



# KENT COUNTY 4-H

## CLUB DIRECTORY 2025-26



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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](http://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](http://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<br>GOVENSAM@MSU.EDU               | SEWING                                                                            |
| A CANTERING COMMOTION                    | MIDDLEVILLE  | AMANDA BARNES<br>AMBARNES32@GMAIL.COM            | EXPRESSIVE ARTS, CLOTHING & TEXTILE. CULINARY ARTS, HORSES                        |
| ADA ADVENTURES                           | ADA          | MARY ELLEN DUFFY<br>MED@PCBILLING.COM            | RABBITS & CAVIES                                                                  |
| A STEP AHEAD                             | SARANAC      | JULIE KLEIN<br>JAK7411@AOL.COM                   | EXPRESSIVE ARTS, CLOTHING & TEXTILES. CULINARY ARTS. HORSES. SWINE                |
| CLOVERLEAF CREW 4-H                      | BYRON CENTER | MEGAN LENHART<br>MLENHART630@GMAIL.COM           | CLOTHING & TEXTILES. CULINARY ARTS. EXPRESSIVE ARTS                               |
| COUNTRY COWBOYS                          | SPARTA       | CATHY & MIKE NITSCHKE<br>CAMNITSCHKE@COMCAST.NET | BIRDS & POULTRY. CLOWNING. DOGS. GOATS. HORSES. RABBITS & CAVIES. SHOOTING SPORTS |
| COUNTY LINE                              | LOWELL       | MICHELLE MEYERS<br>SHILLO2010@HOTMAIL.COM        | HORSES                                                                            |
| DOG SPORTS                               | ALTO         | PAT FRANCKOWIAK<br>SANDEX@COMCAST.NET            | DOGS                                                                              |

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|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOMESTEADERS<br>OF KENT COUNTY | LAKE<br>ODESSA   | JENNIE ORANTES<br>JENNIEORANTES@GMAIL.COM          | BEEF. DAIRY CATTLE.<br>SWINE                                                                                                           |
| LEATHER N' LACE                | ROCKFORD         | MARCI DEVRIES<br>MARCIDEVRIES@<br>EQUESTCENTER.ORG | HORSES, HORSELESS<br>PROJECTS, THERAPEUTIC<br>RIDING                                                                                   |
| MAKING STRIDES                 | BYRON<br>CENTER  | JILL HAAGSMA<br>MAKINGSTRIDES4H.KENT@<br>GMAIL.COM | HORSES                                                                                                                                 |
| MILKY WAY<br>4-HERS            | LOWELL           | RENEE MCCAULEY<br>TUMBLEWEEDCOWS@COMCAST.NET       | BEEF. DAIRY CATTLE.<br>SWINE                                                                                                           |
| NORTH KENT 4-<br>H'ERS         | CEDAR<br>SPRINGS | JOHN LUND<br>FARMERJOHNLUND@YAHOO.COM              | RABBITS                                                                                                                                |
| NORTH KENT<br>SHEEP            | ROCKFORD         | KRISTIN PEREZ<br>AKPEREZFAMILY@GMAIL.COM           | BEEF. BIRDS & POULTRY.<br>CLOTHING & TEXTILE.<br>CULINARY ARTS.<br>EXPRESSIVE ARTS. DAIRY<br>CATTLE. GOATS. RABBITS<br>& CAVIES. SHEEP |
| PERFECT<br>PARTNERS            | ADA              | KRISTI ROZEBOOM<br>KROZE@SBCGLOBAL.NET             | BIRDS & POULTRY.<br>CLOTHING & TEXTILE.<br>CULINARY ARTS.<br>EXPRESSIVE ARTS. GOATS                                                    |
| RAINBOW RIDERS                 | LOWELL           | RYANNE MONDRY<br>RYANNEMONDRY@GMAIL.COM            | HORSES                                                                                                                                 |

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| REGAL RIDERS        | LOWELL          | JANNA SIKMA<br>JANNA.SIKMA@GMAIL.COM       | HORSES                                                                                                                                        |
| SHOWCASE<br>RIDERS  | CALEDONIA       | ALEISHA MILLER<br>ALEISHA.MILLER@GMAIL.COM | HORSES                                                                                                                                        |
| SILVER SPURS        | ROCKFORD        | AFTON MERRITT                              | HORSES                                                                                                                                        |
| SPARTA<br>LIVESTOCK | SPARTA          | KRISTI CAINE<br>RAISIN5CAINES@GMAIL.COM    | BEEF. BIRDS & POULTRY.<br>DAIRY CATTLE. CLOTHING &<br>TEXTILE. CULINARY ARTS.<br>EXPRESSIVE ARTS. GOATS.<br>RABBITS & CAVIES. SHEEP.<br>SWINE |
| TOP GUNS            | GRAND<br>RAPIDS | STANTON TANG<br>STANTONTANG@YAHOO.COM      | SHOOTING SPORTS, RIFLE,<br>PISTOL                                                                                                             |

## COUNTY CLUBS WITH WAITING LISTS

| CLUB NAME             | LOCATION  | LEADER/CONTACT                               | PROJECT AREAS                                                                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BIT BY BIT            | CALEDONIA | KAREN KOOIENGA HATHAWAY<br>EGANACRES@AOL.COM | HORSES                                                                                        |
| BLUE RIBBON<br>RIDERS | SARANAC   | NICOLE RINKS<br>N_RINKS@YAHOO.COM            | HORSES                                                                                        |
| BOONDOCKERS<br>4-H    | LOWELL    | KATIE FOLEY<br>KFOLEY1018@GMAIL.COM          | BEEF. BIRDS & POULTRY.<br>CLOTHING & TEXTILE.<br>CULINARY ARTS. DAIRY<br>CATTLE. SHEEP. SWINE |
| DREAM RIDERS          | ROCKFORD  | HELEN TICHELAAR<br>HTICHELAAR121@GMAIL.COM   | HORSES                                                                                        |
| PLATINUM RIDERS       | LOWELL    | JESSICA FORD<br>JBOUMAN13@GMAIL.COM          | HORSES                                                                                        |
| TRAILS AND TAILS      | LOWELL    | CORY STULL<br>MSCORYJOL@MSN.COM              | CLOTHING & TEXTILE.<br>CULINARY ARTS.<br>EXPRESSIVE ARTS. HORSES.<br>RABBITS & CAVIES         |
| WORKING PAWS          | LOWELL    | GAIL RODERICK<br>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!**