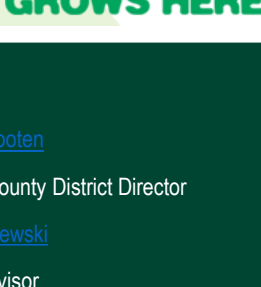




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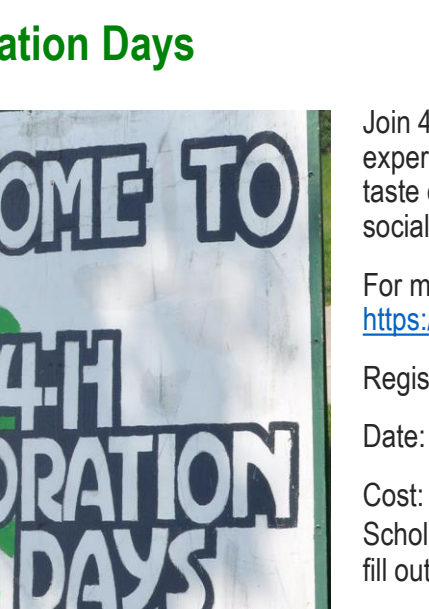
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WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

4-H Exploration Days



Join 4-H for our annual Exploration Days event, a three-day overnight pre-college experience! For youth ages 12-19, this event is designed to not only give youth a taste of life at college, but is also meant to foster independence, confidence, and social skills all while having fun with other Michigan 4-Hers!

For more information and registration, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

Registration opens: March 25
Date: June 19 – 21

Cost: \$220, which includes meals, lodging, sessions, a t-shirt, and fun! Scholarships are available. Visit <https://forms.gle/Z3eP5rHGnMkDmSA> to fill out an application.

For questions regarding scholarships, contact LaToya Jones at cainjone@msu.edu.

For questions regarding the event, contact Ashleigh Apel at apelashl@msu.edu.

4-H Expo Days Info Sessions

Want to learn more about 4-H Exploration days before registering for the event? Join us for one of our virtual informational sessions to get all your questions answered!

To join, visit <https://msu.zoom.us/j/99909688387>

Date and time: March 14, 6 PM



4-H State Hippology Contest

Interested in testing your Equine Knowledge? Does the idea of working in a team to solve problems thrill you? Come and compete at the Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest!

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to participate in the Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest. Cloverbuds, Junior and Senior divisions as well as Junior Novice and Senior Novice allow for youth to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

Find more information regarding the rules here: https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/ponies/Hippology%20Rules%202024%20as%20of%201-25-24.pdf

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024>

Date: March 16



WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Group Management for 4-H Clubs

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support the Michigan 4-Hers. There will be a variety of topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice as a daytime and evening option. In March: Group Management for 4-H Clubs and Groups! Working with a group of youth with a variety of ages can mean different energies during meetings and events. 4-H volunteers need strong behavior guiding strategies to help maintain the group focus and energy. Attend this session to learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement.

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>

Date and time: March 18, 12:00 – 1:00 PM and 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe

The Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own. In March: Keeping Your Money Safe! How are you keeping your money safe? Gain insights on researching and evaluating financial institutions (banks and credit unions) to make the best choice for your financial future.

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney>

Date and time: March 19, 6 PM



WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe

March 19, 2024 6 - 7 PM E.T.

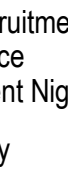
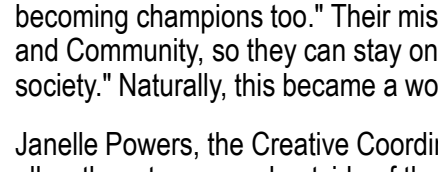


Michigan Youth Livestock Conference

Join Michigan Junior Livestock Society & Michigan 4-H for the 2024 Michigan Youth Livestock Conference. This event provides new opportunities to Michigan youth that are interested in or passionate about raising, exhibiting, producer, or showing livestock. Industry Leaders bringing you educational sessions on animal selection, nutrition, showmanship, animal husbandry, and career opportunities in agriculture. This event is open to youth 9 – 19.

For more information and registration, visit <https://MYLC.4honline.com>

Registration close: March 7
Date: April 6
Location: Gaylord University Center, 80 Livingston Blvd, Gaylord, MI 49735
Cost: \$25, includes lunch and a t-shirt.



WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Veterinary Education Day



Veterinary Education Day is an annual event for high school students who are interested in learning more about post-secondary educational programs at the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Presentations will focus on the pre-vet and veterinary nursing undergraduate programs, as well as DVM admissions.

For more information and registration visit, : <https://cvm.msu.edu/events/veterinary-education-day-2024>

Date and time: March 23, 12:00 – 3:30 PM

Location: Zoom or in-person at MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, 784 Wilson Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824

STEAM 4-H STEAM Spring Break Day Camp

Are you looking for something fun to do during Spring Break? Are you interested in learning more about the world around you? Join Wayne County 4-H at Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center during a fun and engaging 4-H STEAM Day Camp. Youth aged 8 – 13 participating in this Day Camp will embark on an exciting adventure as we use all our senses to explore the world around us! Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Math, are all things that surround us in our everyday lives, we may not always know it. Come along with us for this one-day event to learn the exciting secrets our world hides from us!

For more information and registration, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Wayne/>

Registration closes: March 24

Date and time: March 28, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Party with My Peeps

Spring has sprung, and so has fun! Join Wayne County 4-H at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, and Innovation for a day filled with spring-themed activities, including an Egg Hunt!

For questions, contact LaToya Jones at cainjone@msu.edu.

Date and time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

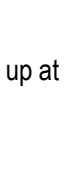
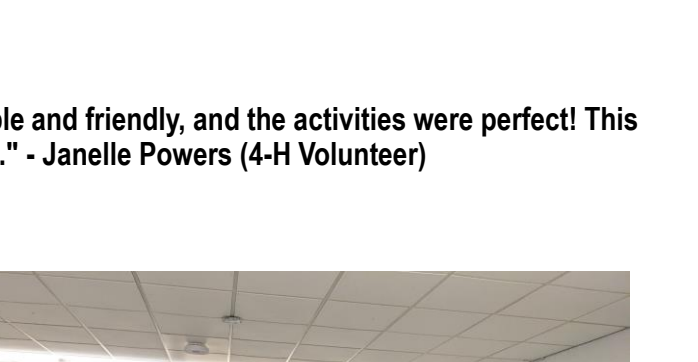
Location: 16745 Lamphere, Detroit, MI 48219



WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

MSU Extension Wayne County 4-H Party with My Peeps

FREE EVENT
MARCH 30TH, 2024
EVENT 11:30-1:00 PM
EGG HUNT @ 12PM



WAYNE COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS

How to Keep Junior Boards Active and Engaged Presentation

Save the Date for a fantastic presentation offered by MSU Extension Director Darren Bagley on Youth and Adult Partnerships and how to keep Junior Boards Active and Engaged. Darren has worked with MSU Extension for over 35 years and specializes in 4-H programs that give youth a voice and teach leadership, communication, and more! Food and beverages will be available. Everyone in attendance will be entered in a drawing to win an Amazon or Starbucks gift card. This event is open to any 4-H volunteers and youth.

Date and time: April 2, 6:00 PM

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds, Abbott Building, 10871 Quirk Rd, Belleville, MI

For questions, contact Ashleigh Apel at apelashl@msu.edu.

4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest

Show Your Money Smarts Contest aims to give youth a jump start by equipping them with the power of knowledge to make sound financial choices. Learn how to keep your money safe in the show your money smarts contest. Compete with other youth aged 13 – 19 across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a financial institution that works for you!

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest> – text=1The%20contest%20involves%20answering%2030,contacted%20by%20May%208%2C%202024.

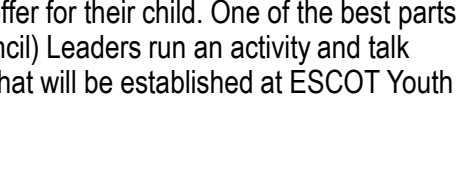
Contest ends: April 30



WAYNE COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS

Show Your Money Smarts Contest

Answer 30 questions for chance to win \$50!
Open to ages 13-19
Registers by April 30, 2024
Learn More Here



4-H Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer camp fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held on the northern shores of Lake Huron at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This MSU pre-college program is for teens aged 13, 15 or those who will enter eighth through tenth grade in the fall. During this enriching Michigan State University 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. The hands-on learning includes exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. Sessions incorporate four of the five Michigan Department of Education science curriculum standards in earth science and three of the five standards in biology.

