



SEPTEMBER 2024

4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



4-H Open House October 6th from 2-5 pm

We are looking for clubs to participate in our 4-H Open House event on October 6th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. The open house is an event for families of Washtenaw County (and beyond) to come and learn about 4-H, all the project areas offered and meet the clubs in the area! We are hoping that all our clubs, teams, spin clubs, and committees can have a table and representatives to meet some new faces and share our love for 4-H! We would also welcome any folks willing to help set up for event.

Please contact Jenny or Amy to register your club for this fun event.

We would also like your help in spread the word about this event. Please share our Facebook Event and Facebook posts and you can pick up flyers at our office to post around your community.



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

4-H Online System Shut Down

August 31st through September 10th

4-H Online Reopens for the 2024-25 Program Year

September 11th

Advisory Council Meeting

September 12th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Annual Leader Meeting

September 18th at 6 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Horse Board and Association Meeting

September 24th at 6:30 and 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Small Animal Committee Meeting

September 26th at 6:00 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

County Award Nominations/Scholarships



We want to remind you that the deadline is approaching for 4-H County Award Nominations. Nominations can be submitted by 4-H Leaders, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H members by September 3rd.

Awards include:

- County Medals 13-19 years old
- 4-H Club Spirit Awards 5-12 years old
- I Dare You Award Junior or Senior in High School
- Key Club Award 16-19 years old
- Alumni of the Year
- Leader of the Year
- Friend of 4-H Award

We want to recognize all the hard work of our Washtenaw County 4-H members, volunteers, and community supporters! Qualifications for each award are listed on the forms in the attachment below.

Youth can self nominate for county awards and can nominate folks for the Alumni of the Year, Leader of the Year, and Friends of 4-H Award.

Please submit your nominations through our digital form here:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_abKiRN6rTh0B2ia

We are also accepting applications for the Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship for 2025 Seniors. These applications are due by September 6th. The application is available on [our website](#).

If you would like a paper copy of the award nomination forms, we do have them at the office but please keep in mind our new office hours below.

MSU Extension Office New Office Hours

We once again do not have a secretary for the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office. This means for the next few months the office hours will be:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm
- Closed on Wednesday and Friday

You can also contact Amy or Jenny to make an appointment to stop by the office. We will do our best to find a time you can stop by if the office hours do not work for your schedule.





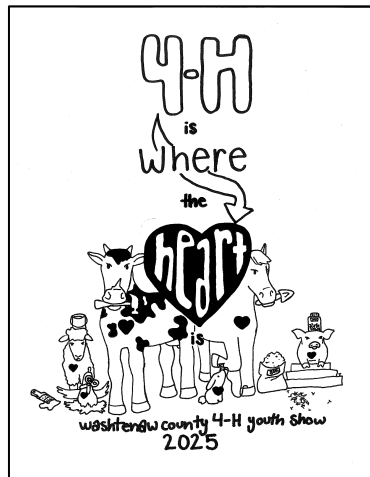
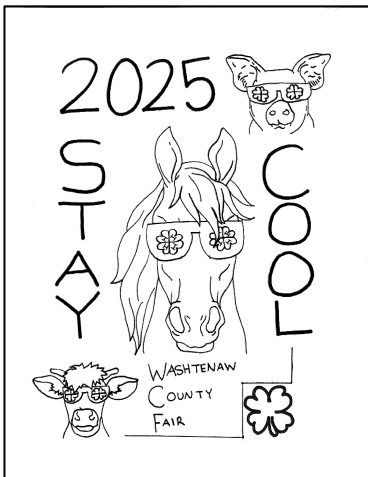
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Annual Leader Meet: September 18th at 6 pm

This year's annual leader meeting will be on September 18th at 6 pm at the MSU Extension Office. This is our annual meeting for club leaders and committee treasurers. We will go over financial policy changes, collect your annual paperwork (ASFR, Civil Rights Compliance, Meeting Minutes, Bank Statements, and Treasurer's Report), and go over the program year ahead. This is a very important meeting to attend, and if leaders are unable to attend, we ask that they send a co-leader, project leader or other gold level volunteer. If you need help filling out your forms, please reach out to Amy to schedule time prior to the leader meeting. **All of these items are due to by September 20th, as the turnaround time set by the state is extremely tight this year.** The annual paperwork is due even if you do not have a treasury. If you do not turn in your club/committee annual paperwork, the Michigan 4-H program will dissolve your club!



4-H Youth Show Cover Contest Winners



Congratulations to our two cover contest winners from the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show! This year's cover contest had more than 40 votes for the six entries submitted. The 2025 Youth Show Book will feature a cover design from Alison Oakman of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club (left image), and the back cover will feature a design by Alice Long of Science, Animals, and Arts 4-H Club (right image). Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered cover designs. We can't wait to see these two designs in print spring 2025!

Join the High School Farm Bureau Discussion Meet Team Meeting

If your child is in High School and a 4-H'er and is interested in making a 4-H Discussion Meeting team, What is a Discussion Meet? Discussion Meet is a unique competition that it is not a debate but strictly a discussion. It is modeled more after a committee meeting and the ability for the competitors to cooperatively discuss a specific topic to come up with solutions. No previous experience is needed to attend the team meetings! We will meet approximately three times to prepare and discuss before the Region 2 meet in early November. Interested? Please contact Mandy Rogers at rogers3mandy@yahoo.com.





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Still Projects Committee Needs Your Help for the 2025 Style Revue



The Still Projects Committee needs your help to determine the date and time of next year's Style Revue for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. This year we had the Style Revue on Friday at 4 pm after Ag Olympics. We would like to consider other times for next year that will allow more youth to participate and need your help taking our survey. If you are a youth or a parent of a child interested in participating, please complete our survey!

Style Revue Survey:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQK0z9wUXSacWhw

Chelsea Community Fair: Junior Livestock Ice Cream Scooping & Sweepstakes Judges

Thank you once again to our Junior Livestock members and advisors for scooping ice cream at the Chelsea Community Fair, one of their annual fundraisers! We are also excited to hear that 4-H members past and present judged the Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest.



4-H Online Annual Roll-Over for New 2024-25 Program Year

August is the end of our program year and families and volunteers will need to re-enroll in 4-H Online for the 2024-25 program year. On August 31st, the 4-H Online system will shut down and families and volunteers will not be able to log into their accounts. The system will be closed until September 11th when it will open to allow families and volunteers to re-enroll. We will send out email reminders when it reopens to remind everyone to re-enroll. 4-H Club leaders and other members should remind families to re-enroll as soon as possible to continue to get 4-H communications. We don't want anyone to miss any newsletters or important emails.





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New Chicken Agility Contest at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show

This year's Washtenaw County 4-H Youth's new Chicken Agility Contest was a big hit! Families and community members came to see 4-H youth and their chickens compete in this agility contest. Chickens had to maneuver over an A-frame and a jump. Congratulations to all the youth who participated and successful completed the course. Be sure to come check out the contest in 2025! Thank you, Superintendents Mandy Rogers and Caro Uhlemann-Short for coordinating the contest.



Congratulations to our Washtenaw County Winners from the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show



Please join us in congratulating the Washtenaw County delegates who won the following awards at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show:

- Senior Dressage Seat Equitation Championship: Champion - Julia Lorch of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club
- Western Dressage Championship: Champion - Aamenah Jamil of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club
- Junior Dressage Seat Equitation Championship: 3rd – Amelia Lorch of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club
- Senior Keyhole Championship: 4th - Mya Couch of Challengers 4-H Club

We also want to thank our volunteers, Connie Maynard, Aylssa Couch, and Joanna Jamil for helping out at this event. The Michigan 4-H State Horse Show takes many volunteers to coordinate and we appreciate your willingness to contribute your time and expertise for this event.

Project Galore Instructors Needed for February 8th

Still Projects Committee is planning Project Galore for the afternoon of Saturday February 8th at the MSU Extension Office. We are currently looking for teens or adults interested in hosting a session. These sessions can be on still project topics but can also include animal science topics. The last Project Galore featured wet felting, greeting cards, weather, loom knitting, cat showmanship, photography, and more! Sessions usually run 45-1 hour and instructors can choose the number of participants they want in their session. Instructors can be community partners or supporters too! If you are interested, please contact Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu.





More 4-H Youth Show Photos





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers updated in 2024!



The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers and the 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers has been updated for 2024; it includes information about the Debit Card Policy and more. These tools will help guide 4-H members in developing financial management life skills.

The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers provides 4-H volunteers with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group, including assisting 4-H treasurers with handling the group's financial business (including required forms and reporting).

The 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers was specifically created for 4-H treasurers (youth and adult) and contains additional information to guide their 4-H financial responsibilities.

Find these resources at:
www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-volunteers
www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-treasurers

September 4: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

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

September 18: 4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

Online

This session will cover the fundamentals of motions, voting and meeting protocols, providing you with the tools to support the youth in your group so they can lead with confidence and clarity. A session will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and again from 7 to 8 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure

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September 24: Online Extension Extras Parenting Hour – Exploring Parenting Styles

Online

This workshop will explore and reflect on parenting styles, how they have developed, the benefits and drawbacks of each kind of parenting style, and how to find a balance that best supports a strong family for you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend; members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting

October 5: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest 2024

Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly fundraising event for Tollgate. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 6-12

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of how you can celebrate 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

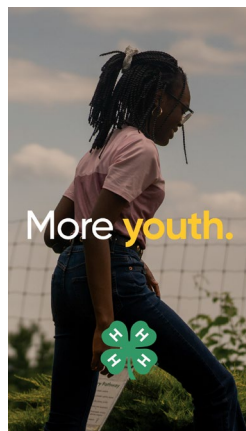
Have a 4-H Reunion — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

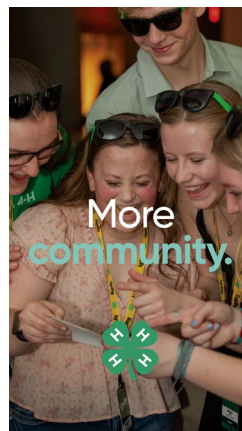
Raise Awareness — On October 9, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/ that can help support your county 4-H program.

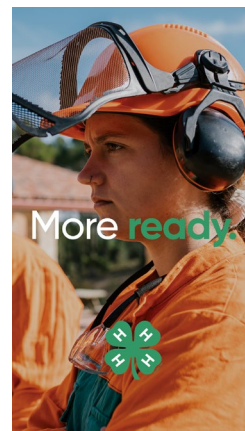
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