



November 2023

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

I just wanted to say thank you again, to all of you that help support this program in this county. I appreciate all the extra time and effort you all put in, to make 4-H in Montcalm County, something to be proud of.

Thank you to all the volunteers within the clubs and committees that have turned in all their required annual documents and participated in the Fall Leader Series training. It means a lot to me to be able to provide resources and support, to make your lives easier, so that we can focus on what really matters.

I hope November is a great month for all of you!

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 November 6th at 7pm at the Ash Building. All are welcome to attend.

Marketing / Events Committee

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

Check out our Facebook page for an up-to-date listing of events. Or go to our website to see what events are coming up!

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/events>

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

The next Dog Committee meeting is November 2nd at 6:30pm at the Ash Building. County-wide dog practice updates will be posted on the Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information.

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

Our next meeting will be November 8th at 7pm, at the Ash Building.

Advisory Council

Our next meeting is the 20th of November at 6:30pm at the MSU-Extension office in Stanton and on Zoom. The zoom link is on the 1st page of this newsletter. We're looking for suggestions to make the Annual Awards Banquet better and get more participation. 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. In honor of Veterans Day, November's club challenge is to show your support to a local Veterans organization or a local first responder. Post pictures of you and/or your club, saying thanks, dropping off baked goods or coffee, etc. The possibilities are endless. Get creative and have fun! See pages 9 and 10 for more information.



Committee News

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

Our next meeting will be November 27th at 6pm at the Ash Building. If you're interested in assisting the Small Animal Committee on planning and ideas for this coming years' fair, please join us on the 4th Monday of each month, at 6pm. If you cannot make it in person but would still like an input, a zoom link can be provided/available!

Youth Livestock Committee

The next meeting will be on November 27th 6:30pm. This committee has been able to raise enough funds to provide the bedding for the animals during fair, for the last two years. This committee is always looking for new ideas and members. If you're between the ages of 5 and 19, show livestock at the fair, and would like to be more involved, we'd love to see you on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

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

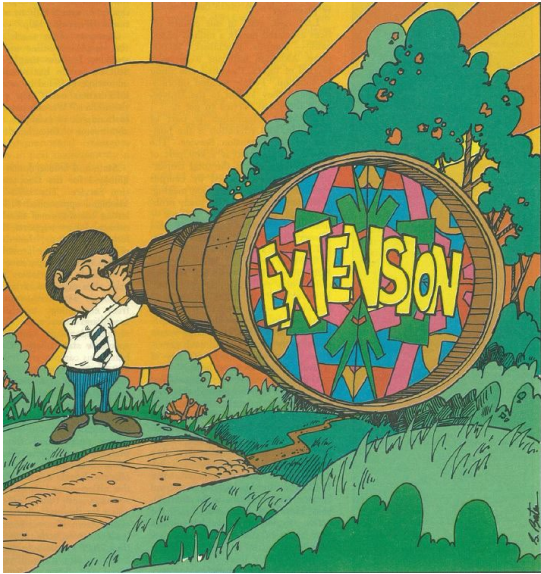
The MCFAAC is meeting on November 27th at 7pm. If you're interested in assisting the Ag Committee or its members make next year's fair even better, feel free to let them know at the next meeting.

Shooting Sports Update

See page 11 for an informative letter from the new 4-H Shooting Sports Club (4-H Precision Seekers). They're open for registrations for youth ages 12-19 who are interested in learning more about .22LR, gun safety and proper handling, responsibilities of gun ownership, gun maintenance, proper shooting techniques, improving your accuracy and having fun! Reach out to myself or Scott Wallace, if you or a youth you know is interested.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Montcalm County Extension Office 4-H / District 8

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

If you have military members in your family, and would like to honor them, please send me a picture from their time in service and a little about them. I would like to honor at least one county Veteran per day, for the month of November.

I am working on a pre-fair survival meeting, as well as a post-fair review meeting for next year. I am looking for suggestions on topic areas that may need to be emphasized at either of these. If you have any suggestions, please send them my way.

We didn't get a whole lot of participation with the Fall Leader Series training, so if you have any suggestions on how to get more interest, please send that my way as well. If you've missed any of the trainings and would like the resources, please email me at haglun10@msu.edu to coordinate a day/time that works. If there are any subject areas that you or your club would be interested in, please send me an email with the topic and what day works best for you/your club. Follow our FB pages for more info!

