



4-H Family News

Jackson County Connections

OCTOBER 2025



Dear 4-H Members and Families,

Welcome to a new year of 4-H! Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another exciting season, we're so glad to have you as part of our Jackson County 4-H family.

4-H is more than just a club—it's a community where young people learn by doing, build lifelong skills, and have a whole lot of fun along the way. From showing animals to exploring STEM, cooking, crafts, leadership, public speaking, and community service, there's something for everyone in 4-H.

Here's how you can get involved:

- **Join a project** that interests you—like poultry, photography, gardening, cattle, or sewing. You can try more than one!
- **Attend club meetings** to stay informed, meet new friends, and share what you're learning.
- **Attend an association or council meetings** to be part of the decision making, to stay informed, and to see how 4-H runs behind the scenes.
- **Sign up for workshops and events**—local, regional, or even state-wide!
- **Volunteer** or help with a community service project—we love giving back.
- **Show your projects at the fair** or other 4-H events (and have fun doing it!).

We can't wait to see what you'll learn and accomplish this year. If you ever have questions, need help choosing a project, or just want to get more involved, don't hesitate to reach out.

Let's make this a year to remember!

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Monday 6th 6:30pm
Foundation Meeting
MSU Extension Office

Monday 13th 6:30pm
Horse Council
MSU Extension Office

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Monday 10th 6:30pm
Horse Council
MSU Extension Office

Tuesday 11th
Small Animal Association
*Potluck
MSU Extension Office

Thursday 13th & Friday 14th
Sewing Workshop
See Flyer

Saturday 15th
Welding Workshop
See Flyer

Wednesday 19th 6:30pm
Livestock Association
MSU Extension Office



MSU OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
OCTOBER 9th & 10th
NOVEMBER 4th
27th & 28th

**HEADS UP – Horse Council,
Small Animal & Livestock
Meetings NOW start at 6:30pm**

REMINDER

Returning 4-H Members **MUST** be
Enrolled in 4-H Online by 11:59
DECEMBER 1ST, 2025

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

New 4-H Members
Have Until May 1st
to Enroll



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H SEWING CLASS

*November 13th & 14th
6:00pm - 8:00pm*



Jackson County 4-H 8-19 year olds, come join us for a two-night sewing workshop hosted by the Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild of Jackson County. Whether you're a beginner or looking to brush up on your skills, this workshop is perfect for you. You'll learn all the essential sewing skills, like common sewing terms, how to wind and load a bobbin, thread a sewing machine, sew straight (ish) lines, cut out fabric using a pattern, and even press fabric with an iron.

Cost: \$5

Location:
MSU Extension Office
1715 Lansing Ave. Ste 257
Jackson, MI 49202

We can't wait to sew with you!

**Register at waldro45@msu.edu
Include child's name and project they
want to make.**

**Registration Deadline
November 3rd, 2025**

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H WELDING WORKSHOP



Jackson County 4-H members join us for morning of fun, creativity, & an introduction to the process of Gas Metal Arc Welding. During this class, you will learn about the welding safety, machine set-up & practices. You will complete the class by welding a customized turkey. All supplies & safety gear are provided.

WHEN: November 15th

TIME: 10AM-12PM

WHERE: The Workshop
3241 County Farm Rd.
Jackson, MI 49201

COST: \$45

*Due at registration

REGISTER AT:

<https://theworkshop.coursestorm.com/course/jackson-county-4-h-welding-workshop3>

DEADLINE TO REGISTER
November 8th

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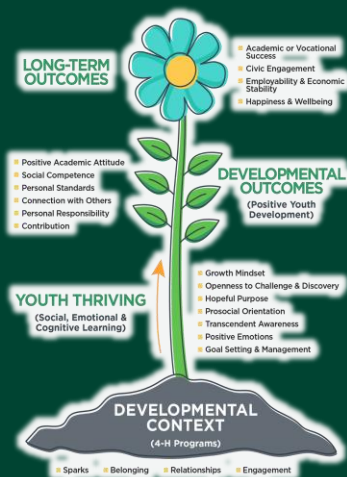
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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Why 4-H? This is a question asked many times of our youth and adults. What made you want to get involved and what keeps you coming back?

This is the SPARK of 4-H and serves as one of the four developmental context areas of the Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development. We strive to reach our members where they are and help them grow through the 4-H program.

