



# 4-H Family News

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## Macomb County 4-H News & Events

### Macomb County 4-H welcomes two new clubs

By 4-H Program Coordinator [Lizz Duran](#)

It's springtime and things are really growing in Macomb County 4-H. The MSU Extension staff is pleased to welcome two new clubs to our community.

The first is North Macomb 4-H Robotics Club. Club leader Becki Brice is no stranger to 4-H. She has been involved in 4-H most of her life. As a youth, she was a member in the Thumb of Michigan. She was also the club leader for School Section 4-H Club for many years. North Macomb 4-H Robotics Club is the first of its type in Macomb County, and the group's focus is of course robotics. Once a school team, they segued into being a 4-H club. The team was well known in the robotics community and has even competed at a national level.

Next is 4-H REBELS. Club Leader Aaron Duspiva was an active member of a club back in Parma, Idaho. When Aaron came to Michigan he sought out 4-H and became a gold-level volunteer. He volunteered with a few other clubs and events just to get a feel for how 4-H operated here in Macomb County, Michigan. He finally decided to form his own club, but he didn't have kids or a co-leader. Not giving up, he became one of the co-leaders for the Thompson 4-H Garden Club in Warren. Along with Corrine Goodwin, the two have been shadowing Ms. Lizz and participating in the club for a while. Corrine's children have participated in A Day in the Garden, the Day Camps at the Thompson Center in Warren, and many county events over the last few years. The Thompson 4-H Garden Club is a Special Interest (SPIN) Club, not a chartered club. Its purpose is to get families interested and acquainted with 4-H.

The club members wanted to participate in the Armada Fair this year so, at the March meeting, they voted to move over to the chartered 4-H REBELS club.

Please give them a warm 4-H welcome when you see them out at the fair this year!

### Put your 4-H project in the spotlight

Now is your chance to highlight your 4-H livestock project! If you would like your project or anything 4-H related posted on the Armada Fair Youth Livestock Committee's new Instagram page, send it to [armadalivestock@gmail.com](mailto:armadalivestock@gmail.com).

### Scholarships

Macomb County youth and volunteers have scholarship opportunities for events such as 4-H Exploration Days. [Learn more here.](#)

### County's Finest 4-H'er

County's Finest 4-H'er projects are due to the MSU Extension Office in Clinton Township by June 30, 2025.

For more information, please contact 4-H Program Coordinator [Rebecca Konarski](#) at 586-783-8163 or [konars13@msu.edu](mailto:konars13@msu.edu).

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## Enrollment deadline for new 4-H members

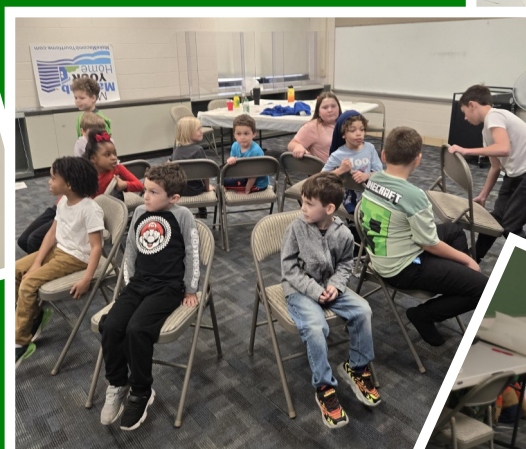
New Macomb County 4-H youth members must be enrolled in 4-H Online by April 1, 2025 if they plan to show 4-H projects at the 2025 Armada Fair.



# Spartan 4-H Spring Day Camp

Families are loving 4-H! The 2025 Spartan 4-H Spring Day Camp was a success! Participants enjoyed Kites, Archery, creating Aboriginal Art and more!

The day camp was held March 24-27 at the Thompson Family Resource Center in Warren. For information about upcoming 4-H day camps in Macomb County, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at [duraneli@msu.edu](mailto:duraneli@msu.edu) or 586-469-6090.





## Macomb County 4-H News & Events (continued)

### Join the Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center 4-H Small Animal Club

MSU Extension is thrilled to announce the launch of a brand-new special interest (SPIN) club dedicated to raising rabbits and chickens with the goal of showing at the 2025 Armada Fair. Whether you're a beginner or have experience in raising animals, the Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center 4-H Small Animal Club will provide the guidance and support you need to succeed. Rabbits will be available to members who don't have one.

The club is open to all youth ages 5-19 and will meet at [Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center](#) in Ray Township from May 1-August 18, 2025. Already a 4-H member? Add SPIN CLUB Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center 4-H Small Animal Club to your existing 4-H Online enrollment. New members, please enroll in [4-H Online](#) for the SPIN Club Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center 4-H Small Animal Club. A limited number of spots are available, so don't wait to register!

For more information including meeting dates and times, contact [Nikki Knight](#), 586-469-5979, or [Rebecca Konarski](#) at 586-783-8163.

**HELP WANTED:** Are you passionate about youth education and technology? Join our team as an Extension Program Worker supporting the Apple Community Education Initiative in Macomb County! Pay is \$13-18/hour. Two positions are available. Learn more and apply before April 9th at <https://careers.msu.edu/homepage>. Search for position numbers 1029882 and 1029936.

