



# 4-H Family News

May 2024

Kalamazoo County



**Remember!**

May 9, 6:30 pm

**\*Exploration Days Orientation \***

Room B , Kalamazoo Expo Center  
2900 Lake St , Kalamazoo, MI 49048

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**THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE IS TO FIND THIS**



**HIDDEN IN THE NEWSLETTER !**



## **New Family Orientation –**

Our new Family Orientation is postponed until June- Date to be announced.

## **Exploration days!**

Exploration Days Orientation – Those attending Exploration Days should plan on attending the orientation on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center . We'll start promptly at 6:30 pm with a short presentation and time for Q & A. This is an opportunity for the youth to sign up for roommates, sign up to ride the bus, meet your chaperones, learn about expectations, and ask questions.



- May 25- All participants must be fully paid. All cancellations after May 25th will lose \$120 of their payment. Refunds for the amount paid beyond \$120 will be processed in July.
- June 15- All cancellations after this point are considered no show and refunds will not be given.
- **June 19-21- 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University**



There will be 4 YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) in 2024. This is a requirement for all youth bringing livestock for auction to the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival in 2024. There are two options, one of 4 face-to-face sessions or an online session. The face-to-face sessions will be a minimum of 1 hour and the cost is \$3.00 per youth. The face-to-face version is meant to include all youth 8 years old – 18 years old. The online version is \$12.00 but the curriculum is age specific. This certification is good for one year.

The face-to-face sessions will be held starting at 6:30PM on the following date  
May 15, 2024

**Youth who would like to take the face-to-face session will need to do the following:**

- Parents will need to create a family profile on <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- Parents will need to add each child (if they are not already added) and chose the face-to-face training option.
- Pay the \$3.00 registration fee.
- Youth will need to complete the pre-test.
- Once the youth has taken the face-to-face session, staff will mark your session as complete.
- Youth will log back in and take the post test (found under the child's name and Their certificates are found under assigned certificates in the drop down ).
- Once the post test is complete the youth's certificate will be sent.

**Youth who would like to take the online session will need to do the following:**

- Parents will need to create a family profile on <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- Parents will need to add each child (if they are not already added) and chose the online training session.
- Pay the \$12.00 registration fee.
- Youth will then need to complete the course.

Once the youth have completed either the online session or the face-to-face session and receive their certificate, they will need to email it to [msue.kalamazoo@msu.edu](mailto:msue.kalamazoo@msu.edu) by **June 1, 2024**.

You can find helpful registration videos and documents at  
[https://yqcaprogram.org/local/resources\\_for\\_youth\\_parents.php](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/resources_for_youth_parents.php).  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMIOc>

**And Remember-**  
**Fair Camping Reservations start May 1<sup>st</sup>!**



## The Science of Chocolate—Tasty!

**Date & Time:**

May 21, 2024

6:30—8:00pm

**Location:**

New Hope Church

9300 E. D Ave.

Richland, MI 49083

**Cost:**

FREE

**Registration deadline—**

May 18, 2024

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**If you love chocolate, this is for you!  
Did you know 1 chocolate chip can give a person  
enough energy to walk 150 feet?**

**Join us to learn about the science and history of  
chocolate, taste some yummy chocolate, and  
make something to take home for yourself or that  
special someone.**

**Registration for 4-H Members and volunteers is  
under events in 4-H online <https://v2.4honline.com>**

**Registration for immediate family members and  
parents is Registration due by noon on**

**May 18th, 2024**

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## Poultry Project News



After this On again/Off again Spring that we have been experiencing - I think that it is finally here!!! I hope that all of the turkey poults are growing well and that you are all prepared for CHICKS!!!

Make sure that you have your chick pick up dates on your calendars and **please call the Feedbag before you head out.**

We will hold a Poultry Project meeting on

**Thursday, May 16th at 7pm**

Meet in the Poultry Barn and **bring a bird** so that we can start on conditioning and practicing showmanship.

Come see the Saulk Trail Poultry Show in Hillsdale on Memorial Weekend and see how it's done.

Lastly - Keep up the BIOSECURITY for your birds. This is the worst part of the year for HPAI transmission from migrating waterfowl. Our area is in the pathway of TWO migratory routes, so we live in a risky area.

