



WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

December 8, 2023

Join 4-H

Volunteer with 4-H



Updated Club Meeting Schedules

Livestock Clubs Craft and Hot Chocolate Bar Meet & Greet

Join Wexford County 4-H Livestock Clubs for another Meet & Greet on Monday, December 11th at 5-7 pm in Cadillac at the County Annex Building (401 Lake Street). Come learn about 4-H and have some hot chocolate!

Wexford Whatevers / The Grands: Now through Spring - meeting the 2nd Monday of each month, 5-7 pm. Typically in Cadillac, Locations may vary. Meetings will increase to twice a month as it warms up.

- You do not need to have an animal to attend. We can help you find the right project.
- You do not need to own property to participate, we have families willing to host animals with appropriate commitments.
- You do not have to sell your animal; pets come in all shapes and sizes.

Next Meeting: January 8, Location coming soon.

Another livestock club is in the process of forming! Stay tuned for another meeting option if Mondays don't work for you.



CANCELLED: WILD ONES December Meeting

Meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:30 at the Carl T Johnson Center in Cadillac West. Next Meeting: January 10

Contest Alert! You have TWO opportunities to win CASH!



Video Contest Details

Creative Campaign Contest
Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development is offering a video contest to encourage youth to join 4-H. 4-H members can be our best advertisers by helping spread the word in a short video highlighting "Why You Should Join 4-H!" Be a 4-H changemaker by using your voice and sharing your story of 4-H. Chance to win prizes for 4-H youth 9-19 as they explore video creation and editing. The 4-H Creative Campaign Contest is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Deadline to register and submit videos is January 31, 2024.

Cash Composition Contest
The Michigan State University Extension 4-H Cash Composition Contest is back again this year- with a new deadline and expanded ages for entries! This year's contest is open to any youth residing in Michigan, ages 9-19 years old as of Jan 1, 2024. Get started now on writing a short essay on budgeting to have a chance to win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship from Extra Credit Union. Three winners in each age bracket (9-13, 14-19) will win! The deadline to register and submit your essay is February 29, 2024.



Essay Contest Details

VOLUNTEER WITH WEXFORD 4-H

Your time and talents can make a big impact!

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Apply to Volunteer

Help Wanted: Shooting Sports

Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H Programs are partnering to start a new shooting sports club to meet at the Cadillac Sportsmans Club. We already have a few certified instructors and are looking for volunteers assist at meetings and possibly attend training this spring to become instructors. Seeking instructors for shotgun, rifle, and archery, as well as the other disciplines.

Help Wanted: Sewing Club

Wexford 4-H is seeking volunteers with sewing experience to assist and/or lead sewing club meetings in the coming year. Our club is very popular and could expand in the near future. We have many supplies waiting to be used, a class set of machines, and many resources available to support volunteers.

Help Wanted: Cloverbud Club

Wexford 4-H is seeking volunteers to start a club for our Cloverbud member 5-7 years old. This club would focus on introductory projects that help to grow a lifelong learner while having fun with new friends. We have many resources available to support volunteers, including "The Big Book of Cloverbud Activities".

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate:
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Wexford County Plat Books

Shop the Michigan 4-H store
this holiday season!

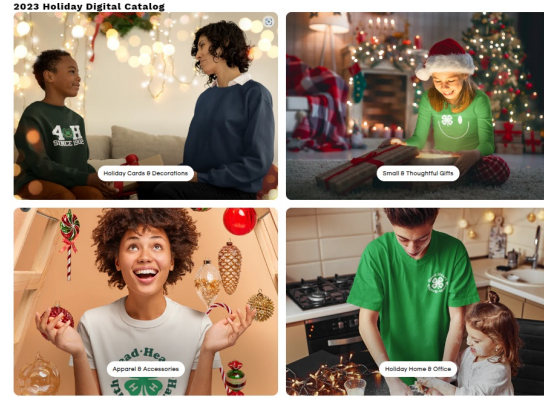
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Our Wexford County Plat Books serve as our Leaders' Council's main source of income and fund clubs, family activities, and scholarships for youth and volunteers. These are available at our MSU Extension Office, Horizon Books, and Northwoods Feed for \$30. They make great gifts for all of you outdoors-people in your life and even your real estate agents!

We are looking for additional locations across the county to sell these books. Please contact Kate if you would like to discuss a resale opportunity. Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480

[Plat Books](#)

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store! Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

[Shop the Store](#)

2024 Host Family Applications Open!



What: 2024 Inbound Host Family Applications have opened!

