



NOVEMBER 2024

# 4-H Family News

Barry County



## To Make The Best Better!

4-H enrollment is currently open!

All 4-H members and volunteer need to re-enroll every year. Use the QR below to enroll in 4-H. Youth can enroll at any time for 4-H. Is it up to individual groups to close club for enrollments.

Specie committee meetings are back in full swing! Check out the country calendar below to find dates and times.

Feel free to stop by the Extension office or give us a call!

Sincerely,

LilyRose Arriaga

Barry County 4-H Program Coordinator

Enroll in 4-H Online



Scan QR to enroll in 4-H Online!

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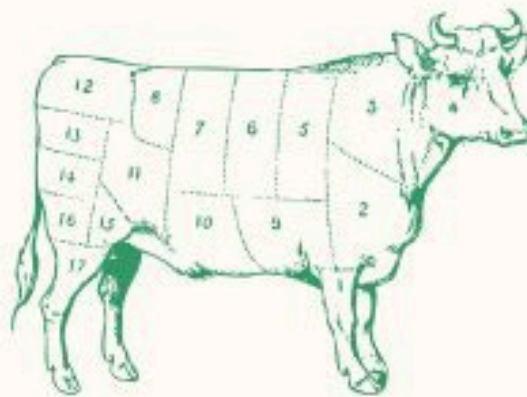
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# 4-H News

## Host a Japanese Youth in Summer 2025 Through States' 4-H International



Invite an international 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 learn a new language while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their country too!

2025 Online Applications to host can be found at: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Any questions please feel free to contact Janis Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or visit the States 4-H International Exchange Programs website: <http://www.states4hexchange.org> or Email: [exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org)

## Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program Outbound

Just like facing the unknown in the spooky season, applying to travel abroad with States' 4-H International is a chance to explore new cultures, make lifelong friends, and discover your own strength. Don't let fear hold you back—your next great adventure awaits! Curious about which countries States' 4-H will be venturing to in 2025? Here they are! Argentina, Costa Rica, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan!

For Michigan 4-H processing of applications, we need youth to apply by **December 9, 2024!** 2025 Online Application to Travel Link: <https://smr.to/p98780>

Interested in joining us and want to know more? For more information, check out the Website: [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs \(states4hexchange.org\)](http://www.states4hexchange.org) or Contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Coordinator Janis Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or John Wurm [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu)

## Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! Participants in this engaging and interactive conference will participate in a variety of activities to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership. Community engagement, and global citizenship.

This MSU pre-college program is open to current and aspiring teen leaders ages 13 and older (by Jan. 1, 2025), who seek to develop skills to serve in leadership roles in clubs, schools, communities, the state, and the world.

Contact Roxanne Turner ([turner@msu.edu](mailto:turner@msu.edu) / (517) 546-3950 ) for more information





# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Horse Developmental Committee  
@ 6:30pm.....Date: 11-11-2024
- Poultry Developmental Committee  
@ 6:30pm.....Date: 11 -14-2024
- Goat Developmental Committee  
@ 6:00pm .....Date: 11-21-2024
- Barry County 4-H Beef Cattle Rate of Gain  
@10:00am.....Date: 11-23-2024
- Rabbit Developmental Committee  
@ 7:00pm.....Date: 11-26-2024
- Advisory Council  
@ 6:00pm.....Date: 12-03-2024
- Barry County Craft Event  
@9:00am.....Date: 02-15-2025
- Livestock Developmental Committee  
@ 7:30pm.....Date: 03-05-2025

Committee meetings are open to all 4-H members and volunteers. It is expected and encouraged that each club have a representative attend committee meeting for each species that is offered in the club.

Please note public is allowed to attend meetings but will be limited to speak only during public comments. Rules depend on committee.

BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG!  
**JOIN 4-H!**







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Starting the 4-H season off right: Suggestions for the year's first meeting

Adapted from an article by Michelle Neff at [www.canr.msu.edu/news/starting-the-4-h-season-off-right-suggestions-for-the-years-first-meeting](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/starting-the-4-h-season-off-right-suggestions-for-the-years-first-meeting).

A new 4-H year has started and that means it is time to start thinking about the goals and plans for educational, inspirational and recreational activities for Michigan 4-H clubs! No matter what project youth are participating in, it is important to start the year off right!



MSU Extension has resources for volunteers to help lead and manage their 4-H club on the 4-H Club Development website, [www.canr.msu.edu/4hclub/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4hclub/index). A good start to the 4-H year will allow youth members, club leaders and parents to be clear about expectations and plans for the group and be excited for what will take place. Some tips to get you started include:

- Get to know youth and adults and share about 4-H! Clubs transition from year to year. There may be members new to 4-H, youth trying new project areas, and members who have left or transitioned to different activities. Make sure everyone knows each other with a fun icebreaker activity.
- Prepare a list of activities for the year. The 4-H year goes fast and there is a lot to do in a short period of time. Preparing a list of club activities for meetings is important to ensure youth are learning the life and technical skills of their 4-H project.
- Create a calendar. Once you have your activities picked out, it's time to plan when and where it will all happen!

## MSU Extension hosts successful second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On October 9, MSU Extension hosted the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol to showcase the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and bring additional visibility to its effects. The event was held in the atrium of Heritage Hall – the Capitol Visitor's Center.

"We were so excited to bring this event back in 2024," said Deanna East, MSU Extension associate director who served as the event emcee. "Michigan 4-H is certainly worth celebrating every day of the year and we are grateful for the opportunity to highlight this impactful program to our state's leaders."

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program featured East as well as: legislative host Representative Reggie Miller; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Emma Young, policy analyst for Governor Whitmer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Everett Howell, Michigan 4-H youth from Leelanau County; and Brianna Sierra, Michigan 4-H youth from Genesee County.



Mich. 4-H youth with Rep. Miller (fourth from left).

"The Michigan 4-H program serves an incredible number of youth each year but we hope to reach even more young people in the years ahead" continued East. "Elevating awareness of the program is one of our primary goals for Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol and we believe this event will help connect more youth with our program and all that Michigan 4-H has to offer."

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/Michigan4H](http://www.facebook.com/Michigan4H).



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



To embrace the holiday spirit, the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover campaign has moved from its traditional October dates to November and December this year! Now from Nov. 29 – Dec. 15, TSC customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com) during the campaign dates.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit [www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h](http://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h).

New for 2024, you can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.



### November 6: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Ways Volunteers Can Spark Big Dreams and Future Careers

Online

November is National Career Development Month! Learn easy activities to help youth explore career pathways and develop skills to be ready for the workforce. Explore tools and resources that allow youth to reflect and prepare for the next steps in their career journey. 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-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers)

**7 – 8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers7pm)

### November 12: Wild Spartan Series – Behind the Scenes in the Life of a Park Ranger

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans will fly into the refuges that many migrating birds depend on for migration. Join us at 6:30 p.m. to meet Andrea Martinson, park ranger for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Learn about her work, and the education and career path she followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

[events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024\\_25/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/)

### November 19: Adulthood 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

The Michigan 4-H Adulthood 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own. In this session, explore the admission and application process and get tips on writing your essay.

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

### November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Positive Youth Development 101; Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, we will explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. Learn how to support and engage with youth effectively, recognizing that each young person develops at their own pace. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to foster meaningful connections with youth at every stage of their growth.

**12 – 1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage)

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