



KENT COUNTY 4-H

CLUB DIRECTORY 2024-25



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HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE KENT COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. IN THE KENT COUNTY CLUB DIRECTORY, YOU WILL FIND CLUBS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS AND A LISTING OF THE PROJECTS THAT THEY ARE MOST HEAVILY INVOLVED IN.

HOW DO I START?

JOIN AN EXISTING CLUB:

CONTACT THE CLUB LEADER DIRECTLY VIA EMAIL TO SEE IF THAT CLUB WILL BE A GOOD MATCH FOR YOUR FAMILY. NOT ALL CLUBS OFFER ALL PROJECTS. FIND A CLUB THAT OFFERS LEADERSHIP IN THE PROJECT AREA THAT MEETS YOUR INTERESTS.

START YOUR OWN CLUB:

ALL YOU NEED IS 5-10 KIDS AND 2 ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO ORGANIZE THE CLUB. CHOOSE THE AREAS OF INTEREST AND MEETING TIMES. OUR 4-H STAFF WILL HELP YOU GET STARTED. IN ORDER TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER, YOU MUST APPLY AT MSU.SAMARITAN.COM

DECIDE ON A PROJECT:

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT PROJECT AREAS FOR 4-H MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN. WHETHER YOUR AREA OF INTEREST IS ANIMAL BASED, AGRICULTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, SCIENCE, OR EVEN THEATRE. THE SKY IS THE LIMIT AND YOU ARE ONLY RESTRICTED BY YOUR IMAGINATION.

ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE:

MICHIGAN 4-H USES 4-H ONLINE TO MANAGE MEMBER ENROLLMENTS. YOU CAN FIND THE WEBSITE AT MI.4HONLINE.COM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ENROLLING, PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR HELP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND ENROLLING YOUR FAMILY AS 4-H MEMBERS!



COUNTY CLUBS

| CLUB NAME | LOCATION | LEADER/CONTACT | PROJECT AREAS |
|---|--------------|--|---|
| 4-H AMERICAN SEWING GUILD (SUMMERS ONLY) | GRAND RAPIDS | SAMANTHA BLOOM GOVENSAM@MSU.EDU | SEWING |
| A CANTERING COMMOTION | MIDDLEVILLE | MICHELLE FABIANO MAFABIANO@HOTMAIL.COM | HORSES |
| ADA ADVENTURES | ADA | MARY ELLEN DUFFY MED@IPCBILLING.COM | RABBITS |
| A STEP AHEAD | SARANAC | JULIE KLEIN JAK7411@AOL.COM | HORSES |
| BLUE RIBBON RIDERS | SARANAC | NICOLE RINKS N_RINKS@YAHOO.COM | HORSES |
| CLOVERLEAF CREW 4-H | BYRON CENTER | MEGAN LENHART MLENHART630@GMAIL.COM | POULTRY, RABBITS, GOATS, SWINE, EXPRESSIVE ARTS |
| COUNTRY COWBOYS | SPARTA | CATHY & MIKE NITSCHKE CAMNITSCHKE@COMCAST.NET | RABBITS, CAVIES, GOATS, DOGS, HORSES, CLOWNING |
| COUNTY LINE | LOWELL | MICHELLE MEYERS SHILLO2010@HOTMAIL.COM | HORSES |
| DOG SPORTS | ALTO | PAT FRANCKOWIAK SANDEX@COMCAST.NET | DOGS |