Increase: Due to the popularity of this exchange here in Michigan we have been approved to increase from only 13 participants this past year to 20 in 2024

When: Arrival (tentative) in Grand Rapids from July 21 to August 16

How: A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

Applications to host: found at www.states4hexchange.org

Questions: contact Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

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More



Looking for a longer hosting opportunity?

Welcome a CIEE high school student into your home and form a bond that lasts a lifetime!

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Note: CIEE is not affiliated with 4-H and has its own hosting requirements.

Here are just a few of the students looking for hosts:

Mira from Italy

- 12th grade next year
- 3 siblings
- has studied English for 10 years, Spanish 3 years, German 2 years
- Interests: rock climbing, skiing, ice-skating, playing cards, paddle boarding, pottery, comic books, manga/anime, baking, travel, pottery
- Describes herself as: "spontaneous, direct, and honest, loves nature & animals"

Triet from Vietnam/ American Name: Daniel

- 11th grade next year
- older brother lives in Boston
- has studied English for 7 years
- Interests: chess, cooking, soccer, movies, swimming, travel, board games, volunteering, student government
- Describes himself as: "warm, open-hearted, honest, and reliable"

Emma from Germany

- 11th grade next year
- half German & half Japanese
- has studied English for 5 years, French 4 years
- Interests: ballet, choir, reading, current events, badminton, student council, and pop music
- Lutheran Youth Leader
- Describes herself as: "talkative and cheerful"

Contact CIEE
Coordinator

Wexford 4-H Teen Committee Interest Meeting

Wexford 4-H Members ages 13-19 are invited to join the new teen committee of the Leaders Council!

What teens will do:

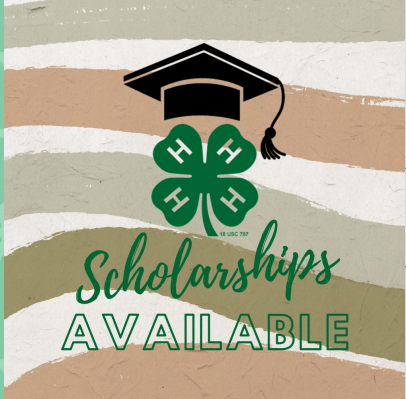
- plan fun events for 4-H families to meet each other
- help the 4-H leaders understand what teens in our communities want
- learn how groups work together to make decisions and keep records
- help direct the 4-H program into the future, like ideas for fundraisers
- act as role models for younger 4-H'ers to look up to
- represent 4-H at community, statewide, and national events

Email Kate to
Join

Interest Meeting coming soon. How do you want to meet for the first time?

Virtual

In-person



Scholarships Available!

Did you know that Wexford 4-H has scholarships for you to attend cool state-wide events?

1. 4-H Council has scholarships to attend 4-H Exploration Days, June 19-21, 2024.
2. The 4-H Office has scholarships for up to \$150 per 4-H year for 4-H camps, workshops, and trainings.

Email Kate for apps.
* You need signatures, give yourself enough time! *

4-H also offers many regional and state-wide college scholarships.

[State Scholarships](#)

Balancing Act - Self-Guided

Teens can have a lot going on including work, school, a social life, family, extracurricular activities, and self-care. This interactive, self-paced, online class will share information on how to find balance in life with competing options and obligations. Learn about ways to stay organized and manage your time, the importance of building a supportive social network, options for working as a student, avoiding burnout, and getting academic support and enrichment to round out your education. Add this course to your To-Do list and complete at your own pace.

[Learn More](#)

Video Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 sec.) 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. If you're interested, our friends at CTC are willing to mentor with video and editing! Contact Kate.

[Learn More](#)

CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

Answer the following prompt in 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!

What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?

Open to ages 9-19
Essays due Feb 29, 2024

Extra Credit UNION MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

National 4-H Conference



April 19-24 Arlington, VA

For youth ages 15-19 who are currently enrolled in 4-H

SAVE THE DATE!



Join Us Online WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION
CASTING FOR A CAREER IN COLDWATER CONSERVATION
WITH JAMIE VAUGHAN
GREAT LAKES ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, TROUT UNLIMITED
December 12 | 6:30 PM EST
Registration required:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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Cash Composition Contest

Money, money, money! The 2024 4-H Cash Composition Contest is now open! Youth residing in Michigan, ages 9-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024), have a chance to win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship by [Extra Credit Union](#). To enter, write a 300 word (or less) essay on budgeting and submit your essay by **February 29, 2024**. Three youth from each age bracket will win!

Do you need resources to help you? Reach out to Kate for a list.

