



January 2024

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Happy New Year 4-H Families and Volunteers,

I hope that your holiday's were relaxing and uneventful.

Here's a friendly reminder to the club leaders/treasurers, that MSU will need an account balance/treasury balance report as of December 31st. The official request has not come down yet, so I'm not sure what the submission date is, but be on the look out for more information. If you'd like to send your balance's as of the 31st of December, I will be grateful for the information!

Follow us on FB for more updates throughout the month (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H>)

Sincerely,
Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator

Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations

Fairboard Association | 1st Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds

4-H Dog Committee | 1st Thursday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92086229811> passcode: 4Hdog)

4-H Horse Leaders | 2nd Wednesday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96502762151> passcode: Horse)

4-H Council | 3rd Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | MSUE office & via zoom
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95340301576> passcode: Council)

4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC) | 3rd Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298> passcode: 4HCCC)

4-H Small Animal Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

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Committee News

Fair Association (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>)

Our next meeting will be January 8th at 7pm at the Ash Building. All are welcome to attend.

Marketing / Events Committee

(<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>)

On January 20th, there is going to be a HUGE Mega Raffle taking place at the Ash Building from 7pm to 10:30pm. The proceeds from this event will go towards improvements at the fairgrounds. The committee is asking if there are any clubs interested in contributing to a gift basket to raffle off. For more information, see page 12, or go to our website to see what other events are coming up!

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/events>

Dog Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847422928809492>)

The next Dog Committee meeting is January 4th at 6:30pm at the Ash Building. County-wide dog practice updates will be posted on the Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information.

Advisory Council

Our next meeting is January 15th at 6:30pm on Zoom. The zoom link is on the 1st page of this newsletter. Check out our new 4-Her of the Year application! The new due date is March 1st. Feel free to send comments/suggestions to Sunni or Kim.

Community Connections (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847422928809492>)

Our meetings follow the Advisory Council meetings, on the 3rd Monday of the month via Zoom. The January/February challenge, is collecting new/handmade toys to the Helen DeVos Childrens Hospital. Please message 4HCCC for drop off locations or bring them to the MSU Extension office here in Stanton.



Committee News

Horse Leaders (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/623810004403480>)

Our next meeting will be January 10th at 7pm at the Ash Building.

Small Animal Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021686638080972>)

Our next meeting will be January 22nd at 6pm, at the Ash Building. Our committee, Youth Livestock and the MCFAAC will be working together to put on marketing clinics in March and April. These clinics will include information about how the auction runs, how to market yourself and your project, writing a good buyers' letter, and in-person YQCA training (to name a few). Come to the meetings to help us plan and make these clinics the best they can be for our kids.

Youth Livestock Committee

Our next meeting will be January 22nd at 6:30pm, at the Ash Building. If you're a youth market exhibitor, we'd love to have you brainstorm ideas with us.

Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Club (Fair Livestock Committee) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1634532730117422>)

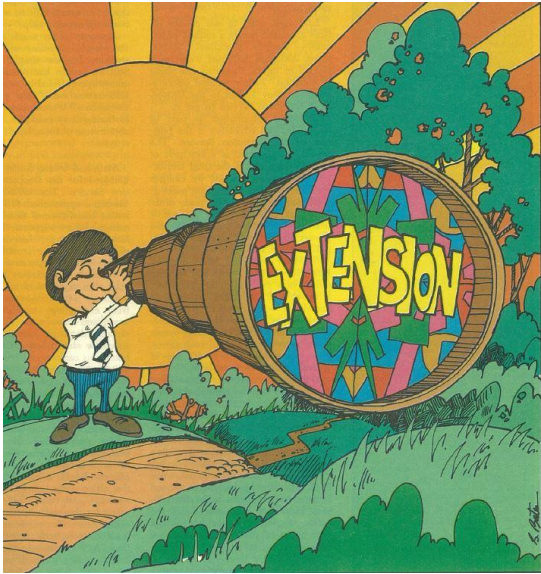
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Shooting Sports Update

See page 18 for an informative letter from the new 4-H Shooting Sports Club (4-H Precision Seekers). If you or your youth is interested, please reach out to Scott at 616-826-6310. If you or your youth is interested in Archery (Shootin and Showin), please reach out to Amanda Moran at 989-287-0979.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Montcalm County Extension Office 4-H / District 8

(<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H/>) /
(<https://www.facebook.com/District8MSUE>)

Record books are back up on the website and are ready for the kids to start working on them. Go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm-county-4-h/4-h-record-books> and find your project area. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

The Mindfulness A to Z for Families program at the Tamarack District Library was a great time! If you or your club would be interested in hosting this in your area or at a club meeting, please reach out and let me know.

