



JUNE 2024

# 4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



## Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Registration Opens May 31<sup>st</sup>



On Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, registration in FairEntry opens for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Registration will close on June 14<sup>th</sup> at midnight. The week of June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 4-H Club leaders and superintendents will have a chance to check entries for any errors and make corrections.

We will post the link to the registration on the [Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Page](#) and we will send out an email to all 4-H members. This webpage will also have links to videos and tips to help you register that are also on page 4 of this newsletter. The 4-H Youth Show Book is also your best guide for what is required for all the different entries and available for \$5 in our office. Keep an eye out for an email from 4-H Online announcing the opening on registration!

### UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

**Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Registration Open**  
Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup> at Midnight

**Livestock & Dairy Committee Meeting**  
June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

**4-H Club Leaders and Superintendents Correct 4-H YS Registrations**  
June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**Horse Board & Association Meetings**  
June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

**Still Projects Committee Meeting**  
June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm on Zoom

**4-H Youth Show Leader Meeting**  
June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

**4-H Cat Showmanship Clinic**  
June 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Ann Arbor Cat Clinic, 3690 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**4-H Goat Practice**  
June 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

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## Update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Restrictions

We wanted to update our 4-H families on HPAI. There have been several additional detections of HPAI in dairy herds. As of today, the most recent detection was announced on May 28th. This means exhibition of lactating dairy cattle and those in the last two months of their pregnancy is prohibited until July 28th. **This means we will not have lactating dairy cattle and those in the last two months of pregnancy at the Youth Show.** Youth in these project areas can still participate and alternatives are being developed and will soon be shared.

As of today, the last detection of HPAI in poultry remains May 9th, which means exhibition of poultry shows is prohibited until June 9th. **This means we may still be able to have poultry at the Youth Show, but this could change if there is another detection.**

If you have questions about HPAI or the current detection dates, please visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/diseases/avian/avian-influenza>.

## 4-H Kitchen Deadline for Coordinator

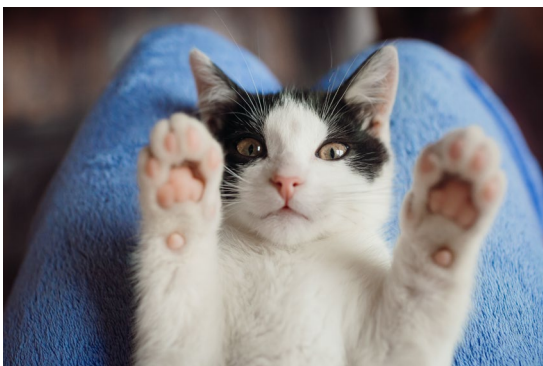
**This week is the last chance for any individuals to come forward to act as the 4-H Kitchen coordinator for the 4-H Kitchen for the 2024 Youth Show! Without a 4-H Kitchen Coordinator, we will be unable to open the 4-H Kitchen during the 2024 Youth Show. This is the only food option available at the Youth Show.**

This position could be split into multiple people but requires someone to be on site each day to monitor the kitchen. We would especially appreciate a volunteer(s) who have a background in food service and/or ServSafe certified. Check out the full position description [here](#).

If you know anyone interested, please have them contact, Jenny Speyer, at [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu) or 734-436-1362.



## 4-H Cat Showmanship Clinic on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 pm



4-H Cat Superintendent Molly Avery will be hosting a cat showmanship clinic on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, from 2-3pm at the Ann Arbor Cat Clinic (3690 Packard Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48108). There will be a presentation on 4-H cat knowledge and a senior showman with his cat to demonstrate showmanship and answer questions. This is a great opportunity for families interested in cat showmanship, new to cat showmanship, or just looking to improve their skills. Families do not need to bring a cat to this event. If you have questions or want to attend, please contact Molly Avery at [whippet99@yahoo.com](mailto:whippet99@yahoo.com) or (313) 377-0168.



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## Auction Order in 2024 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show

The Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show books were printed with last year's auction order. Please disregard the printed version. The correct version for 2024 has been updated on our website and is:

1. **Sale order** will be: Beef, Eggs, Chickens, Lambs, Turkeys, Goats, Dairy, Rabbit, Swine, Feeder Calves.
2. Exhibitors may sell up to two species of large livestock-beef/feeder calves, (exhibitors can sell 2 feeders; OR 1 beef, and 1 feeder, OR 2 beef.)



## Now Accepting 2024 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Sponsorships



Help support educational opportunities for youth at the 2024 4-H Youth Show. Sponsors are needed for the many trophies, plaques and awards that will be distributed at the Youth Show. Sponsors can choose from a variety of project areas including livestock, horse, still projects, and more! Sponsor names will be given to the 4-H'er receiving the award, as well as publicized during the event and on printed materials for the program year. We also encourage 4-H'ers and 4-H families to tell local businesses and individuals about the opportunities to sponsor.

The deadline for sponsorships to be announced is July 1<sup>st</sup>, but we will always take sponsorships after this deadline. Sponsorships are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Ready to sponsor? Check out the sponsorship form here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/uploads/files/2024%20YS%20Sponsor%20Form.pdf>

If you would like a paper copy, please contact Amy or Jenny to get one from the MSU Extension Office.

## Traveling Trophies & Plaques are Due Back to the MSU Extension Office

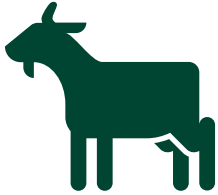
If you won a traveling trophy or plaque last year at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, congratulations on your award! It is now time to return these items to the MSU Extension Office. The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 am – 2 pm. If you need to schedule a time outside those hours, please contact us. Trophies and plaques should be returned no later than July 1st so we can assess their status and polish them up for the next recipient. These trophies mean a lot to the 4-H program, and particularly to the families who donated most of them in memory of a past 4-H participant and family member. Thank you for being a good trophy steward!





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## Goat Practice on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds



Bekah Bushey, the Youth Show Goat Superintendent will be hosting a goat practice on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Youth can bring their goats and have the chance to practice walking the ring and anatomy questions about their goats. Please contact Bekah if you have any questions: 734-657-3374.

## Save the Dates: Upcoming 4-H Youth Show Related Meetings

We want to remind our 4-H Leaders and Superintendents that we have a few upcoming meetings to prepare for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. If you are a 4-H Club Leader and unable to attend, please send a parent or volunteer from your club. If you are a superintendent and cannot attend any of these, please let us know!



- **4-H Youth Show Leader Meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office**
  - At this meeting, 4-H Club leaders will turn in pen counts, pen fees, youth exhibitor fees, and sign ups.
- **Youth Show Superintendents Meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office**
  - At this meeting Superintendents will receive their boxes and go over set up instructions for the WFCG staff and
- **Youth Show Superintendents Meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds**
  - Junior Livestock members will help sort and pack ribbons and we will double check that all our Superintendents have all the ribbons and banners needed.

## Now Accepting 2024 Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship Applications



We are now accepting applications for the Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship listed below. There is also a Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Scholarship for youth ages 15-19 years old. Below are the deadlines for the applications and links to the application forms. These are great opportunities for youth to apply and practice their application skills! Questions? Please contact Jenny Speyer, 4-H Program Instructor at [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu)

- [Washtenaw County 4-H Dairy Scholarship](#): Due July 1<sup>st</sup>
- [Washtenaw County 4-H Poultry Scholarship](#): Due July 1<sup>st</sup>
- [Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship](#): For 2025 Seniors, Due September 6<sup>th</sup>
- [Outstanding Involvement in Agriculture Award for 4-H Member](#): Due August 2nd



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## Still Project Judges, Clerks, and Runners Needed

Every club with member(s) participating in Still Projects of any type (Dept 60 and higher) is **required** to provide at least one full shift clerk or runner or at least two half shift clerks or runners to assist with judging. Remember, the 4-H Youth Show can't happen without YOU! Clerks and runners are needed Sunday, July 21st, 12:30 PM-4:30 PM in Building B (Open Pavilion). Clerk Orientation **MUST** be completed prior to this time either in person at the Youth Show or with our Still Project Superintendents before hand. Clerks and runners can be **anyone** who meets the age requirements— 4-H members, parents, leaders, alumni, grandparents, friends, etc. Check out the [Sign Up Form](#) for more information on the roles and age requirements. These forms can be returned to Jenny at [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu) or returned to the MSU Extension Office. We are also looking for Still Project Judges who are flexible and have expertise in various Still Project Areas. If you know someone interested, please contact Jean Martin, [jmmartin@umich.edu](mailto:jmmartin@umich.edu).



## Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Auction Buyer Letter



For youth with a market animal project, it is time to start contacting your past and potential buyers! You can write your own invitation and personally talk to people, but we also have paper copies of a generic buyer letter at the MSU Extension Office. You can also print the Buyer Letter from [our website](#).

## How to Thank a 4-H Auction Buyer

Many of our 4-H families like to thank their buyers in various ways at or after the Washtenaw County 4-H Auction. We encourage 4-H'ers to acknowledge their buyer with a thank you card and photo of their animal (you can find thank you cards and photos at the 4-H Office in Building A on Friday). There are no rules or policies about how you thank your buyer, but it is recommended that families do their best not to disrupt the auction by presenting gifts during this time. If you would like to present a gift, please wait until after the auction or if a business bought from you, drop it off at their



location at a later date. A well written thank you card, and photograph goes a long way to make your buyer feel appreciated. One of the best ways to know if your buyer appreciates the gesture is if they support you in the future!

Need guidance on how to write a thank you note for your buyer? Check out this article from MSU Extension Educator Laurie Rivetto: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/showing-appreciation-for-your-livestock-buyers>



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Required Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Association Meetings



Please mark your calendars to attend upcoming 4-H Horse Association meetings. Clubs showing horses are required to have at least one leader at the June and July Horse Association meetings in order to prepare for Youth Show. Meetings are held at the MSU Extension Office.

- June 25th at 7 pm
- July Meeting Date TBA- last date for project change requests (not applicable to back-up horses designated on May 1 forms)

## Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Board T-Shirts Available

Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Board is having a T-shirt sale!

You can visit the online store at [this link](#). Use the store sale code: WC4H24

Shirts are being ordered from Steele Gfx in Manchester and are available for pick up or shipping approximately 2 weeks after the close of the online store. The cost is \$15 for a t-shirt and \$35 for a sweatshirt. The store closes the end of June so order early to get your T-shirts!



## Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Camping



The Washtenaw Farm Council will be handling camping registration for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show this year. Camping will cost \$40 a night and you can contact Kirk Poirier & Kyle Latta at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds at 734-429-3145 or by email at [wfc5500@gmail.com](mailto:wfc5500@gmail.com). Please reserve your spot as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly for the number of spaces.

## Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Association is Looking for Youth Delegates and Adult Volunteers for the State Horse Show August 18-20

Washtenaw County 4-H youth who participate in horse projects are invited to register as a delegate for the State Horse Show on August 18-20<sup>th</sup>. The registration is first come, first served. Youth have until June 30 to complete the form and Washtenaw County can send up to 21 delegates. Our county must also fulfill their adult volunteer quota in order to participate, so we will be looking for adult volunteers to attend. Register here:

<https://forms.gle/B2c7YLD7LhZMPDGB7>

Questions? Please contact Amy Harris.





# Washtenaw County 4-H Club Happenings

## Saline 4-H Farmers Community Service Project: Saline Township Hall Flowers

Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club once again planted flowers for their community at the Saline Township Hall. This is a community service project for the club and many of the club members came out to participate in this project.



## S & L Bauernhof Embryology Community Service Project at Washtenaw Christian Academy



S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club donated all the items needed for a classroom at Washtenaw Christian Academy to do an Embryology program in their classroom. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were able to incubate and hatch 5 chicks. The hands-on experience taught them about animal reproduction, the chicken lifecycle, and the marvels of life! S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club leader Caro Uhlemann-Short helped deliver all items and helped them through the set up of the incubator. The club and school plan to continue this annually.

## Washtenaw County 4-H Member Shepherd Thompson Participates in Michigan World Food Prize

For the second year in a row, S & L Bauernhof 4-H member, Shepherd Thompson, age 14, participated in World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute. This is his feedback from his experience:

*This year's World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute was another amazing experience for me. I presented on Policy and Governance in Argentina. It was interesting to hear other students' presentations and the lunch at one of MSU's cafeterias was delicious. For my immersion experience, I was able to tour the MSU Nano-Biosensors Lab, which was very intriguing. Everyone there was kind and welcoming. Highly recommend this experience for anyone in 4-H interested in international policy and research.*





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Register now for the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!



The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show is now open for registration! This year's show will take place on August 10, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

The show is open to enrolled Cloverbuds, and any Michigan 4-H'er age 8-19.

To register, visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2024StateDogShow/>.

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at [Krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:Krollkat@msu.edu).

### June 17: 4-H Beginner's Sewing Camp

*Grand Rapids*

4-H Sewing Camp for beginners. American Sewing Guild Sewing Camp for school aged youth 11-15 years of age.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp)

### June 22: Missaukee County Sheep Clinic

*Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, Falmouth*

Learn from Jenna Pohl Davis, an experienced sheep showman at the state and national level. Jenna will break down show day preparations, teaching advanced showmanship with tips and tricks. and giving a customized feed and nutrition plan for your lamb.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic)

### June 25: Kayaking Days

*Paddles & Pedals, Bellaire*

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation, and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. This free event is open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h)

### June 27: Digger Day

*Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing*

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day)

### June 27: Explore the Farm Through the Seasons Workshop Series: June Event

*Schomaker Farms, Saginaw*

Schomaker Farms and Saginaw 4-H are teaming up to offer a 12-month farm education learning series. Each month will offer a different learning topic and hands-on activity.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune)

### June 29: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

*MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl allows youth to put their dairy knowledge to the test! Please note the new date for 2024.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl)







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest moves to a new date!

The Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest is returning this year at a new date! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - Ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - Ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - Youth that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – Youth that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Ages 8-21 as of January 1 and not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - Age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

**4-H and  
FFA  
Livestock  
Judging  
State  
Contest**

**Wednesday,  
June 26**



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Please note that the date of this contest is no longer in conjunction with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), however participation in the contest will still count as an educational experience for the Premier Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 10. Find registration information at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024). Contestants and coaches are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules.

## 2024 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2024, the following 14 4-H members from 12 counties were selected as the 2024 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Heidi Barrington, St. Joseph County
- Jordan Davis, Berrien County
- Lauren Eichhorn, Menominee County
- Brooklyn Hetrick, Oakland County
- Ainsley Karvinen, Alger County
- Lorelai Kowalski, Oakland County
- Molly Lake, Gratiot County
- Alice Long, Washtenaw County
- Sophia Mason, Monroe County
- Ethan McLaughlin, Monroe County
- Natalie Milford Chippewa County
- Emma Rasch, Kent County
- Kylie Smith, Ionia County
- Sydney Specht, Saginaw County

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index).



# MSU Extension Child and Family Development

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and early childhood professionals.

## Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

### Class dates:

- 06/04/2024: Together We Can: Co-Parenting
- 06/11/2024: Essential Skills for Learning and Life
- 06/18/2024: Introduction to Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences
- 06/25/2024: How Children Develop

**Registration:** [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YboL-GkQT522eCkEf\\_qxaQ](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YboL-GkQT522eCkEf_qxaQ)

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)

## Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available.

**Class Dates:** Wednesdays, May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26

**Class Times:** 11:30am-1:00pm EST

**Registration:** [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu)

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)

## Building Early Emotional Skills

Are you having trouble with biting, tantrums or the "terrible twos?" Building Early Emotional Skills (BEES) is a four-week class for primary caregivers of children 0-3 that teaches about how young children develop social emotional skills and helps give caregivers skills to deal with the stress of caring for children and to help their children develop strong social emotional skills. BEES will help you learn about your child's temperament and stress, your triggers and how to manage them, being reflective about feelings and emotion coaching, reducing biting, conflict and frustration, handling tantrums, and building a solid foundation for tomorrow.

Certificates of attendance are available.

**Class dates:** Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24

**Class times:** 8:00pm-9:30pm ET

**Registration:**

[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8JqqilgVG8lInoW](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8JqqilgVG8lInoW)

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