



4-H Family News

Oakland County



It's Michigan State Fair Time!



The Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi starts Thursday, 8/29 and runs through Labor Day, Monday, 9/2! The fair includes rides, Shrine Circus, exhibits (livestock, agriculture and home arts), live music & entertainment, shopping, competitions, contests and lots of fair food!

MSU Extension/4-H Active Gold volunteers and teen leaders are needed at the MSU Extension/4-H booth during the fair with free admission and t-shirt for all volunteers, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BA5A82BA2FE3-50396007-2024>

For more information about our booth, please contact Debbie Morgan at morga194@msu.edu

For more Michigan State Fair info, please visit the website at: <https://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/>

Hope to see you there!

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Join Michigan State Fair Youth Council!

If you are interested in joining a group of youth with a mission to increase their knowledge of rural and urban agriculture, improve leadership skills and share their experiences with others - this group is for you! Please contact Cheyenne Shields at shield69@msu.edu

Don't Forget to Re-enroll in 4-H Online

All 4-H members and volunteers must be re-enrolled prior to August 31, 2024, to be counted for the current program year and to prevent interruption of service years.

Registration in the online system is free and allows families to access their children's 4-H enrollment at any time to ensure information is up-to-date! Members and volunteers must be enrolled in order to receive information about upcoming 4-H local and state events or scholarships and awards. All members and volunteers previously enrolled should have a login and password for the 4-H online system. If you have any questions, please call our office at 248-858-0889.

Link to enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com>



Join Our Team as a HealthCorps Member!

Join Our Team and Make a Difference in Your Community! Are you passionate about empowering youth and fostering community well-being? Do you know someone who is?

Oakland County MSU Extension is looking for a motivated individual to join us as a 4-H HealthCorps member! As a 4-H HealthCorps member, you'll gain valuable professional experience with Michigan State University Extension and 4-H and play a significant role in shaping the future of the next generation. If you're looking for a full-time opportunity where your time can make a difference, right here in our backyard, this could be the perfect fit for you.

This position runs from October 1, 2024, through September 12, 2025, and offers a living allowance, an education award, health coverage, childcare assistance if eligible, qualified student loan forbearance and interest accrual repayment, professional development opportunities, and more!

Send your cover letter and resume to Lisa Mazzola at mazzolal@msu.edu by August 1, 2024.



Welcome Toye!

Toye Crawford has joined us to help 4-H program outreach in the Pontiac community! She is currently a student at Davenport University pursuing her bachelor's degree in urban education development. She has a strong passion for making a positive impact within the Pontiac community, where she has been actively involved as a supporter, mentor, and provider of basic needs resources. Growing up, she was a member of 4-H, which instilled in her a sense of responsibility and a commitment to service. Through her experiences in both education and community engagement, she strives to contribute to the growth and development of the youth in Pontiac and beyond.



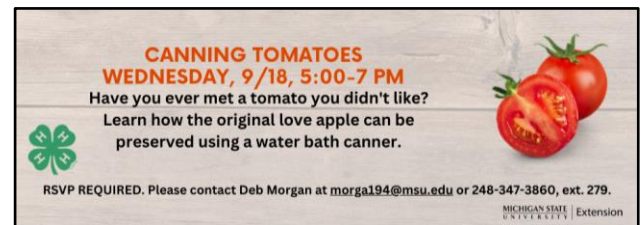
FREE Food Safety & Preservation Programs

CANNING TOMATOES WEDNESDAY, 9/18, 5:00-7 PM

Have you ever met a tomato you didn't like? Learn how the original love apple can be preserved using a water bath canner.

Location: Oakland County Fair Community Room
12451 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350

RSVP REQUIRED. Please contact Deb Morgan at morga194@msu.edu or 248-347-3860, ext. 279.



2024 Awards Ceremony



The 4-H Achievement Awards is a fun evening that honors youth 4-H members and volunteers for their efforts and accomplishments throughout the year. It is their commitment and dedication that encourages each individual to grow, makes our community stronger, and contributes to shaping the future.