Space is limited to 70 campers so register now for a wonderful experience this summer!

The camp is also recruiting for counselors, if you are between the ages of 16-21 and interested in becoming a camp counselor contact Laura Potter-Niesen at potterla@msu.edu. No camp counseling experience is required.

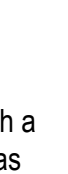
Date: July 28 – August 3
Registration closes: July 8

For more information and registration, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/

Cost: \$500. Includes meals, snacks, lodging, a t-shirt, and fun activities!

Scholarships available! If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please fill out the application here: <https://forms.gle/Z3eP5rHGnMkDmSA>

For questions regarding scholarships, contact LaToya Jones at cainjone@msu.edu.



WAYNE COUNTY SUCCESS STORY

The Start of Something New! Explore 4-H Family Night at ESCOT

Founded on the philosophies of Emanuel Stewart, ESCOT Youth Development is a youth-serving organization that boasts youth-achieved success in the "four corners of achievement" academics, athletics, community, and leadership through a helping after-school program. The organization's vision is to "provide kids a place where they can excel in Athletics, Academics, Leadership, and Community, so they can stay on the right path, become anything they want, and give back as productive members of society." Naturally, this became a wonderful partnership to include 4-H in their programming.

Janelle Powers, the Creative Coordinator at ESCOT Youth Development in Westland, has a vision for youth to be more and allow them to succeed outside of the boxing ring. She and many of the other staff at ESCOT believe that 4-H could help them meet their enrichment goals and provide youth with more opportunities, as well as expand their reach and help with recruitment. However, not many families in the community are familiar with 4-H or only know 4-H for its agriculture and animal science education. So, what better way to teach the community about 4-H other than hosting an Explore 4-H Family Engagement Night?

With the help of 4-H volunteers, MSU Extension Staff, and 4-Hers we were able to host an enriching and exciting family engagement night that showcased the many different opportunities 4-H has to offer. Youth and their families completed an activity passport that took them to six different stations to learn about a different 4-H project area. The youth got to explore engineering and technology by designing their very own marshmallow catapults and constructing boats out of aluminum foil to see how many metal washers they could hold before they sank. They were also able to explore agriculture and gardening when they made their very own butter from scratch and seed germination necklaces to grow beans at home. Youth even got to learn some money management terms when they participated in the wheel of terms activity. And of course, there was an information station that helped parents/guardians learn about the different opportunities 4-H has to offer for their child. One of the best parts of the night was seeing one of Wayne County's 4-H SYLC (State Youth Leadership Council) Leaders run an activity and talk about her 4-H experience and get families and youth excited about joining the 4-H club that will be established at ESCOT Youth Development this spring!

"Our 4-H night was a great success. The staff was knowledgeable and friendly, and the activities were perfect! This makes me excited to have our own charter in the Westland area." - Janelle Powers (4-H Volunteer)

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Open

Apply now for the 2025 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillars of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This scholarship is open to youth ages 15-19. The deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>

March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

Stores across Michigan
While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout. The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 10% supporting Michigan 4-H.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign

March 12: 4-H Give Green Day

Online
Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 16: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

East Lansing
Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024

March 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups

Online
Learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-Hers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups/7pm

March 18: Keeping Your Money Safe

Online
Join this session to gain insights on researching and evaluating financial institutions (banks and credit unions) to make the best choice for your financial future.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney

April 28: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit
Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals with other 4-Hers! Michigan 4-H will be the Group Charity of the Game; discounted tickets available with the group benefiting 4-H.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 28 - August 3 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

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 will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also get to learn fishing and learn to fillet their catch.

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 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/

4-H Exploration Days registration coming soon!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth ages 12–19 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days, scheduled for June 19-21, is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions.

With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they'll also have time for fun with free time activities such as skating, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open March 25. The cost for the 2024 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days.

Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Making your summer plans? Consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program! Michigan will be hosting 18 Japanese youth and two chaperones. These visitors will quickly become a part of your family for their 3 ½ week stay (the last full week of July to the middle of August) and gain a fun American experience through your exceptional hospitality. In addition, your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Host families must complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match a host brother/sister (within three years of age), be a Michigan 4-H Gold-level volunteer, participate in a family interview as well as a home visit process. For more information contact Jan Brinn at brinn@msu.edu or John Wurm at wurmj@msu.edu.