



4-H Family News

Oakland County



Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp



OAKLAND COUNTY 4-H HORSE CAMP

June 22 - 26, 2025
Springfield Oaks County Park
12451 Andersonville Road.
Davisburg, MI 48350

Register Here: 

Newly added for 2025! Mini Horse driving class!

Four-day horse camp at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg for youth ages 8-19. Four instructional classes daily include: Fitting & Showing, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Dressage, Jumping, Trail, Centered Riding, Bareback, Ranch Riding, In-Hand Miniature Horse, Mini Horse Driving Class and Gymkhana.

Cost: \$225 before April 14th | April 15th-May 31st \$250 | After June 1st \$275

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Newly added for 2025! Mini Horse driving class!


Join us for the **Oakland County 4-H Horse Summer Camp** at Springfield Oaks County Park from June 22-26, 2025!

This hands-on, fun-filled camp is perfect for riders of all levels, covering everything from Western Horsemanship & Ranch Riding to Jumping, Gymkhana, Bareback, Mini horse Driving & More!

Don't Miss Out!

 **Cost:** \$225 before April 14th | April 15th-May 31st \$250 |After June 1st \$275

 **Camping:** \$30/night

 **All Meals Provided**

Learn, ride, and make lifelong memories with fellow horse lovers!

Visit our website for registration forms:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/oakland/4-h/horse-camp-forms>



Discovery Day!

4-H Discovery Day is fast approaching!

Please invite your club members to host a table and represent! We will set up a table for you to do an activity and/or showcase pictures and projects your club members have been working on. This is a great opportunity to showcase your club and recruit new youth! 4-H grows here!

CLUB LEADERS, You can RSVP here to reserve a table for your club: **Please RSVP [HERE](#) by April 15th.**

We are looking for volunteers (youth and/or adults) to assist with other activities during this event, as well!

Please sign up [HERE](#) if you are interested: (*use this link if you are able to assist with activities OTHER than your club's table)

4-H DISCOVERY DAY 2025
Saturday, April 26, 2025
10 AM - 2 PM
 Springfield Oaks County Park
 12451 Andersonville Road
 Davidsburg, MI 48350

JOIN US FOR A FREE FAMILY EVENT!

- ★ Live animal presentations
- ★ Educational, interactive games, crafts, and activities for the whole family
- ★ Learn about 4-H club opportunities available for youth
- ★ Learn about exhibiting at the Oakland County Fair

All provided by local organizations and 4-H clubs! Concessions will be available for purchase.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS | **THE FAIR**
 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension | Contact: **Lisa Mazzola**, mazzola@msu.edu, 248-858-0892

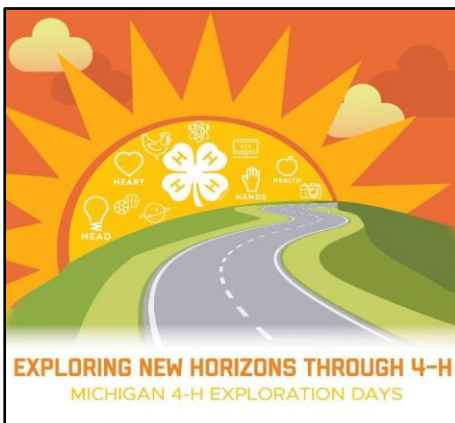
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Volunteer Recognition – Jordan Schwarz

Jordan Schwarz joined 4-H in April 2024 and has been an **AMAZING** addition. Jordan truly encourages our youth to put their best foot forward. Jordan has not only helped his club grow but has also chaperoned in Exploration Days, hosted a table at Discovery Day, held a session at 4-H Spark and Share summit, and so much more in his first year! Jordan loves helping other people and seeing the spark from the youth that are being helped. Jordan allows our youth to use their own voice to pose their own questions, findings, and learnings. Thank you Jordan for continuing to make the best better!



Exploration Days Registration is OPEN!



Exploration Days 2025 is June 18-20, 2025! Live like a college student while exploring careers, building skills, and envisioning your future.

