



# WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

December 2, 2023

Join 4-H

Volunteer with 4-H



## Updated Club Meeting Schedules

### **Livestock Clubs: Wexford Whatevers + The Grands (meeting together)**

Now through Spring - meeting the 2nd Monday of each month, 5-7 pm. Typically in Cadillac, Locations may vary. Meetings will increase to twice a month as it warms up.

- You do not need to have an animal to attend. We can help you find the right project.
- You do not need to own property to participate, we have families willing to host animals with appropriate commitments.
- You do not have to sell your animal; pets come in all shapes and sizes.

Next Meeting: December 11, Location coming soon.

### **Nature and Outdoor Recreation: Wild Ones**

Meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:30 at the Carl T Johnson Center in Cadillac West.

## Contest Alert! You have TWO opportunities to win CASH!



### Video Contest Details

**Creative Campaign Contest**  
Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development is offering a video contest to encourage youth to join 4-H. 4-H members can be our best advertisers by helping spread the word in a short video highlighting "Why You Should Join 4-H!" Be a 4-H changemaker by using your voice and sharing your story of 4-H. Chance to win prizes for 4-H youth 9-19 as they explore video creation and editing. The 4-H Creative Campaign Contest is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Deadline to register and submit videos is January 31, 2024.

**Cash Composition Contest**  
The Michigan State University Extension 4-H Cash Composition Contest is back again this year- with a new deadline and expanded ages for entries! This year's contest is open to any youth residing in Michigan, ages 9-19 years old as of Jan 1, 2024. Get started now on writing a short essay on budgeting to have a chance to win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship from Extra Credit Union. Three winners in each age bracket (9-13, 14-19) will win! The deadline to register and submit your essay is February 29, 2024.



### Essay Contest Details

**Wexford County Plat Books**

**Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season!**

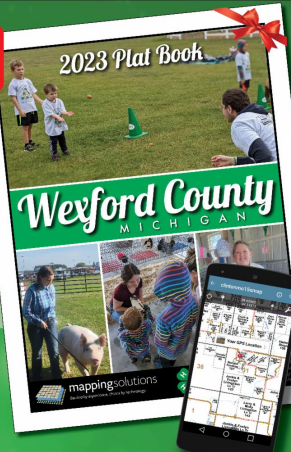
**GREAT HOLIDAY  
GIFT IDEA!**

## WEXFORD COUNTY PLAT BOOKS

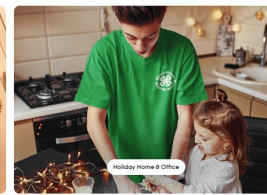
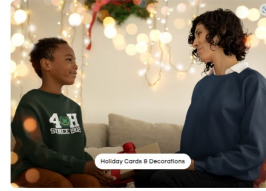
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2023 Holiday Digital Catalog



Our Wexford County Plat Books serve as our Leaders' Council's main source of income and fund clubs, family activities, and scholarships for youth and volunteers. These are available at our MSU Extension Office, Horizon Books, and Northwoods Feed for \$30. They make great gifts for all of you outdoors-people in your life and even your real estate agents!

We are looking for additional locations across the county to sell these books. Please contact Kate if you would like to discuss a resale opportunity. [Kingka26@msu.edu](mailto:Kingka26@msu.edu) | 231-779-9480

[Plat Books](#)

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store! Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

[Shop the Store](#)

## 2024 Host Family Applications Open!



**What:** 2024 Inbound Host Family Applications have opened!

**Increase:** Due to the popularity of this exchange here in Michigan we have been approved to increase from only 13 participants this past year to 20 in 2024

**When:** Arrival (tentative) in Grand Rapids from July 21 to August 16

**How:** A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

Applications to host: found at [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)  
Questions: contact Jan Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or Co-Coordinator John Wurm [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).

Learn  
More

## Teen Topics

### Wexford 4-H Teen Committee Interest Meeting

Wexford 4-H Members ages 13-19 are invited to join the new teen committee of the Leaders Council!

What teens will do:

- plan fun events for 4-H families to meet each other
- help the 4-H leaders understand what teens in our communities want
- learn how groups work together to make decisions and keep records
- help direct the 4-H program into the future, like ideas for fundraisers
- act as role models for younger 4-H'ers to look up to
- represent 4-H at community, statewide, and national events

Email Kate to  
Join

Interest Meeting coming soon. How do you want to meet for the first time?

Virtual

In-person



## Scholarships Available!

Did you know that Wexford 4-H has scholarships for you to attend cool state-wide events?

1. 4-H Council has scholarships to attend 4-H Exploration Days, June 19-21, 2024.
2. The 4-H Office has scholarships for up to \$150 per 4-H year for 4-H camps, workshops, and trainings.

Email Kate for apps.  
\* You need signatures, give yourself enough time! \*

4-H also offers many regional and state-wide college scholarships.

[State Scholarships](#)

## Balancing Act - Self-Guided

Teens can have a lot going on including work, school, a social life, family, extracurricular activities, and self-care. This interactive, self-paced, online class will share information on how to find balance in life with competing options and obligations. Learn about ways to stay organized and manage your time, the importance of building a supportive social network, options for working as a student, avoiding burnout, and getting academic support and enrichment to round out your education. Add this course to your To-Do list and complete at your own pace.

[Learn More](#)

## Video Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 sec.) promoting 4-H to their peers. Videos should address the question, "Why You Should Join 4-H!" Be a 4-H spokesperson by using your voice and sharing your 4-H story with others! This contest is open to Michigan 4-H youth. Those not currently registered for 4-H can do so prior to entering this contest. The deadline for registration and video submissions is January 31, 2024. If you're interested, our friends at CTC are willing to mentor with video and editing! Contact Kate.