To do this, we need to know what your spark is...

- Is there a specific project that brought you here?
- Is there a project you would like to see us add?
- Did you show up because you had friends in the program?

Reach out to your local 4-H staff to share your ideas.

October 4: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2025

October 5-11: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H in various ways!

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

October 6: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Beyond Ready: Equipping Youth With Skills for Life

Online

Life doesn't come with a manual—but 4-H comes pretty close! Join Michigan 4-H State Leader Jodi Schulz for a fun and practical look at how volunteers can help young people build the skills they need to be Beyond Ready. This session will be offered twice:

- 12 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life
- 7 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life-7pm

October 14: Wild Spartans – Helping Others Help Nature

Online

Join 4-H staff for a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This session will feature Trish Brockman, and ecologist with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., who will help to explore the world of helping threatened and endangered wildlife. Open to youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026

October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Officers in Action: Empowering Youth through Leadership Roles

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. Learn how to support club officers in meaningful ways that promote responsibility, teamwork and real-life leadership skills. This session will be offered twice.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-noon

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-7pm





COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Small Animal Association Needs A Superintendent



Poultry Co- Superintendent

We have an open position for the Jackson County 4-H Poultry Co-Superintendent. If you are interested, please follow the links below for the superintendent job description and the application.

Applications will be accepted through October 31st at 5pm.

[Jackson County 4-H Superintendent Job Description](#)

[Jackson County 4-H Superintendent Job Application](#)

Show Your Appreciation

Scholarships

Gale Todd Volunteer of The Year Award – Any current Jackson County 4-H members who has volunteered for their club, Youth Council, Small or Large Animal Association or Horse Council.

Key Club Award – Any current or former Jackson County 4-H members (High School Seniors or graduate attending college or trade school) that have demonstrated leadership in Jackson County.

Please visit the website for applications and their full requirements.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/jackson/4-h/>

4-H Families – Jackson County 4-H Youth Council is putting together a slide show and we need your help. Please give a shout out to a 4-H volunteer that has made a difference in your life, share a funny story or a heartfelt memory. Please feel free to include a picture. Thank You!!



https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d4MOP2bHymYAaTI

Stay Connected With Jackson Co. 4-H

• Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

• Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySmallAnimal>

• Jackson County 4-H Livestock Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyLargeAnimal>

• Jackson County Horse Council Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Do you know someone deserving of the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year?

Can you think of someone who displayed extraordinary sportsmanship at a recent 4-H animal science program? Perhaps at a club meeting, clinic, or the county fair? Nominate them for the 2025 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award!

This annual award recognizes one youth member and one adult 4-H leader who exemplify the definition of sportsmanship and have gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those around them during animal science programs. Nominations are due **October 15**. You can find full details, including the nomination form, at: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Hey, leaders of tomorrow - if you're age 12-19 and ready to grow skills, make friends, and become beyond ready for your future, join the 4-H Future Squad!

4-H Future Squad is a virtual 4-H club that was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fifth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2025 through May 2026, virtually through Zoom. Topics for education include financial literacy, college and career readiness, stress management, building healthy relationships, studying abroad, goal setting, nutrition, and much more... based on the topics you share that will help you be beyond ready for your future!

Club meetings for the 2025-2026 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail. 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/.

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.





Fair Prep BECAUSE IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PREPARING

How To Market Your 4-H Livestock Project



Want to Rock Your 4-H Auction Experience?

Learn how to market your project like a pro, attract potential buyers to the auction, and write a thank you card that really stands out (because it should be more than just "thanks for supporting me")!

Check out these helpful links for tips, ideas, and inspiration to make the most of your 4-H journey!

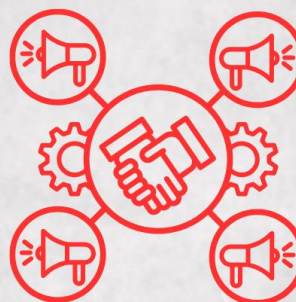


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https://www.canr.msu.edu/youth_business_guide_to_success/4-h-animal-project-marketing-resources/small-animal

https://www.canr.msu.edu/youth_business_guide_to_success/4-h-animal-project-marketing-resources/general-marketing-resources



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JACKSON COUNTY FAIR 2026 DATES AUGUST 9TH – 15TH