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| HELPING HANDS | ALTO/ LOWELL | KATHERINE ALDERINK KATIEALDERINK@YAHOO.COM | BEEF, DAIRY, GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, CAVIES, SHEEP, SWINE |
| HOMESTEADERS OF KENT COUNTY | LAKE ODESSA | JENNIE ORANTES JENNIEORANTES@GMAIL.COM | HOMESTEADING, CRAFTS, SWINE, DAIRY, ANIMAL EVALUATION |
| JUST ADD DIRT | LOWELL | VALERIE CORNER MEKAKO128@GMAIL.COM | HORSES, GARDENING |
| LEATHER N' LACE | ROCKFORD | MARCI DEVRIES MARCIDEVRIES@ EQUESTCENTER.ORG | HORSES, HORSELESS PROJECTS, THERAPEUTIC RIDING |
| MAKING STRIDES | BYRON CENTER | ABBY GOGULSKI AGOGULSKIFHN@GMAIL.COM | HORSES |
| MILKY WAY 4-HERS | LOWELL | RENEE MCCAULEY TUMBLEWEEDCOWS@COMCAST.NET | |
| NORTH KENT 4- H'ERS | CEDAR SPRINGS | JOHN LUND FARMERJOHNLUND@YAHOO.COM | RABBITS |
| PERFECT PARTNERS | ADA | JESSICA KAMP KAMP.JESSICA@COMCAST.NET | HORSES |
| RAINBOW RIDERS | LOWELL | RYANNE MONDRY RYANNEMONDRY@GMAIL.COM | HORSES |

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| REGAL RIDERS | SARANAC | SAMANTHA VANFLEET VANFLEETSAM@GMAIL.COM | HORSES, HORSELESS PROJECT |
| SHOWCASE RIDERS | CALEDONIA | ALEISHA MILLER ALEISHA.MILLER@GMAIL.COM | HORSES |
| SPARTA LIVESTOCK | SPARTA | KRISTI CAINE RAISIN5CAINES@GMAIL.COM | RABBITS, SWINE, GOATS, BEEF, DAIRY, SHEEP |
| TOP GUNS | GRAND RAPIDS | STANTON TANG STANTONTANG@YAHOO.COM | SHOOTING SPORTS, RIFLE, PISTOL |

COUNTY CLUBS WITH WAITING LISTS

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| BIT BY BIT | CALEDONIA | KAREN KOOIEGA HATHAWAY EGANACRES@AOL.COM | HORSES |
| BOONDOCKERS 4-H | LOWELL | KATIE FOLEY KFOLEY1018@GMAIL.COM | CRAFTS, SMALL ANIMALS, POULTRY, BEEF, DAIRY |
| DREAM RIDERS | ROCKFORD | HELEN TICHELAAR HTICHELAAR121@GMAIL.COM | HORSES |
| NORTH KENT SHEEP | NORTH KENT | ALLYN TOREN ALLYN.TOREN@GMAIL.COM | LIVESTOCK, AG CAREERS |
| PLATINUM RIDERS | LOWELL | ANDI DEN DULK ANDIKR1999@GMAIL.COM | HORSES |
| SILVER SPURS | CEDAR SPRINGS | AFTON MERRITT AMERRITT52309@GMAIL.COM | HORSES, HORSELESS PROJECTS |
| TRAILS AND TAILS | LOWELL | CORY STULL MRSCORYSTULL@GMAIL.COM | HORSES, RABBITS, POULTRY, SEWING |
| WORKING PAWS | LOWELL | GAIL RODERICK GAILKSRP@AOL.COM | DOGS |



ARE YOU A PARENT OR FAMILY MEMBER INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

VOLUNTEERS ARE SCREENED FOR SAFETY, THEN MAY ACT IN MANY ROLES. WHETHER HELPING TO CHAPERONE AN EVENT ONCE A YEAR OR HOSTING A CLUB EVERY WEEK, THERE IS A VOLUNTEER ROLE TO FIT YOUR NEEDS. MICHIGAN 4-H PROVIDES SEVERAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND CURRICULA TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS. APPLY TO VOLUNTEER AT: [HTTPS://MSU.SAMARITAN.COM/CUSTOM/502/VOLUNTEER_HOME](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/VOLUNTEER_HOME)

VOLUNTEER ROLES:

- 4-H CLUB LEADER
- 4-H CLOVERBUD LEADER
- 4-H CHAPERONE
- 4-H PROJECT LEADER
- 4-H AFTERSCHOOL VOLUNTEER
- 4-H SPIN CLUB VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR ORGANIZATION!