We have a lot of resources available at the Extension office, for those that are looking for ideas or assistance. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you're looking for something specific.





COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **4-H CCC November Challenge** **Date: 11/1 – 11/30**
- Dog Committee meets **Date: 11/02/2023**
- County Wide Dog Practice **Date: TBD / See FB page**
- Fairboard meets **Date: 11/06/2023**
- Horse Leaders meet **Date: 11/08/2023**
- **Market Beef Weigh-in/Tagging** **Date: 11/19/2023**
- 4-H Advisory Council meets **Date: 11/20/2023**
- Community Connections meets **Date: 11/20/2023**
- Small Animal Committee meets **Date: 11/27/2023**
- Youth Livestock Committee meets **Date: 11/27/2023**
- MCFAAC meets **Date: 11/27/2023**
- **Final Market Beef Weigh-in/Tagging** **Date: 12/2/2023**
- **Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, Prospect Weigh-in/Tagging** **Date: 4/14/2023**
- **Final Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, Prospect Weigh-in/Tagging** **Date: 4/26/2023**

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:



SUN, NOV 19 AT 2 PM

Market Beef Weigh-in/Tagging Event


 Created by Jackie Nadeau

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SAT, DEC 2 AT 9 AM

Final Market Beef Weigh-in/Tagging Event

 Created by Jackie Nadeau

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SUN, APR 14, 2024 AT 6 PM

Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Prospect Feeder W...

 Created by Jackie Nadeau


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 Invite




FRI, APR 26, 2024 AT 6 PM

Final Feeder Beef, Goats, Sheep, and Prospect Fee...

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 Invite





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension partners with legislators to host first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, October 4, Michigan State University Extension hosted the first Michigan Day at the Capitol, in partnership with State Reps. Matthew Bierlein (R-Vassar) and Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Twp.). The event, held at Heritage Hall, showcased the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and brought visibility to its efforts throughout the state.

“Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was a great opportunity to educate about and bring awareness to the 4-H program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “We truly appreciate Reps. Bierlein and Miller for their collaboration in hosting this event.”

Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reaches nearly 100,000 young people ages 5 to 19 each year. Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H’ers are offered hands-on learning experiences where they can explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility.

“Michigan 4-H is helping to grow youth in every county of our great state but we would like to reach even more young people with the life-changing program,” continued Tyler. “We hope that our event brings us closer to that goal by increasing the visibility of our 4-H program and all that we offer to youth in our state.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was also held, with event hosts Reps. Bierlein and Miller delivering comments to the audience. Also providing comments were Tyler, MSU Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Genesee County Clerk Register of Deeds Domonique Clemons, who is a Michigan 4-H alum, and Lenawee County 4-H’er Lia Kurowicki.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H. To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h.

Michigan 4-H license plate proposed

On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that if passed, will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, sponsored the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State.

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

The bills were referred to the Michigan House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure. On October 11, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller and MSU Extension Associate Director Dr. Deanna East testified before the committee in support of the 4-H fundraising license plate legislation.



Reps. Miller (left) and Bierlein (right) with MSU Interim President Woodruff (center).



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Explore the globe with Crafts Around the World!



Curious about other countries around the globe? Like making crafts? The Michigan 4-H Crafts Around the World series provides lessons and instructions for youth to create simple crafts and increase cultural awareness.

In its latest piece, youth can learn about the European country of Norway while making a Norwegian gnome. In Norway, a gnome is called a nisse: a creature who lives in barns or homes, protecting the countryside and the people who live there.

View this activity at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse.

View all the Crafts Around the World activities at www.canr.msu.edu/global_cultural_education/resources.

November 8: Adulthood 101 - Professionalism in the Workplace

Online

Participants will increase their awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider, including: shared workspace, relationships with coworkers, communicating and setting boundaries. This free online series is open to teens and young adults (17 and under) and youth development professionals, teachers and adults (18 and up).

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood10111-8-23

November 14: Wild Spartans – Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry

Online

Jump into the world of breeding and caring for amphibians and reptiles. Meet Zach Brinks, vice president of live operations at Josh's Frogs. Learn about his work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/

November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences. This series will provide Michigan 4-H 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 for the convenience of volunteers.