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **4-H CCC January/February Challenge** **Date: 1/1 – 2/29**
- Dog Committee meets Date: 1/04/2023
- Fairboard meets Date: 1/08/2023
- Horse Leaders meet Date: 1/10/2023
- County Wide Dog Practice Date: **TBD / See FB page**
- 4-H Advisory Council meets (ZOOM) Date: 1/15/2023
- Community Connections meets Date: 1/15/2023
- Small Animal Committee meets Date: 1/22/2023
- Youth Livestock Committee meets Date: 1/22/2023
- MCFAAC meets Date: 1/22/2023
- **Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, Prospect** **Date: 4/14/2024**
 Weigh-in/Tagging
- **Final Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, Prospect** **Date: 4/26/2024**
 Weigh-in/Tagging

Times and locations for each 4-H committee meeting can be found on the front page of this newsletter!

Don't forget to visit the Montcalm County Fairgrounds webpage
<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>.

Other Services Offered:

MSUE Master Gardener Hotline:

1-888-678-3464

The hotline is open weekdays between 9-noon and 1 – 4 p.m.

Select option “1” to speak directly with a gardening expert.

Ask an Expert:

Ask Extension offers one-to-one answers from MSU Extension experts and Extension Master Gardener volunteers on topics such as lawns, gardening, agriculture, nutrition and physical activity, food safety, food preservation, natural resources, community development, youth programming and more!

Ask here:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/ask-an-expert>





Livestock Market Weigh In Information:



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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 AT 6 PM – 8 PM

Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Prospect Feeder Weigh-in/Tagging Event

Montcalm County Fairgrounds and Events



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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 AT 6 PM – 8 PM

Final Feeder Beef, Goats, Sheep, and Prospect Feeders Weigh-in/Tagging Event

Montcalm County Fairgrounds and Events



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2024 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

MSU Extension invites 4-H members, families, volunteers and staff members to join them Feb. 24 for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women’s basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

The 18th annual event celebrates the 4-H and MSU Extension community. Attendance is free for MSU Extension friends, Michigan 4-H members and their families, MSU Extension and 4-H volunteers, as well as MSU Extension professionals. Make ticket reservations at extension.msu.edu/4HDayatBreslin2024.

“Our 4-H programs reach every county in the state and 4-H Day at the Breslin is a fun way to bring that community together for a day of comradery and celebration,” said Julie Chapin, director of MSU Extension children and youth programs. “We can’t wait to join with the youth, families, volunteers and staff that make these programs possible.”

4-H Day at the Breslin participants are encouraged to come early to partake in MSU Extension games and activities throughout the concourse. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Visitors to Breslin Center events must comply with MSU’s [clear bag policy](#). For more information on this event, contact your local MSU Extension office.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year.

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert’s Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members’ name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members’ favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Reserve 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 Kansas City Royals! 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy discounted tickets. In addition, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers item (details to be released shortly).
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

Tickets are available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. To order your tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

January 9: 4-H Wild Spartans - Anishinaabe Perspectives in Natural Resources Management *Online*

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will delve into how tribes use traditional knowledge and values (giikendaasowin) in natural resources management. Meet Brad Silet, biologist with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024-jan

January 17: Adulting 101 - Psychology of Spending and Saving *Online*

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to reflect on your personal financial journey, your emotional connection to money, and gain budgeting resources to help you along the way.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/psychology

January 22: The Parent Talk System Webinar Series *Online*

The Parent Talk System is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-webinar-series-january-2024

January 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat *Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize a series of science lessons from MSU Extension that can be taught with no science background and household materials. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. 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-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddley-squat
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddley-squat7pm

February 17: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest

MSU Campus, East Lansing

Interested in a career working with animals? Learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort of Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers. Registration closes Feb. 1.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2024





All of this and more!