**Next Poultry Pick up:**

**Heavy Duck - May 14  
and  
Roaster Chicken - May 29**

Please contact Cherie Gilfillan if you have any questions about poultry orders:  
[cheriegilfillan@gmail.com](mailto:cheriegilfillan@gmail.com)



# Goat Project Updates



## Are you ready for fair?

Please review your goat project guidelines here: [Goat project guidelines](#)

### Some highlights:

- **You must attend at least 2 meetings to show at the fair in August.**
  - The all-species meeting DOES count as one of those meetings if you attended.
  - YQCA does NOT count as a project meeting
  - The mandatory livestock meeting before fair does NOT count as a project meeting
- **ALL goats coming to the fairgrounds, whether being shown or not, must be identified and have required pictures turned in with the registration form **by 6/1/24**. The form can be found here: [Goat Registration Form](#)**
- Goats not identified are not eligible for exhibiting at fair and will not be allowed to be unloaded at the fairgrounds.

Forms, pictures, and any questions may be e-mailed to Crystal Sattler at [knsattler@att.net](mailto:knsattler@att.net) or texted to 269-492-8750.

### Remember:

Animals may not be shown in more than one 4-H sanctioned fair in a calendar year. But, MLE or other showcases not affiliated with MSU Extension 4-H are acceptable.

Date	Time	Purpose	Location
5/1/24	N/A	All goats must be in your possession (unless born on your property after this date)	N/A
5/6/24	6:30 p.m.	Project Requirements Show Options Fair Entry Sign-up	City Gate Church 308 West Milham Portage, MI, 49024
6/1/24	N/A	Registration paperwork and pictures for all animals who may be brought to the fair due*	e-mail: <a href="mailto:knsattler@att.net">knsattler@att.net</a> or text: 269-492-8750
6/3/24	6:30 p.m.	Education and team building	City Gate Church 308 West Milham Portage, MI, 49024
7/11/24	6:30 p.m.	Fit and Show	The Sattler House 2786 D Dr S East Leroy, MI 49051



## Welcome to the Swine Project!



Just a quick reminder - all 4-H pigs must be in your possession by **May 1st**, and registration forms with photos of tagged pigs are due by **May 1st** this year. Here is the link for the fillable description form: [4-H SWINE REGISTRATION \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/Project-Guidelines/animal-1), ([https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_1/Project-Guidelines/animal-1](https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/Project-Guidelines/animal-1)) Each exhibitor can show 2 pigs, and those exhibitors 16 years or older (4-H age) who showed swine last year can show 4 pigs. Please send your forms and pictures via email or text to me by **May 1st**.

If you still need ear tags, please let me know ASAP. Each pig needs to have 2 ear tags: one Kalamazoo County tag (orange or green) and one state USDA 840 ID tag (also called a premises tag). Each exhibitor can tag 5 pigs for Kalamazoo County, and family tagging is allowed.

Don't forget - YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) certification is required annually (for all species). If you haven't already completed this, the last remaining in-person training date is **May 15 at 6:30 PM at the Expo Center.**

Pre-registration is required at the YQCA website prior to attending, and the registration fee is \$3.00. Further details can be found in this month's 4-H newsletter.

Our next swine meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. At this meeting we will have individual doses of the swine flu vaccine available. As a reminder, all pigs coming to our fair must be vaccinated for swine influenza (original dose plus a booster dose prior to July 15). There are several ways you can accomplish this:

- a. If your breeder already vaccinated your pigs, please send me their name, name of the vaccine, and the dates of administration
- b. If you or your local vet are vaccinating your pigs, please send me the name of who is administering, name of the vaccine, and the dates of administration
- c. If you want to administer it yourself, we will have individual doses of vaccine available at our next meeting on **May 29**, but **please let me know by May 1st how many doses you'll need**. The Zoetis FluSure vaccine comes in a 50-dose bottle, and has to be used within 24 hours once we mix it up, so we can offer individual doses on **May 29<sup>th</sup>**, which will have to be given to your pigs either that night or the next day. We will then have a second round of doses available on **June 19**, to complete the required vaccinations. (Bonus - due to a generous sponsorship from Co-Alliance we are able to offer the vaccines this year at no cost to the exhibitors.)