12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences

7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm

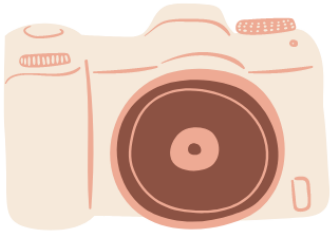
November 28: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving — and support 4-H! From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate by giving their support financially or helping spread the word. Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period. County 4-H endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs and every dollar is an investment in 4-H!

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>





All of this and more!

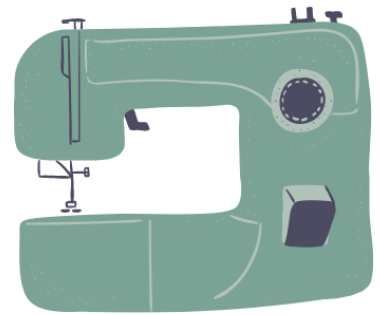
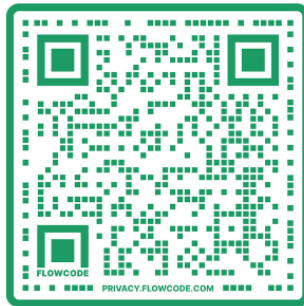


4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



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 CCC NOVEMBER CHALLENGE

IN HONOR OF
VETERANS DAY

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**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TO LOCAL
VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS AND
FIRST RESPONDERS**

**SUBMIT YOUR PICTURES ON THE
4-H COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
COMMITTEE FACEBOOK PAGE**



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

1-30 November, 2023



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/656549581412123>





In honor of Veterans Day, the 4-H Community Connections Committee's November Challenge is to show your support to local Veterans organizations or first responders. Take a picture of you and/or your club showing support to a local organization, dropping off thank-you cards, coffee or donuts, talking with a Veteran, or cleaning up a local memorial. The possibilities are endless, and your support shown will mean more to them than you'll ever know. Get creative and have fun. Don't forget to post the pictures on their Facebook page Montcalm County 4-H Community Connection Committee or email them to haglun10@msu.edu with a blurb about the local organization. If you would like a list of local organizations within your area, please reach out to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu or (989) 831-7514. Looking forward to seeing your pictures!

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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ADULTING 101 FALL 2023 SERIES



REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/ADULT101FALL23/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/adult101fall23/)

- **SEPT. 18 AT 5PM:** HOW TO TELL PRINCIPALS & POLITICIANS THEY ARE FULL OF POOP WHILE BEING POLITE
- **OCT. 18 AT 6PM:** WEALTH BUILDING
- **NOV. 8 AT 6PM:** WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM





States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Taiwan · Argentina



Costa Rica



Japan



Norway



South Korea



Argentina



Taiwan

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 visitors rarely get to see.

Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with 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. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

*Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program

2024 Travel Dates*

Japan 8-week:	June 12—August 9, 2024
Costa Rica:	June 20—July 19, 2024
Argentina:	June 20—July 15, 2024
Norway:	June 20—July 20, 2022
Japan 4-week:	July 10—August 9, 2024
South Korea:	July 16—August 15, 2024
Taiwan:	July 16—August 15, 2024

*Program dates subject to slight change or modification

Eligibility:

4-H ages **12–18** for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan, **12–17** for Korea, and **15–18** for Costa Rica, Norway, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

Program Information:

- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States' 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States' 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Application Deadline & Program Fees:

Contact your 4-H State Coordinator for deadlines and to apply. Please note that program details are subject to change.

For more information:

www.states4hexchange.org

OIB@states4h.org

(206) 462-2200



<https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/>

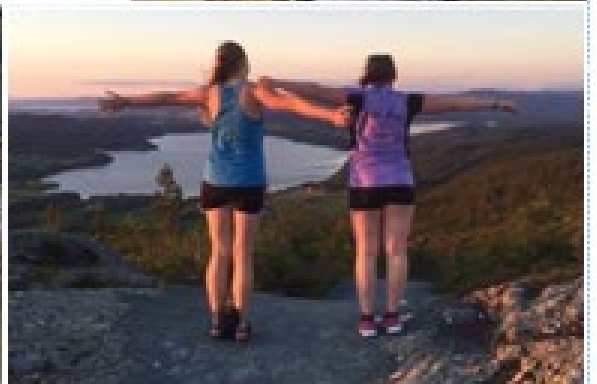
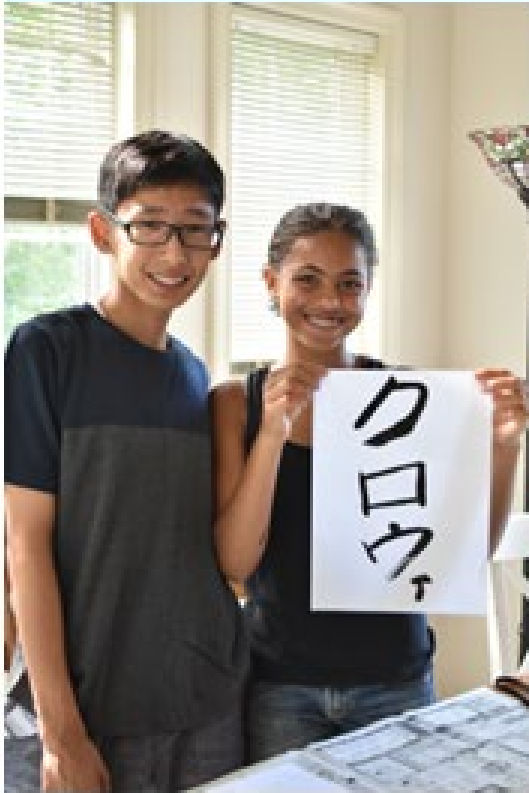


[@states4hinternational](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternational)



2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship; one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



Program Fees Include:

Welcome packet; overnight national departure orientation; arrival orientation in host country; portion of chaperone fee; Accident & Sickness Medical Insurance; in-country transportation, lodging, and meals while on-program; country-specific activities as determined by international partner organizations; overnight national departure debriefing upon return.

Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
 - ◊ No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

FAQs:

Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?

A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak another language?

A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?

A: States' 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

For Michigan 4-H processing of applications, we need youth to apply
by **December 8, 2023!**



Naming Contest!

McCarthy Park has recently finished installing a Disc Golf course that will be ready for use in the Spring of 2024. However, we are currently seeking suggestions on what to name the course. Montcalm County would like to invite you to participate in our naming contest!

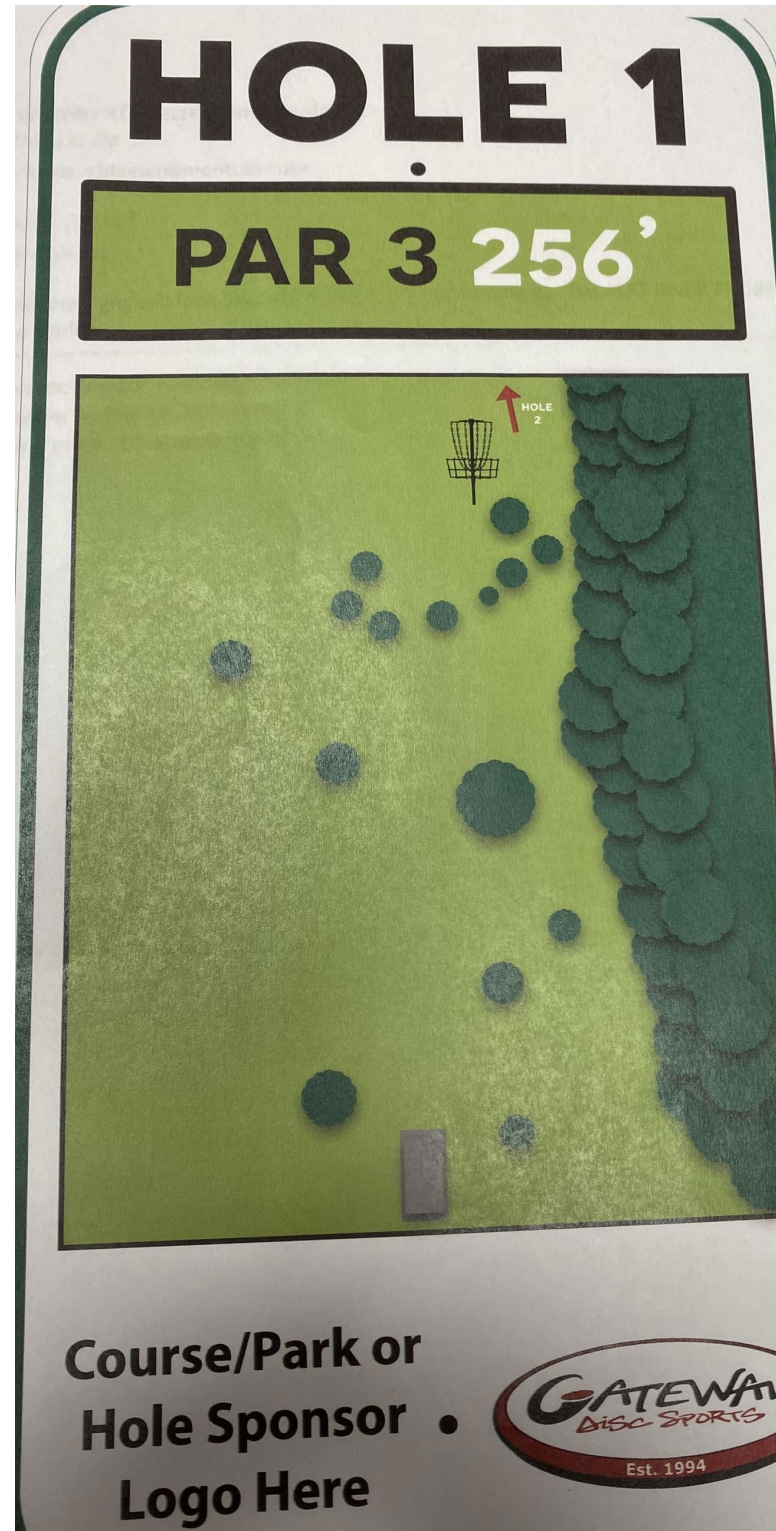
If you would like to participate, please contact the County Controller's Office with the following information:

**Your Name
Phone Number and/or Email
Suggested name for the course**

You can submit your information by mail, email, phone or fax.

**Address: 211 W Main Street
PO Box 368
Stanton, MI 48888**

**Phone: 989-831-7300
Fax: 989-831-7375
Email: controller@montcalm.us**





Flyers

National 4-H Congress

- November 24-28, 2023
- Tour Atlanta, GA
- Meet Youth from across the US
- Register with your county 4-H Office by August 15



Do you know a youth who is interested in meeting other young people from across the country and learning about leadership & service? Reserve spots for your county today!

4-H National Congress brings together youth from all across the United States in Atlanta, Georgia. Through interactions with 4-Hers from all regions of our country, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska, participants learn how to improve their local 4-H program. Through understanding of the differences and similarities they can better understand themselves. Youth see nationally renowned speakers, which in the past have included a wide range of individuals, including Holocaust survivors, social entrepreneurs, Miss America, and civil rights leaders. The speakers have inspired participants to be a source for positive change in their club, community, country, and world.

Participants attend breakout sessions on a wide range of topics, including communications, leadership, and STEM. National Congress delegates attend educational tours, including the Georgia History Center, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park, Georgia Aquarium, and Coca-Cola Headquarters.

Youth carry out community service projects throughout the Atlanta area. In the past this has included programs in parks, community schools, and other community organizations.

Reserve your spot by August 15 by contacting Laura Potter-Niesen at potterla@msu.edu



MINDFULNESS A TO Z

A WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES TO
HELP CREATE A MORE GRATEFUL,
CALM AND CONNECTED FAMILY



TAMARACK DISTRICT LIBRARY
DECEMBER 12TH
6PM



REGISTER HERE:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MontcalmMindfulness/>

From awareness to Zen, we've got you covered.



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SPECTACULAR!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**A MSU PRE-COLLEGE
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
FOR YOUTH AGES 13+**

**EAST LANSING
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023**



*Held on the campus of
Michigan State University*





PennState
College of Health and
Human Development

Tween S.P.A.C.E.

Sleep Patterns, Appetite Control, and Environment



STUDY

A RESEARCH STUDY
FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS
AND THEIR PARENTS

**PARTICIPATE
FROM HOME**

Earn up to
\$200

**SCAN TO FIND
OUT IF YOU
ARE ELIGIBLE!**

What is required?

- ✓ Parent & child attend 2 online Zoom visits
- ✓ Children will use a provided smartphone to answer survey questions
- ✓ Children will wear sleep and physical activity monitors for two weeks
- ✓ Parents will answer an online survey



OR VISIT
[HTTPS://REDCAP.LINK/TWEENSACE](https://redcap.link/tweenspace)

More Information (814) 865-5245 tweenspace@psu.edu