4-H is, rules, committees, resources, etc. at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/>

They are available in both Word and PDF formats to download.

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

There is a MSU drop box outside the front door. If you leave something in there please call, or email, us so we check it.

Oceana **MSUE portal page** is continually being updated: You can find information regarding our program at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/>

Once you click on that link you will find a column on the right side of the page with our many 4-H links. You will find rules, regulations, notebooks, officer information, scholarships, etc. If you know of anyone interested in our program please direct them to this page and/or the office.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

YC & HDC Dates (Mondays) 7:00 p.m.	
YOUTH COUNCIL	HDC
January 10th (canceled due to weather)	17th
February 14th	21st
March 14th	21st
April 11th	18th
May 9th	16th
June 13th	20th
July 11th	18th

MUCH MORE INFORMATION ON FREE 4-H VIRTUAL PROGRAM THIS YEAR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

Make sure to check out, and follow, our Oceana County MSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Facebook page. It is updated daily with events and information. It is the quickest way to see what is going on.

We also have an Oceana MSU Extension page where both youth and adult workshops, updated office hours, etc. are posted daily.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/oceanacounty4h>  facebook

~ See you all later ~

February 1st is my last day of working at MSU Extension after almost 17 years of full time (17+ since I started part time) with the Extension office and especially the 4-H Program.

I want to thank you all for sharing your families and kids with me. I have gotten to know many of you quite well and have learned so much from you all. I grew up here and had friends in 4-H but I was not in it myself so this was all new to me when I began. I have had a lot of help over the years understanding 4-H and have loved watching some of “our kids” grow up and now have their own kids in the program. Some have even become leaders which I love seeing. I always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher so I have especially loved working with, and getting to know, all of the kids over the years. I am retiring to watch one of my Granddaughters so I will continue to “work with kids”.

Please be patient with whoever comes into my place. They will most likely have less hours and if you are as patient as most of you were with me when I started they will love their job also.

I have received so many rewards from those who have completed 4-H and then came back to share with us how it helped prepare them for the world. After aging out (of the youth portion of the program) many realize that the friendships they formed mean more than anything. It is a great program and I hope you all fight to keep it around as long as it is available to be offered.

I am not going anywhere, I am more than willing to volunteer to help when or if needed. So this is just a “TFN”. Take care and continue to “Make the Best Better”.