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you, Pam Acker (cell – 517-930-1297) and TJ Gibson (cell – 269-903-9991)



## Dairy Project News

We are going to have a dairy meetings at **6:30** at the Vlietstra Dairy Farm on:



## Dairy Feeder Calf Project

A Reminder:

- 4-H dairy feeder steers can be born between January 1 to February 28.
- Cloverbud dairy feeder steers can be born from January 1 to March 31.
- Project requirements are posted on the Kalamazoo County 4-H webpage. [https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_1/Project-Guidelines/animal-1](https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/Project-Guidelines/animal-1)

If you have questions, you can call or text either Greg or Sara

Remember, if your club has a bank account:

It is required by campus that you turn in your

- Bank Statements
- Treasurers Reports
- Meeting Minutes

to the 4-H office **every month**.

If you do not meet every month, please make sure we have your written meeting schedule so we can note the months to exclude.

Thank you!





**2024 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair  
Camping Fees & Information  
CAMPING RESERVATIONS**



The Kalamazoo County Parks & Expo Center will be handling all the camping reservations again this year.

**Beginning on May 1, 2024 you must call to make your reservation directly with the Expo Center at 269-383-8778**

Camping Fees:	Weekly Rate - \$150.00 per week (8/5-8/11) Reservations made after July 28 are \$180 per week
Advance Reservation Fee:	One-time \$5.00 fee will be charged for all advance reservations
Golf Carts:	All golf carts must be pre-registered. Golf cart permits are \$25 each. After July 28 fee is \$100. You must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and provide proof of liability insurance to operate a golf cart on the grounds.

**VEHICLE ADMISSION PASSES ARE REQUIRED FOR ANYONE CAMPING AT THE FAIR.**

**Passes are \$10**

This pass covers your vehicle and the admission of everyone in the vehicle for the entire Fair.

Septic Service:	A dump station with potable water is available on the grounds. On-site septic service will be available by pre-registration with your camping reservation for \$40 per dump. Dumps will be scheduled for Thursday, August 8.
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**Deadline for Camping Registration**

**July 28, 2024**

**Campground check-in will take place from 9-6pm on Monday, August 5.**

**No early arrivals.**

**Camping Information:**

- Camping will be reserved by campground area at time of reservation (see map for campground areas) and specific site numbers will be emailed out approximately 1 week prior to arrival. We will try to accommodate special requests. All requests will be considered in order by date of reservation.
- Campers may not switch from assigned site number upon arrival. All reservations must be paid by credit card at the time of reservation. There is a non-refundable \$5 reservation fee for each campsite reserved. Most sites offer water and electric hook-up.
- Showers and handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.
- Cancellations will be accepted until July 28, 2024. Reservation fees are non-refundable. If you cancel your reservation by July 28, 2024 your refund will be the camping fees paid less a \$5 cancellation fee. No refunds are available for cancellations after July 28, 2024.



**Please join us in congratulating our  
2024 Kalamazoo Co 4-H  
Leader's Council Scholarship recipients:**



**Adam H.  
Noah B.  
Megan G.  
Abby V.  
Nicholas S.**



These \$500 scholarships are awarded to current and former Kalamazoo County 4-H members who are pursuing further education after high school – trade school, college, etc.

Members may win once in each of the two age categories –

- high school seniors
- upper class man.

Do you know someone who would qualify next year?

Applications are available on the website and are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Thank you, Chris and Eileen, for helping in the selection process.

- Jenni



Michigan 4-H is looking for feedback from youth ages 13-18 regarding their experience in 4-H.

You will be receiving a survey and information in your email through **4-H Online**. Please take some time to help us improve Michigan 4-H and our county programs by completing the survey.

The survey can be accessed here:

[https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aYsiWmYMmnZtAGi](https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aYsiWmYMmnZtAGi)

or from the email you will receive.

For any questions, please contact Kathy Fischer at [fisch226@msu.edu](mailto:fisch226@msu.edu).