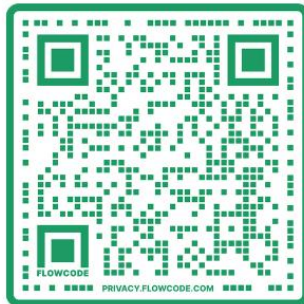
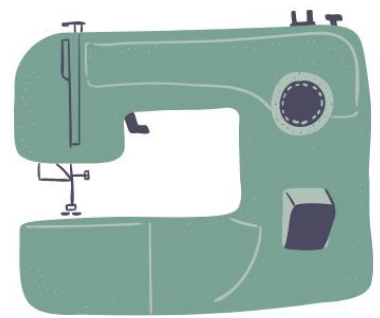
4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



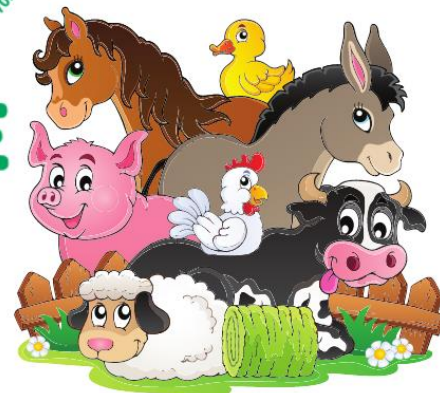
To find your local 4-H Program Coordinator, or to learn more about what 4-H can offer you and your family, go to:



https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/join_4_h



4-H GROWS HERE





4-H CCC December Challenge Recognition:

Our 4H club, Montcalm friends and critters, caroled and gave out Christmas cards the kids made at Greenville extended care where mom lives and at Hathaway Hills. We had a great time!

The Rebel Clovers 4-H Club



Our 4H club bought 2 turkeys and the families bought the fixings for 2 families this year needing help. Picture of 3 of our 4Hers dropping off to our first family.

Tails and Trails 4-H Club
December 11 at 1:21 PM · 🌐

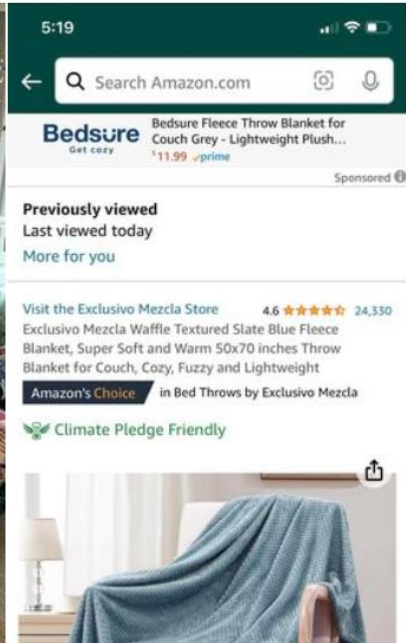
We asked... and you delivered! Our count stands at 122 and counting! SO EXCITED to reach our goal, but we cannot stop now!!

We don't want to leave any Veteran at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, without a new lap blanket this Christmas, so PLEASE donate one if you can!

We are overwhelmed with the kindness pouring in from our friends, family and our entire community for these Veterans! Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!! 🇺🇸 🇨🇦 🇩🇪

Our drop off location is at GorillaTechs 12355 Northland Drive Cedar Springs, Mi

I have attached a sample found on Amazon, that has been a nice example of what you might like to donate. (Any color)





4-H CCC December Challenge Recognition:



4-H Curious Clovers PVT




Curious Clovers 4-H Club was able to support over 20 local families with Christmas gifts this year, by setting up giving trees all around Cedar Springs!


Winfield Hustlers 4-H Club conducted a bake sale during Lakeview's Christmas in Lakeview event. All funds raised were donated throughout each school within the county, for families in need!

WINFIELD HUSTLER 4H CLUB

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE



DECEMBER 2, 2023
10 AM - 2 PM
LAKEVIEW ELEVATOR, LLC & LEPPINKS



**Montcalm County Fair
Board Invites you to...**

MEGA RAFFLE

**Don't miss out on the fun!
Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Door
Prizes, Music, Cash Bar and Light
Refreshments**

Held on Saturday January 20th, 2024 from
7:00p.m.-10:30p.m.
at The Ash Building
8784 Peck Rd
Greenville, MI 48838

\$30 per ticket, Tickets on sale now! Please
email mcfamarketingcommittee@gmail.com
for tickets near you!
Everyone is welcome!

No need to be present to win the Mega Raffle

For more information visit
<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com>



Flyers

2024 STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST AND SHOW

*Cost for the showmanship contest is \$2.00.
Register by January 19th, 2024*

Day of show entry for:

- *breed classes - \$4.00 per entry*
- *photography - \$2.00 per entry*
- *breed identification \$2.00 per entry*
- *educational display \$2.00 per entry*



27TH JAN 2024



**7.00 - 8.00 AM CHECK-IN
9.00 AM CONTEST BEGINS**



**MSU PAVILLION
4301 FARM LANE
EAST LANSING, MI**



**CONTACT GLENDA W/ QUESTIONS
517-676-7303 | WEISSGLE@MSU.EDU**

REGISTER:



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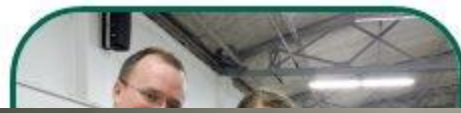
https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanship_state_rabbit_and_cavy/

Rabbit School

Schedule

January 27, 2024

Where: MSU Extension 4-H Rabbit Show MSU Pavilion 4301 Farm Lane East Lansing, Michigan
Contact: Glenda with Questions 517-676-7303 | WEISSGLE@MSU.EDU



4-H

ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST

FEBRUARY 17, 2024
MSU ANTHONY HALL



MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

Extension

1:00pm

Advanced Rabbit Showmanship

What separates the Overall Showmanship Champion from 1st and 2nd Place in class. Learn from Morgan Griffin in her follow-up session for advanced showman.

2:00pm

Judging Terminology

Pinched hindquarters. Hollow loin. Peaks too far forward. Flat. Low shoulders. Sloping topline. Learning these terms is important to understanding how to improve your herd.



Learn Live. Watch the recordings on
The Rabbit Show YouTube page





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4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST

FEBRUARY 17, 2024
MSU ANTHONY HALL





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Michigan 4-H Horse Program

**2024
Year-at-a-
Glance**

**February 2nd & 3rd,
Judging Clinic and
Practice Horse Judging
Contest**

**March 16th, State
Hippology Contest**

**April 13th, State 4-H &
FFA Horse Judging
Contest**

**August 16th-18th, 4-H
State Horse Show**

Any further questions email David Lindsay, Youth Equine Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu

Norma Agnew Memorial Hairy Horse Show

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 am start - MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI - \$40 stall - \$8.00 class
All proceeds to benefit MSU Youth Horse programs.

**Join us for an interactive horse show where the judges wear microphones
and give on-the-spot feedback to exhibitors!**

No ribbons or points will be awarded for class placing; the feedback is your reward!