### Macomb Co. 4-H Horse Program Committee meeting

The next [Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee](#) meeting date is April 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Camp Rotary, 20505 29 Mile Road, Ray Township.

### Macomb County 4-H Horse Shows:

May 24 - Lights; May 31 - Mini/Draft; June 7 - Lights; June 14 - Mini/Draft; June 21 - Lights (double judge); July 28 - Mini/Draft

Macomb County 4-H Horse Shows are held at Camp Rotary.

## Other Local News & Events

### Armada Fair News

**Animal tagging:** Remaining tagging dates are Swine (1st Sunday in June 8-10:30 a.m.), Goat, Sheep & Prospect Beef (1st Sunday in June 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.), All Poultry & Rabbits (3rd Sunday in July 10 a.m.-12 p.m.). Questions? Reach out to Livestock Sale President Andy Roosa at (586) 665-0928.

**Bill Hahn Scholarship:** The Armada Agricultural Society sponsors the [Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship](#) in memory of former president and longtime board member, Bill Hahn. The scholarship is awarded annually to two high school graduating seniors. The applicant must have been a volunteer, employee, open class exhibitor or Youth Organizations exhibitor at the Armada Fair to apply. This would include Miss Armada and her court. [Applications](#) must be postmarked no later than April 15th and may be mailed to the Armada Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 507, Armada, MI 48005, dropped off at the Armada Fair Office during normal business hours or emailed to the fair office ([office@armadafair.org](mailto:office@armadafair.org)) by 11:59 p.m. on April 15th. For more information, contact the Armada Fair office at 586-784-5488.

**Registration:** [Armada Fair 4-H registration](#) is May 1-31, 2025. Open Youth registration (not 4-H) is June 1-30, 2025.

Read the [April 2025 issue](#) of the Macomb County MSUE Program Guide to find out about upcoming MSU Extension programs in your area! [Subscribe today!](#)

## Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

### 4-H and FFA Meats Judging State Contest

Registration is open for the [4-H and FFA Meats Judging State Contest!](#) The contest is Wednesday, May 7th at the MSU Meat Lab. Youth in 4-H and FFA can compete in both contest divisions. Refer to the [2025 Meats Judging Contest Rules and Information](#) and [register by April 25](#).

### Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism - April 10th

Join MSU Extension for the [Driving Success With Workplace Professionalism](#) webinar on **Thursday, April 10 at 6 p.m.** Whether you're just entering the workforce or are a seasoned pro, this session will provide valuable insights on how professionalism can accelerate your career growth, strengthen relationships, and help you leave a lasting impression. This webinar is part of the Driven for the Future: Career Webinar Series sponsored by Toyota R&D. [Register today!](#)



## Statewide & National 4-H News & Events (continued)



### Support 4-H with The TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign

From April 18 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. Learn more about the campaign [here](#).

### Michigan 4-H needs your input!

Michigan 4-H is conducting a survey to better understand the topics and educational approaches that best meet community needs. Your feedback will help us improve and enhance how Michigan 4-H serves families across the state.



Visit [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bqmeT5Dxtthvica](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqmeT5Dxtthvica) or scan the QR code to share your input and help shape the future of the Michigan 4-H program. If you have questions regarding this survey, please reach out to Kathy Fischer at [fisch-226@msu.edu](mailto:fisch-226@msu.edu).

### Apply for 4-H State Awards and Mark of Excellence Awards by April 1st

REMINDER: The [State 4-H Awards and Mark of Excellence Award](#) application deadline is **April 1st**. State 4-H Awards will be presented during 4-H Exploration Days on June 18 at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

### Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 27-August 2 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during Camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!



Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$525 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. [Learn more and register here](#).

### Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!



4-H Exploration days will be held June 18-20 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2025 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local [MSU Extension 4-H office](#) to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration opened March 20 and closes April 25. You'll want to register soon because sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! Registration links and more information are available [here](#).

### Military Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available to Department of Air Force (including Space Force) dependents for [4-H Exploration Days](#).

The scholarship application Deadline is and April 25th.

Contact Kate King  
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or 231-779-9480  
for more information.



## Statewide & National 4-H News & Events (continued)

### Smart Money Mission GooseChase Game teaches teens about money

Are you looking for a fun and educational way to teach your teen about money? The Smart Money Mission GooseChase Game is the perfect way for Michigan youth ages 13-19 to learn budgeting, saving, and investing all through an interactive scavenger hunt!

How It Works: Teens download the GooseChase app, complete fun financial missions all April long, earn points & climb the leaderboard. Ten winners will receive a \$50 Amazon e-gift card.

This FREE program is proudly sponsored by the Michigan Credit Union Foundation. [Register today](#) & get your teen in the game!

For more information, contact Kathy Jamieson, [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu), or Laurie Rivetto, [rivettoL@msu.edu](mailto:rivettoL@msu.edu).