This three-day pre-college program offers over 100 fun learning sessions across MSU campus led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff, and experts. Ages 12-19. Cost \$250. Very limited scholarships available. **Registration closes April 25, 2025.**

Questions? Contact Cheyenne Shields at shield69@msu.edu.

Register: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information



Bowers Farm 4-H Club Hosts a Career Night!

After months of preparing and planning for the event, Bowers Farm 4-H club hosted a Career Night last month! They invited 12 professionals to talk about their careers, how they got there, and what they love about the jobs. 4-H youth took notes, asked great questions, and learned a lot about the variety of career options they have in the field of agriculture and beyond! It was a great, well-organized and very informative evening for all! The 4-H Club officers and the rest of the club did a GREAT job coordinating and organizing this fantastic event! Way to go Bowers Farm 4-H Club!!



Left to Right- Ella Tesluk: Treasurer, Emily Seifert: President, Brooklyn Hetrick: Secretary, Genevieve Zmich: Historian/Social Media, Sam Bell: Photography, Lucas Kissoondial: FFA Liaison

4-H Hippology Workshop

4-H HIPPOLOGY WORKSHOP

April 12, 2025
12 - 2 PM
Tollgate Farm and Education Center
28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48377

Are you ready to learn more about the world of horses? This workshop is the perfect introduction to hippology contests and will feature 3 hands-on stations.

- Written test
- Identification Challenge
- Scenario Group Activity

Whether you're joining as a club or individual, come enhance your knowledge and skills in a fun and interactive way!
Pre-registration is required.

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1. Written Test
2. Identification Challenge
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<https://forms.office.com/r/7QZQ9mDJNW>

4-H Healthy Horizons Club

FREE 12-week Health Education Programming for Youth Aged 8-18!

WHEN: February 27, 2025 – May 22, 2025
Thursdays 4 PM – 6 PM

WHERE: Baldwin Center
212 Baldwin Ave
Pontiac, MI 48342

Weekly Topics –
Series for Mindfulness & Nutrition Programming

Sign up [here!](#)

Contact- Autumn Walton, waltonau@msu.edu or 248-858-0894

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Scan the QR code to sign up:

When?
February 27, 2025 - May 22, 2025
Thursdays
4 PM - 6 PM
Where?
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212 Baldwin Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

Weekly Topics

- Week 1: Yoga
- Week 2: Positive Relationships - Affirmations
- Week 3: Mindful Eating
- Week 4: Naming Feelings/Mood Management
- Week 5: Mood Management
- Week 6: Stress Management/The Gift of Presence
- Week 7: Replace Sugary Drinks
- Week 8: MyPlate
- Week 9: Reading Nutrition Facts Labels
- Week 10: Eat More Whole Grains
- Week 11: Healthier Food - Fast
- Week 12: The Power of Eating Breakfast



4-H Animal & Vet Science Camp

Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is for youth who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science related projects and activities. Participants must be ages 13 to 17 as of January 1.

Registration will open on April 1 at noon and is available on a first come, first served basis.

More information:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/



2025 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop



Spring 2025 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop:

May 3rd and 4th, 2025 at the Shiawassee Conservation Association (4247 M-52 Owosso, MI 48867). Registration closes April 13, 2025.

Register and more information:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=366E66A894043D1F550E612E220B2353CBD12E4B6B4F551D623D2284A6DDC366>

Spring 4-H Outdoor Education Workshop



Registration is now open for the Spring 4-H Outdoor Education Workshop! Spend the weekend at beautiful Camp Newaygo practicing skills and learning tips and tricks for working with youth in the outdoors. Participants can choose from a Paddling with Youth Basics learning track or Project Learning Tree and More! Lodging and meals included! Find full details and registration at

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025OutdoorEdWorkshop/>

Registration closes April 4, 2025. Spots are limited for both courses- secure your spot today!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign



From April 21 – 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. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

April 10: Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar will provide insight on professionalism in the workplace.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism

April 16: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - 4-H Club Fundraising 101

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.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm

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.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series

April 30: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

Online

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. This session will provide practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30

May 1: Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems (IVS)

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar focuses on careers in IVS, the backbone of advanced safety in automobiles.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs

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.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



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 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 – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.

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 Michigan4-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 at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

