



December 2022

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Happy Holidays 4-H Families and Volunteers

I hope that everyone is enjoying the holiday season and winter weather. I do have a few important reminders to send out...

Reminder #1: 4-H Re-enrollment deadline is December 1st. If you have not already re-enrolled in [4H Online](#), please do so ASAP!

Reminder #2: ALL 4-H volunteers are required to complete the new online "Child Abuse Reporting" training at <https://msu.samaritan.com/> by December 31, 2022. Any volunteers who have not completed this training by the deadline will have their volunteer status revoked until the training is completed. We all get busy around the holidays, so please complete this ASAP so you don't forget. Some people have encountered some issues, if you encounter any issues, please let me know.

Reminder #3: The MSU Extension office will be closed between December 23rd – January 2, 2023 for the holiday break and we will not be available to respond to phone calls or emails.

Sincerely,

Vicki

Office Manager

Upcoming 4-H Committee Meetings

These are the upcoming meetings that I was notified about:

Countywide Dog Practice | Dec. 1st | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building

4-H Advisory Council meeting | Dec. 6th | 6:30 p.m. | Zoom:
<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96778524862> Passcode: Council

4-H CCC meeting | Dec. 19th | 7:15 p.m. | Zoom:
<https://msu.zoom.us/j/97024569676> Passcode 4HCCC

Dog Committee meeting | Jan. 5th | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building

Horse Leaders meeting | Jan. 11th | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline-Date: 12/01/2022
- County Wide Dog Practice – Ash BuildingDate: 12/1/2022 6:30 p.m.
- 4-H Council Meeting – ZoomDate: 12/6/2022 6:30 p.m.
- 4-H CCC Meeting – ZoomDate: 12/19/2022 7:15 p.m.
- VSP Training deadline.....Date: 12/31/2022
- Shooting Sports recertification.....Date: 12/31/2022
- Dog Committee meeting – Ash BuildingDate: 01/05/2023 6:30 p.m.
- Horse Leaders Meeting – Ash BuildingDate: 01/11/2023 7:00 p.m.
- Statewide Rabbit show...Date: 01/28/2023

4-H PC

We are getting closer to having a new 4-H Program Coordinator. Hopefully the next Newsletter will be introducing our new PC.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 3: Family Holiday Craft Day

Arthur Center Church of God, Clare

Bring the family and get crafty! This event is \$5 per participant.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-craft-day>

December 13: Wild Spartans –Special Education to Wildlife Biologist

Online

Take a closer look at charismatic microfauna and hop along to uncover the hidden world of herpetology. Meet Erim Gómez, assistant professor of wildlife biology at the University of Montana. Learn about his field work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will partake in a live Q&A. This free series is open to youth ages 12-19 years.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-december-2022>

December 14: Cloverbud Fun Night

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo

Join us for a day of games, activities and crafting fun!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-fun-night-december-2022>

December 15 –January 2: Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl

Online

4-H members are encouraged to test their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources in the 2022 Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl. Ages 5-19 welcome to play.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/hunting-wildlife-quizbowl>

December 31: 2022 Re-Certification for Shooting Sports Instructors

Online

Deadline for instructor re-certification efforts. Policy and application available online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-re-certification-for-shooting-sports-instructors>

January 7: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Four Square Sportsman's Association, Jeddo

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration deadline is December 15.

[4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop - 4-H Shooting Sports \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop)





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Opportunity to teach at 4-H Exploration Days 2023

Annually, MSU Extension holds [4-H Exploration Days](#), a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2023 event is set for June 21-23 on the campus of MSU.

This exciting event is a team effort and we need you! We're currently seeking inspiring and fun educational and free time session proposals. Think outside the box for ideas! Youth like sessions on career paths, cutting edge research/work, animals, life skills for their future, recreational activities and new and emerging activities/topics. Some of the areas requested by youth also include: robotics, drones, music, outdoor activities like biking, rappelling, kayaking and nature sessions.



Session and free time proposal requests are now open until December 5. More information on the adult instructor role and the youth co-instructor role, as well as details about proposal requirements, can be found at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.

Travel abroad with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

Want to see another part of the world? Michigan 4-H is accepting applications for the Summer 2023 outbound international exchange program! Explore a new country and culture via an immersive international exchange experience.

Michigan 4-H has been in a partnership with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs for many years and through this collaboration, American 4-H youth have 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. Enrich your 4-H experience and apply today to travel abroad in the summer 2023! Michigan 4-H is currently planning to offer trips to Japan, Costa Rica and South Korea. Visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> to learn more and apply by January 1, 2023.

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs
2023 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS
Costa Rica · Japan · South Korea

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 tourists rarely get to see.

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>. Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H! JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.