### Adulting 101: Wealth Building

Young people have the advantage of time to build wealth. Take advantage of your age and learn about investing and saving strategies that can help make your money grow! Join MSU Extension on April 8 from 5-6 p.m. ET for MSU Extension's FREE Adulting 101 program, Wealth Building. Learn more and [register here](#).

### Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, April 27. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game, as well as:

- ◆ Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- ◆ A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last). Jerseys can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a jersey. [Learn more](#).



### 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge - April 1-13

In honor of the Month of the Military Child this April, Michigan State University Extension 4-H Military Family Program is hosting the 2025 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge. This exciting two-week event recognizes and celebrates the resilience, strength, and contributions of military-connected youth through engaging activities and challenges. The 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge invites Michigan youth to participate in an interactive experience using the GooseChase app. Participants will complete exciting missions focused on military life, technology, history, and career exploration at their own pace while connecting with a community of civilian and military families.

This challenge is FREE and open April 1-13, 2025 to all Michigan youth ages 5-19 (as of January 1, 2025), including military-connected and non-military youth who wish to show their support while having fun! Join us virtually on GooseChase from anywhere in Michigan to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of military youth; engage in fun, hands-on learning; earn prizes for completing missions; and connect with a supportive community. This program is supported by a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation and by partnerships with the MSU Center for Veteran and Military-Affiliated Students and Michigan National Guard Children and Youth. [Register and learn more here](#).

### Make the Most of Your Livestock Project webinar

Join the [Make the Most of Your Market Livestock Project](#) webinar series this April-May 2025.

For youth ages 8-19, this engaging webinar series covers everything you need to succeed at livestock auctions. From marketing and communication to record keeping, goal setting, and understanding break-even points, each session equips participants with the skills to maximize their market potential.



Sessions are free. Attend one or more to take your small or large livestock project to the next level and gain tools for success in and out of the show ring. Sessions will not be recorded.

See dates and topics and [reserve your spot now](#). For more information, contact Kathy Jamieson, [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu), or Janice Zerb, [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).



## Calendar of Events

### April 1

[State 4-H Awards application deadline](#)

### April 1

Macomb County [4-H Online](#) enrollment deadline for NEW 4-H members who plan to show 4-H projects at the 2025 Armada Fair

### April 1-13

[4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge](#)

Online

### April 8

[Adulting 101: Wealth Building](#)

5 p.m., online

### April 10

[Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism](#)

Online

### April 15

Armada Fair [Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship](#) applications due to the Armada Fair Office

### April 16

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - 4-H Club Fundraising 101

[12 p.m. session](#) or [7 p.m. session](#), Online

*This webinar will provide an overview of Michigan 4-H fundraising policies, ensuring that your efforts align with guidelines and best practices for success.*

### April 18-May 5

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover Campaign  
TSC stores nationwide

Support 4-H youth by purchasing a paper clover both [online](#) or [in Tractor Supply Co. \(TSC\) stores](#) for just \$1! Macomb County has TSC stores in [New Haven](#), [Richmond](#), [Sterling Heights](#), and [Washington](#).

### April 24

[4-H Fly Fishing Series](#)

Adrian, Michigan

*Learn to use fly fishing equipment, practice fly casting techniques and tie a variety of knots. Learn about environmental and water quality concerns, as well as a fish's ecosystem as you practice imitating insects and other water critters. Registration deadline is April 18.*

### April 25

Last day to register for [4-H Exploration Days](#)

Last day to request a [Military Scholarship](#) for [4-H Exploration Days](#)

### April 27

[Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers](#)

1:30 p.m. game time, 4-H activities earlier, Comerica Park, Detroit

### April 28

[Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee](#) Meeting

6:30 p.m., Camp Rotary, Ray Township

### April 30

[Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters](#)

Online

### May 1-August 18

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center 4-H Small Animal Club

Meeting dates & times TBD, [Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center](#), Ray Township

### May 1

[Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems \(IVS\)](#)

Online

### May 1-31

Armada Fair [4-H registration](#)

### May 3:

[Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens](#)

Owosso, Michigan

*Learn about 4-H Shooting Sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.*

### May 7

[4-H and FFA Meats Judging State Contest](#)

MSU Meat Lab

### May 12

Exploration Days Orientation #1

6:30 p.m., MSU Extension, Assembly Rooms A and B, Clinton Township

*Each Exploration Days registrant is required to attend one orientation*

### May 19

Exploration Days Orientation #2

6:30 p.m., Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Clinton Township

*Each Exploration Days registrant is required to attend one orientation*

### May 24

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Light Horses)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

### May 31

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Mini/Draft Horses)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

### June 1

[Armada Fair Swine Tagging](#)

8-10:30 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

[Armada Fair Goat, Sheep & Prospect Beef Tagging](#)

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

### June 7

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Light Horses)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

### June 14

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Mini/Draft Horses)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

### June 21

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Light Horses - Double Judge)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

### June 30

County's Finest 4-H'er projects due

MSU Extension 4-H, Clinton Township

### July 20

[Armada Fair Poultry & Rabbit Tagging](#)

10 a.m.-12 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

### July 27-August 2

[Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp](#)

Presque Isle, MI

### July 28

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Mini/Draft Horses)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

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