## Did you know that we have project leaders for the following projects?

- **Welding** – Dave Rutten
- **Archery** -Mike George
- **Food dehydration & food preservation** – Eileen Rutten
- **Photography** – Kim Berggren & Kristin Biehl
- **Maple syrup production** – Greg Baker
- **International studies (Japanese, French, German, Chinese)** – Justin Fragala
- **Fishing** – Kevin Thomason
- **Flower gardening/landscaping** – Landon Gilfillan, MSU Extension floriculture and greenhouse educator– Jeremy Jubenville
- **Crocheting** – Danielle Riemersma



If you are interested in any of these projects, please reach out to the 4-H staff. Volunteers need to have at least 2 youth presents to teach a session. When we have enough youth interested in participating in programs, we will share the contact information so the volunteers can set up some classes.

We are looking for gold level volunteers to either lead county wide projects or help with activities. If you are not a current gold level volunteer, you can start the process by completing the application at [Become a 4-H Volunteer \(msu.edu\)](https://www.msu.edu/4-H/volunteer)

- **Cloverbud specific programs** (this could be gold level volunteers or teens with a volunteer or staff person)
- **Cake decorating**
- **Sewing**
- **Candy making**
- **First Aid and CPR certification** (this needs to be someone who can teach and offer the certification)
- **Shooting sports** (other than archery and needs to go through MSU Extensions certification)
- **Vet Science**
- **Wood working**
- **Cooking** (specifically at an after school program at Gull Lake Middle School)



If you have questions, please reach out to Veronica or Sam.



MSU Extension 4-H has an exciting new line up of **Adulthood 101** sessions coming up in 2024!

Join us monthly for free sessions to build life skills helpful in transitioning to "adulthood."

Learn more and sign up here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-2024>

## May's topic is:

### Build and Protect Your Credit - Wednesday, May 15 at 5 p.m. ET

- Learn why your credit matters
- How to start obtaining credit
- How to manage it wisely



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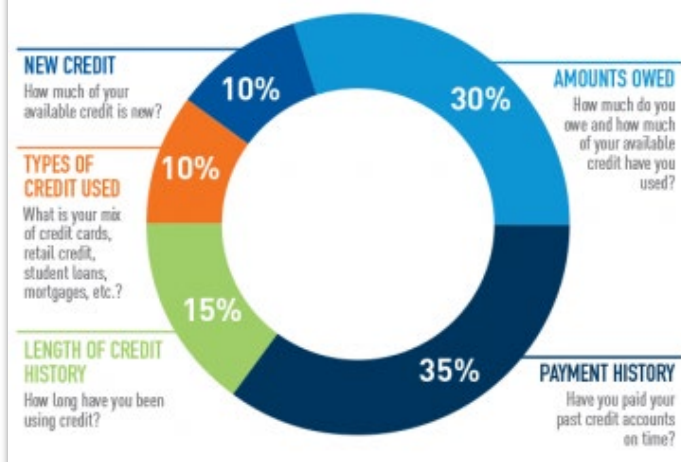
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MANAGE AND  
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June Adulthood 1010  
subject:

Traveling on a Budget -  
Thursday, June 6 at  
6:30 p.m.



## 2024 4-H International Exchange 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<sup>st</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**Applications to host:** found at [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

**Questions:** contact Jan Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or Co-Coordinator John Wurm [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).

**Other Resources:**

- 1) [Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 2) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 3) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs website](#) or email: [exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org)

Thank you very much to all our families who annually open their homes to create 4-H international experiences across the globe.



**LABO Michigan Delegation 2023**



# States' 4-H International Exchange Programs 2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Taiwan · Argentina



Costa Rica



Japan



Norway



South Korea



Argentina



Taiwan

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries?  
Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most visitors rarely get to see.

### Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families\* and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

\*Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program

### 2024 Travel Dates\*

Japan 8-week:	June 12—August 9, 2024
Costa Rica:	June 20—July 19, 2024
Argentina:	June 20—July 15, 2024
Norway:	June 20—July 20, 2022
Japan 4-week:	July 10—August 9, 2024
South Korea:	July 16—August 15, 2024
Taiwan:	July 16—August 15, 2024

\*Program dates subject to slight change or modification

### Eligibility:

4-H ages 12—18 for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan, 12—17 for Korea, and 15—18 for Costa Rica, Norway, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

### Program Information:

- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States' 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States' 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

### Application Deadline & Program Fees:

Contact your 4-H State Coordinator for deadlines and to apply. Please note that program details are subject to change.

### For more information:

[www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

[QB@states4h.org](mailto:QB@states4h.org)

(206) 462-2200



<https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/>

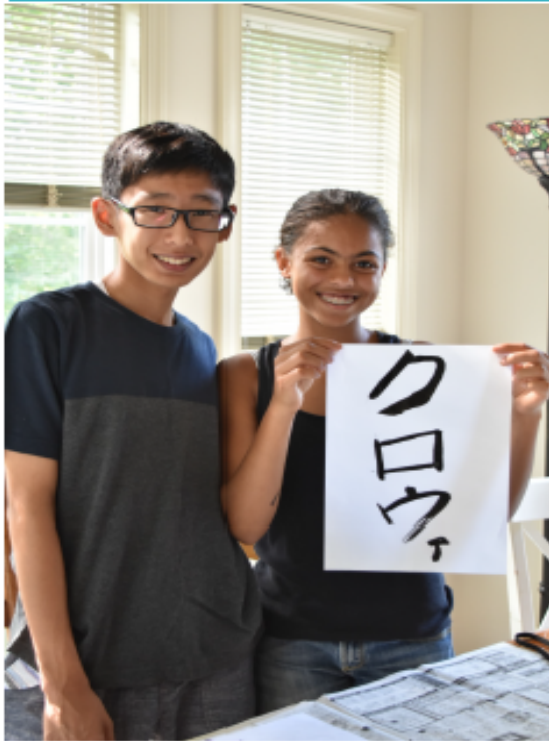


[@states4hinternational](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternational)



## 2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship; one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



### Program Fees Include:

Welcome packet; overnight national departure orientation; arrival orientation in host country; portion of chaperone fee; Accident & Sickness Medical Insurance; in-country transportation, lodging, and meals while on-program; country-specific activities as determined by international partner organizations; overnight national departure debriefing upon return.

### Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
  - \* No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

### FAQs:

**Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?**

**A: Yes!** Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

**Q: Do I need to speak another language?**

**A: No** prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

**Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?**

**A: States' 4-H** provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.





## Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct



The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Michigan 4-H program.

All 4-H youth participants must conduct themselves according to the following standards that apply to all Michigan 4-H programs, including virtual programs, and interactions such as social media and internet engagement:

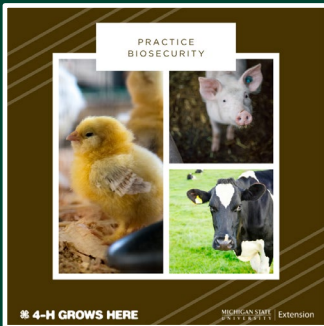
- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H activities and programs with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- 3. Obey the Law.** Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and Michigan State University and Extension policies and guidelines. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco products, which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems. Do not attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. This includes dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or similar items.
- 4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others'.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with whom you interact as part of Michigan 4-H.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Be kind and compassionate toward others. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile behaviors, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual abuse. Abstain from sexual behavior and intimate physical/sexual contact in either public or private situations at an MSU Extension youth 4-H activity or event.
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge such as volunteers and staff. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
- 7. Humane Treatment of Animals.** Treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.
- 8. Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.

**Have fun!**



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Livestock and poultry owners encouraged to heighten biosecurity



Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- [www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity](http://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/avian\\_influenza/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/)

### April 24 – May 5: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

*Your Local Tractor Supply*

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

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

### May 5 – June 1

*Across the state*

All Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to compete in a virtual walking challenge! Get active, stay healthy, and win prizes for you and your county 4-H program!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge)

### May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Preparing 4-H'ers for Fairs and Showcases

*Online*

Attend this online session to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm)

### May 15: Adulting 101 Series - Build and Protect Your Credit

*Online*

By attending this workshop, you can learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

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

### May 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Managing Risk for Volunteers

*Online*

One step in keeping 4-H'ers safe is reviewing the media and medical authorization forms for members engaged in your club. Attend this session to learn how to access, review and keep this information safe while serving as a 4-H volunteer. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2024-2025 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



## Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock)

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

**Transporting.** Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

**Unloading.** Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

**Settling in.** Isolate or separate new animals for a minimum of 14 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the isolation period. If after 14 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

**Comingling.** Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.