[Learn More](#)

## CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

Answer the following prompt in 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!

What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?

Open to ages 9-19  
Essays due Feb 29, 2024

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States' 4-H International Exchange Programs  
2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS  
Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Taiwan · Argentina



## Exchange Program



## Join Us Online WILD SPARTANS

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CASTING FOR A CAREER IN COLDWATER CONSERVATION  
WITH JAMIE VAUGHAN  
GREAT LAKES ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, TROUT UNLIMITED  
December 12 | 6:30 PM EST  
Registration required:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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## Cash Composition Contest

Money, money, money! The 2024 4-H Cash Composition Contest is now open! Youth residing in Michigan, ages 9-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024), have a chance to win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship by Extra Credit Union. To enter, write a 300 word (or less) essay on budgeting and submit your essay by **February 29, 2024**. Three youth from each age bracket will win!

Do you need resources to help you? Reach out to Kate for a list.

Learn More

## Outbound Application Due December 8

From Costa Rica to Japan, Norway to Argentina, and Taiwan to South Korea, where will Michigan 4-H take you?! This is an opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience to live with host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. We are also looking for host families for incoming students.

Learn More

## Wild Spartans: Coldwater Conservation

Dec 12 | 6:30 pm  
Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a dive into the Great Lakes and rivers to explore their cold-water residents. Join us on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 6:30pm EST for "" You will meet the Great Lakes Engagement Coordinator for Trout Unlimited, Jamie Vaughan, learn about her field work, and the education and career path she followed to get there.

Pre-Registration Required

## County Calendar

DEC 4

### 4-H at School: McBain 6th Grade Science

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H visit McBain for a fun science activity!

DEC 5

### 4-H at School: NMCS 6th Grade Science

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H visit Northern Michigan Christian School for a fun science activity!

DEC 6

### 4-H at School: McBain 7th & 8th Grade Science

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H visit McBain for a fun science activity!

DEC 7

### Mock It then Rock It Planning Committee Meeting

2:45 - 3:45 pm | HYBRID MSU Extension in Baker College

Educators, business professionals, and community leaders come together to host an annual Mock Interview Day for Wexford and Missaukee County teens. Email Kate to be added to communications.

DEC 7

### Sewing Club

4:30 - 5:30 pm | Cadillac: MSU Extension in Baker College

Sewing Club returns weekly Nov 2 - December 14. Ages 9+ will learn to use a sewing machine and complete small projects.

DEC 9

### Single MOMM Holiday Dinner

Local non-profit, Single MOMM, hosts a holiday meal while kids participate in a variety of activities around the topic of Kindness. 4-H will be on site with a fun activity and enrollment information!

DEC 11

### 4-H at School: McBain 6th Grade Science

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H visit McBain for a fun science activity!

DEC 11

### Livestock Clubs Meet & Greet

5-7 pm | Cadillac: Location TBD

The Wexford Whatevers and The Grands 4-H Clubs will be meeting together this year! Please join us for a Meet & Greet meeting with a fun winter craft and activities.

DEC 12

### 4-H at School: NMCS 7th & 8th Grade Science

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H visit Northern Michigan Christian School for a fun science activity!

DEC 13

### 4-H at Co-Op: CCHC

Missaukee and Wexford 4-H meet up with CCHC for a fun science activity!

### Wild Ones

DEC 13

5:30-6:30 pm | Cadillac: Carl T Johnson DNR Center

Wild Ones gives youth opportunities for nature and recreation exploration. Appropriate for all 4-H ages, 5-19, as of January 1st, 2024.

DEC 13

### 4-H at School: WMISD Transitions Class

Wexford MSU Extension & 4-H visit the transitions class to see how nutrition and science combine with smoothie bikes!

### Sewing Club

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DEC 18

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DEC 18 -  
JAN 2

### 4-H Office Closed for the Holidays

The 4-H office will be closed for the holidays and will reopen January 3, 2024.

### Leaders Council Meeting

JAN 23

5:30-7:30 pm | Location TBA

All 4-H volunteers & leaders are encouraged to attend to help make decisions to direct the county program. 4-H



teens, parents, and community members are welcome!

### Wexford Family Fun Day: Around the World Potluck

JAN 27

Save the date for our next 4-H Family Fun Day. We encourage you to explore your cultural heritage this winter and share a dish at our Around the World Potluck. Stay tuned for more details!

## State Calendar

### Adulting 101 Returns for 2024

JAN 17



Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do the adult tasks of managing your finances, home, health, or finding a career? Zoom in for FREE to learn real life skills to help you successfully transition to living independently.

[See 2024 Monthly Sessions](#)

### Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat

JAN 23

Zoom | Noon or 7 pm

This session is Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat is a series of science lessons that can be taught with no science background and materials you probably already have at home, or with a quick shopping trip. If you have a club meeting coming up tonight, and don't have much time to prepare – these lessons are for you. They are designed to get young people thinking using their natural curiosity. Science isn't about memorization; an internet search can give you facts. It is about using critical thinking to ask questions and discovering answers on your own. (and determining whether those internet answers are correct)

[Register](#)

[Click Here for Full List of Statewide Events](#)

# VOLUNTEER WITH WEXFORD 4-H

Your time and talents can make a big impact!

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## Help Wanted: Shooting Sports Instructors

Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H Programs are partnering to start a new shooting sports club. We are looking for volunteers to attend training this spring to become instructors. Archery is in high demand, as well as the other disciplines.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate: [Kingka26@msu.edu](mailto:Kingka26@msu.edu) | 231-779-9480

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