Learn More

National 4-H Conference

April 19-24, 2024
MI only attends even years

National 4-H Conference is *the* experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing an opportunity to connect, learn, engage, lead, & impact your communities, nation, and world. At the conference, delegates (ages 15-19) will have the opportunity to participate in round table discussions, present to federal partner agencies, and engage with politicians.

Scholarships available from NIFA; Due Jan. 1

Learn More

Wild Spartans: Coldwater Conservation

Dec 12 | 6:30 pm
Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a dive into the Great Lakes and rivers to explore their cold-water residents. Join us on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 6:30pm EST and you will meet the Great Lakes Engagement Coordinator for Trout Unlimited, Jamie Vaughan, learn about her field work, and the education and career path she followed to get there.

Pre-Registration Required

County Calendar

DEC 9

Single MOMM Holiday Dinner

Local non-profit, Single MOMM, hosts a holiday meal while kids participate in a variety of activities around the topic of Kindness. 4-H will be on site with a fun activity and enrollment information!

DEC 11

4-H at School: McBain 6th Grade Science

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H visit McBain for a fun science activity!

Livestock Clubs Meet & Greet: Craft & Hot Chocolate

DEC 11

5-7 pm | Wexford County Annex Building, 401 N Lake St, Cadillac.

The Wexford Whatevers and The Grands 4-H Clubs will be meeting together this year! Please join us for a Meet & Greet meeting with a fun winter craft and activities.

DEC 12

4-H at School: NMCS 7th & 8th Grade Science

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H visit Northern Michigan Christian School for a fun science activity!

DEC 13

4-H at Co-Op: CCHC

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H meet up with CCHC for a fun science activity!

DEC 13

Wild Ones

5:30-6:30 pm | Cadillac: Carl T Johnson DNR Center

Wild Ones gives youth opportunities for nature and recreation exploration. Appropriate for all 4-H ages, 5-19, as of January 1st, 2024.

DEC 13

4-H at School: WMISD Transitions Class

Wexford MSU Extension & 4-H visit the transitions class to see how nutrition and science combine with smoothie bikes!

Sewing Club

DEC 14

4:30 - 5:30 pm | Cadillac: MSU Extension in Baker College

Sewing Club returns weekly Nov 2 - December 14. Ages 9+ will learn to use a sewing machine and complete small projects.

4-H at School: WMISD Transitions Class

DEC 18

Wexford MSU Extension & 4-H visit the transitions class to see how nutrition and science combine with smoothie bikes!

DEC 18 -
JAN 2

4-H Office Closed for the Holidays

The 4-H office will be closed for the holidays and will reopen January 3, 2024.

Leaders Council Meeting

JAN 23

5:30-7:30 pm | Location TBA

All 4-H volunteers & leaders are encouraged to attend to help make decisions to direct the county program. 4-H teens, parents, and community members are welcome!

Wexford Family Fun Day: Around the World Potluck

JAN 27

Save the date for our next 4-H Family Fun Day. We encourage you to explore your cultural heritage this winter and share a dish at our Around the World Potluck. Stay tuned for more details!

State Calendar

Adulting 101 Returns for 2024

JAN 17



Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do the adult tasks of managing your finances, home, health, or finding a career? Zoom in for FREE to learn real life skills to help you successfully transition to living independently.

See 2024 Monthly Sessions

JAN 23

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat

Zoom | Noon or 7 pm

This session is Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddle-Squat is a series of science lessons that can be taught with no science background and materials you probably already have at home, or with a quick shopping trip. If you have a club meeting coming up tonight, and don't have much time to prepare – these lessons are for you. They are designed to get young people thinking using their natural curiosity. Science isn't about memorization; an internet search can give you facts. It is about using critical thinking to ask questions and discovering answers on your own. (and determining whether those internet answers are correct)

Register

Michigan 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Show

JAN 27

2024 STATE RABBIT AND CAVY EXPO AND SHOW
SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
Cost for the showmanship contest is \$2.00.
Register by January 19th, 2024

Day of show entry fee:
- breed classes - \$4.00 per entry
- photography - \$2.00 per entry
- breed identification \$2.00 per entry
- educational display \$2.00 per entry

27TH JAN 2024
7:00 - 8:00 AM CHECK-IN
9:00 AM CONTEST BEGINS

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REGISTER:

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East Lansing | 9 AM

Join us for the State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show! Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, and educational display. Here by popular demand, Rabbit and Cavy

Showmanship! Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by **January 19, 2024**. Educational sessions will be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School. We will have the schedule posted in the showroom as well as on the Facebook Page: MI State 4-H Rabbits.

Contact Glenda Weiss for further information: weissgle@msu.edu | 517-676-7303

Register

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