Sunday, 8:30 am

102. Fine Horse Showmanship 8-19 yr olds

103. Open Showmanship 20 & over

104. Open Showmanship 14-19 yr old

105. Open Showmanship 13-8 yr old

106. Cloverbud Showmanship 5-7 yr old

-15 minute break-

107. Fine Horse Hunter Pleasure 20 & over

108. Fine Horse Hunter Pleasure 8-19 yr old

109. Open Hunter Pleasure 20 & over

110. Open Hunter Pleasure 14-19 yr old

111. Open Hunter Pleasure 13-8 yr old

112. Adult Hunt Seat Pleasure Walk-Trot

113. Youth Hunt Seat Pleasure Walk-Trot

114. Open Hunt Seat Equitation 20 & over

115. Open Hunt Seat Equitation 14-19 yr old

116. Open Hunt Seat Equitation 13-8 yr old

117. Cloverbud English Equitation 5-7 yr old

118. Adult Hunt Seat Equitation Walk-Trot 20 & over

119. Youth Hunt Seat Equitation Walk-Trot 19-8 yr

-15 minute break-

120. Adult Walk-Trot English Pleasure (Saddle Seat)

121. Youth Walk Trot English Pleasure (Saddle Seat)

122. Open English (Saddle Seat) Pleasure 20 & over

123. Open English (Saddle Seat) Pleasure 19-8 yr old

124. Open Saddle Seat Equitation 20 & over

125. Open Saddle Seat Equitation 19-8 yr old

126. Walk Trot Saddle Seat Equitation 8 yr & over

-15 minute break-

127. Fine Horse Western Pleasure All ages

128. Open Western Pleasure 20 & Over

129. Open Western Pleasure 14-19 yr old

130. Open Western Pleasure 13-8 yr old

131. Adult Western Pleasure Walk-Trot 20 & over

132. Youth Western Pleasure Walk-Trot 19-8 yr old

133. Adult Ranch Riding 20 & over

134 Youth Ranch Riding 19 & under

135. Open Western Horsemanship 20 & over

136. Open Western Horsemanship 14-19 yr old

137. Open Western Horsemanship 13 & under

138. Cloverbud Western Horsemanship 5-7 yr old

139. Adult Western Horsemanship Walk-Trot 20 & over

140. Youth Western Horsemanship Walk-Trot 19-8 yr

- **An Approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar**
- Event open to all, not just 4-H members!
- ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required in all youth Hunt/Saddle Seat classes.
- Negative Coggins in last 12 months required.
- No stallions allowed at this event!
- Show clothes are optional.
- Class entries will close at 11:00 a.m. on the day of show.
- Horses may arrive after 5 pm on Saturday.

- No refunds will be issued after 3/10/24.
- **ONLY PREPAID STALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** A limited number of stalls are available. You must have a stall, no showing out of trailer! All horse stalls must use bedding.
- Stalls may also be reserved with credit card online at:
https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645
Or mail checks payable to MSU
Hairy Horse Show – Attn: Carla
474 S. Shaw Lane, Rm 1287
East Lansing, MI 48824

Cloverbud Policy (age 5-7 as of 1/1/2024). ALL 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI-approved helmets.

- **Age 5 (6, or 7):** May be involved with equine on a halter and lead. They **MUST** be directly accompanied one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on foot holding the animal's halter or lead to maximize safety.
- **Age 6 (or 7):** May ride a horse unaccompanied, but only at the walk. Adult volunteers should be in the ring with the Cloverbud at all times.
- **Age 7 only:** May participate in walk-trot events with adult volunteers in the ring at all times. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI-approved helmets for all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences.

Questions? Email Carla McLachlan: CarlaM@msu.edu

Credit Card payment for stall reservation available at:

https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645

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Department of Animal Science

4-H Shooting Sports

Club Name: 4-H Precision Seekers

Club Leader: Scott Wallace
616-826-6310
scott.wallace.mich@gmail.com

Club Discipline: .22 Rifle (2 divisions Field and Target)

Age Requirement: 12-19 4-H Age (as of Jan 1 of the program year)

Location: Flat River Conservation Club (Rifle Side)
300 S Greenville Rd
Greenville, MI

Meetings: Weekly April 2024 – August 2024 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Required Items: Eye Protection, Hearing Protection, shooting matt, .22 Ammo (no reloads allowed).

Clothing: Appropriate attire without any questionable graphics or statements and shoes that completely cover the feet. No military/tactical clothing or accessories are allowed at 4-H events.

Parent or Guardian: All youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during 4-H activities.

Guns: The Gun Club has .22LR Target Rifles we can use. Youth can bring their own rifle to use if it is a properly functioning .22 Field or Target rifle. All guns must be unloaded and in a gun case. No tactical type firearms are permitted in 4-H. Only one bullet will be allowed to be loaded into the gun, magazine, tube, etc. at a time.

Competitions: We will hold 2 competitions for those youth club members who would like to participate (not mandatory). A county competition sometime prior to the fair, and then the state competition which is usually held in August. More info to come during regular club meetings in 2024.

4-H Club Signup: Registration will open in September 2023. You can do this online or contact our County Program Coordinator. You must be registered in the 4-H Precision Seekers club to be able to participate.

Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator
Montcalm County
989-831-7514

What to expect: Our focus will be on gun safety, proper gun handling, responsibilities of gun ownership, gun maintenance, proper shooting techniques, improving your accuracy, and having fun.

Volunteers/Instructors: If any parents would be interested in becoming a Volunteer or Instructor for the club, please contact me or Sunni. Additional instructors would allow us to offer more shooting disciplines at club meetings. 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines include Archery, Rifle (BB, Pellet, .22) Shotgun (Trap, Skeet), Muzzle Loader, and Pistol (Pellet).



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