The next 4-H Awards Ceremony will be held on **Sunday, October 27th, 2024.**
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Lafayette Grande
1 Lafayette Grande Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

Award applications are here:

<https://sites.google.com/msu.edu/2024achievementawards4-h/home>

Deadline to apply is September 23, 2024.




Leader Update – Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the 4-H Leader Update on September 25, 2024. We will be having an open house style meeting where club leaders can drop by with their club re-enrollment paperwork and receive a gift, enjoy pizza, games, and resources available.

September 25, 2024
6 – 8 pm (Open House)
Executive Office Building (EOB)
2100 Pontiac Lake Rd
Waterford MI, 48328

RSVP will be coming soon!



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Window Display – October 6-12, 2024



All 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate in the annual Window Display Contest. The Window Display Contest is a great way to promote 4-H Clubs around the community and showcase the projects offered by the club. There are cash prizes for the top three community clubs!

Display must be set up by October 6 and judging will be done on October 9.

Please let Kelly know if you are interested in participating and she will send you the RSVP link! kemorris@msu.edu

Wild Spartans Series

Are you looking for something to do as a rainy day learning activity this summer? Maybe you missed our 4-H Wild Spartans Series this winter? Did you know that every session of our 4-H Wild Spartans is recorded and available on our website? View on your own time and learn about careers working in natural resources from professionals who share their experiences in the field, the education and career path they've followed, and offer tips for youth!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series



Available on Video!

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 4

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens



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Join MSU Extension for the seventh annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 4.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate the end of summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day

August 13: 2024 Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

Paddles & Petals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Registration deadline is August 9.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h-session-2

August 16-18: 2024 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show-2024

August 18: Bee Palooza

Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing

Michigan State University is hosting a Bee Palooza event on campus for everyone who is interested in bees to attend!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza

August 22: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will run each Thursday from August 22 – September 19 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20\(COPY_1719621752959\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20(COPY_1719621752959))

September 21: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

Molecular Plant Sciences Building, East Lansing

Join us for an afternoon reception as we recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2024 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 19. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 35 4-H members from 21 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 15 of the 21 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2024 awards are:



Achievement: Amanda Towne of Van Buren County

Beef Science: Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior)

Birds & Poultry Science: Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior) and Emily Seifert of Oakland County (senior)

Civic Engagement and Service: Elliana Specht of Saginaw County (junior)

Companion Animal Science: John Jinks of Monroe County (junior) and Bryant Janetzke of Kent County (senior)

Environmental Science: Amelia Long of Washtenaw County (junior) and Gianna Coppola of Livingston County (senior)

Goat Science: Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Makayla Dopkowski of Cass County (senior)

Leadership: Daisy Branham of Monroe County (junior) and William Rogers of Washtenaw County (senior)

Rabbit and Cavy Science: Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior) and Caitlyn Janicek of Shiawassee County (senior)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM): Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior)

Sheep Science: Clara Heath of Hillsdale County (senior)

Shooting Sports: Taliesan Cox of Luce County (senior)

Swine Science: Katelyn Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior)

Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts: Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Become a 4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps member!

Join 4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

Members will: serve full-time, October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025, and be paid \$18,700. Members also receive a \$7,395 education award, free health coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan forbearance. Apply at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/emp/employers/75110>.





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**4-H & YOUTH
VIRTUAL
SHOWCASE**



JOIN THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIR 4-H AND YOUTH VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

MSU Extension is excited to partner again in 2024 with the Michigan State Fair for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the **Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase**. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. All Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until Tuesday, August 10th

- The showcase includes a wide array of classes including: livestock and companion animal showmanship, horse showmanship, equitation and PEP, all kinds of still exhibits, educational projects and more.
- There is no cost to participate and youth may enter as many classes as they like just by submitting project photos and videos.
- Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair and winners will be announced during the event, August 28 - September 2.

Continuing in 2024, the Michigan State Fair will continue to offer scholarships to exhibitors in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase age 8-19 are eligible to apply for scholarships.

Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at: extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase