



# WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

MARCH 15, 2024

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## 4-H Exploration Days 2024 Wexford County Info Session



Monday, March 18, 6 pm on Zoom  
Join the call: [bit.ly/24edays-info](https://bit.ly/24edays-info)



SCAN ME  
TO JOIN THE CALL



Monday, March 25, 7 pm - Statewide Registration Open

Exploration Days: June 19-21 | MSU Campus | Ages 12-19

### Exploration Days Information Session - This Monday!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live like a college student and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than [100 fun learning sessions](#) on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

Five great reasons to attend!

1. Meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds. You will build relationships and make connections that will last a lifetime!
2. Develop and expand career and personal interests through fun, engaging learning sessions YOU choose. You can try things that aren't available in your county or community.
3. Live like an MSU student – stay and eat in the residence halls and attend your sessions in real lecture halls and campus facilities while enjoying the campus atmosphere and activities it has to offer!
4. Develop social and academic skills you'll need for a successful transition to college and life as an adult. Increase your responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time-management skills.
5. Have fun! Enjoy a wide range of free-time activities with friends old and new, including a dance!

The cost to attend is \$220 but first-time Wexford County participants can apply for a scholarship from the Wexford County Leaders Council to **reduce that cost to ONLY \$50**, including roundtrip transportation from Cadillac. This is open to any Wexford County youth ages 12-19 (or 26 with special needs, ages based on January 1, 2024).

Anyone interested in participating should attend the information session on Monday, March 18, at 6 pm on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/24edays-info>

Note: 4-H Exploration Days is open to all youth of appropriate age, regardless of their county of residence or 4-H affiliation. Scholarships mentioned here are specifically for Wexford County participants and will vary in other counties. Please contact Kate King, Wexford County 4-H Program Coordinator, with any questions: [kingka26@msu.edu](mailto:kingka26@msu.edu) | 231-779-9480

## Exploration Days Info + Session List

### Fill Your Cup: Parenting Self-Care Day



Thursday, March 21  
11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Parents - come check out this community event focusing on self-care. They will have free childcare, light refreshments and door prizes to be raffled off.

Be sure to come see Kate to make your own Bath Fizzies - part of our plant science curriculum!

### Spot On Shooting Club: Info Session Thursday!



We are very excited to launch our new club in partnership with Missaukee County 4-H and the Cadillac Sportsman's Club! Spot on Shooting is intended to be a long-term club focusing on finding and exploring passions and interests and practicing the safe and responsible handling of equipment. We plan to grow this program to offer several disciplines and we will be looking for more volunteers to make it *thrive*.

**Spot On Shooting will begin with Air Rifles**

with youth ages 9-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024). Equipment will be provided, please do not bring your own. Cost: Free

**Interest Meeting (No Range Time) March 21, 6:30 PM | Cadillac Sportsman's Club** Meet the instructors, get help enrolling, see the facility and equipment, and ask questions. Attendance is encouraged for anyone interested. Snacks will be provided.

Further meetings will be held on select Thursdays at 6:30 pm, April through June. Summer meetings will be determined later.

Email Kate for enrollment instructions and questions: [Kingka26@msu.edu](mailto:Kingka26@msu.edu)

### Youth Camp Councilors Needed

Great Lakes and Natural Resources camp is looking for youth counselors for camp week! Camp runs July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup> this year and there is a counselor orientation on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a great

Great Lakes 4-H Camp



**BE A CAMP COUNSELOR!**

**When?** July 28th-August 3rd  
**Where?** Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle  
**Why?** Increase Leadership skills, a great volunteer opportunity, and vast personal growth  
**Who?** Campers between the ages of 13-15 years old

**Who should apply?**

- Anyone ages 16-20 years old
- Like to work with kids
- Encouraged to have CPR certification or Lifeguard experience
- Can attend counselor training July 26th-27th
- Enjoys the outdoors!

**Contact:** [potterla@msu.edu](mailto:potterla@msu.edu) with further questions!

opportunity for youth ages 16-20 looking to get some leadership experience in a fun, fast-paced camp setting! Attached is a graphic you can use to promote this opportunity to youth in your counties who may be interested. Counselors attend camp for **FREE!**

Please reach out to Laura at [potterla@msu.edu](mailto:potterla@msu.edu) with any questions.

## MI 4-H's Highest Honor



It is that time of year! So, grab your pen! Spark your imagination! Join us as we roll out the 4-H Mark of Excellence Contest. This year, youth can submit either a video submission or a short journal reflection focusing on the theme "Because of 4-H I can!"

The Mark of Excellence is exclusively for 11-12-year-olds. To enter, a 4-H member submits an entry (video or journal entry) on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ...". Entries are submitted to the local county MSU Extension office by April 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youths' entries as their representatives and submit those names and entries to the State 4-H Awards Committee.

## Graphic Design Contest



Any further questions email David Lindsay, Youth Equine Educator at [lindsa75@msu.edu](mailto:lindsa75@msu.edu)

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Creative? Always drawing? Boy is this an opportunity for you! The Michigan 4-H State Horse Show Volunteer Committee would like to invite you to create some graphic designs for our Statewide events! We have our State Horse Show T-shirt design picked but need more options for our program cover and keychain. Any interested youth can submit their designs (JPG format) by March 29 to be considered for this year's events!

Artists of the chosen designs will be notified!

Submit Design Here

## Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge



**MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD VIRTUAL CHALLENGE**  
on GooseChase

Join Michigan 4-H and Military partners on our challenge April 1st through the Month of the Military Child. Our GooseChase app will connect military and civilian youth through missions to learn more about the military, its branches, history and science. All participants will have a chance to win prizes!

**When:** Sunday, April 7th through Saturday, April 20th, 2024  
**Where:** Wherever you are with a smartphone or tablet  
**How:** Register at <https://events.ont.msu.edu/HMCMC2024>  
**Registration runs from February 1, 2024 through March 29, 2024**

The first 50 participants/teams will be mailed a 4-H Build a Boost activity kit to use in the challenge.

**This event is open to all. You do not need to be a 4-H member or have military affiliation.**

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## State Awards Application



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State Award applications are due April 1!



The commitment you put into "Making Your Best Better" is significant. Through your 4-H experiences you are molding your future by growing your skills, becoming a leader, and serving your community. Your efforts are commendable and deserve to be recognized with a Michigan 4-H State Award, the highest honor bestowed on a 4-H member.

Applications and interviews are based on communicating your 4-H participation and learning experiences. Applicants are eligible to compete for cash prizes and be recognized for their 4-H involvement. 4-H members who meet the minimum application score are eligible for a \$50 scholarship toward their 4-H Exploration Days registration. The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Awards will be presented during the 4-H Exploration Days pep rally on June 19 at MSU.

Learn More about State Awards

ATTENTION! The Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge returns April 7-20, 2024! Youth ages 5-19 complete life skills missions to learn more about military life, celebrate military children, and earn points for prizes using the GooseChase app. Participants do not need to be in 4-H or have any previous military knowledge or connection to play. The first 50 registrants will receive a free 4-H Build-a-Boat Activity Kit to use in the challenge. Check out the recap from last year:

<https://bit.ly/MOMC23VID>

Register by March 29!

Join the Challenge!

## Animal Project Opportunities



# Cluck, Hop & Wiggle Show

Presented by Missaukee County 4-H

**DATE & TIME:**

Saturday, May 18, 2024  
Show starts at 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:**

Missaukee Agr'l Youth Show  
171 E Prosper Rd  
Falmouth, MI 49632

**COST:**

\$2.00 entry fee  
\$3.00 per class  
Pay at the door in cash or  
check payable to Missaukee 4-H  
Advisory Board.

**CONTACT:**

Susan Beerens  
Missaukee MSU Extension office  
beerenss@msu.edu  
231-510-8701

**REGISTER:**

Scan QR code to register.  
Registration ends May 5, 2024



**DESCRIPTION:**

This fun interactive show will include:

- Pullorum testing & Health Check 8 a.m.- 9:45a.m.
- Showing starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Rabbit and Poultry booths for making treats
- Rabbit agility available all day
- Concessions available
- Grand & Reserve Rosette and awards.  
Prizes for all Cloverbuds.
- Open to all youth

**Classes include:**

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Showmanship for: | Skill A Thon for: |
| * Chicken        | * Poultry         |
| * Duck           | * Rabbit          |
| * Turkey         |                   |
| * Rabbit         |                   |
| * Cavy           |                   |

**Age Groups Are:**

- 17-19
- 14-16
- 11-13
- 8-10
- 5-7 Cloverbuds

These ages represent the age you were on January 1, 2024.



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# NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR

CADILLAC, MI

# 2024 FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

**PRIZE:**  
COOKIES & CANVAS GIFT CERTIFICATES

Ages 10-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024)  
Entries due by March 20, 2024

Details and Entry Form Available at:  
[NorthernDistrictFair.org/Youth](http://NorthernDistrictFair.org/Youth)



## NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR REMINDERS:

- All market projects are required to complete a record book while raising the animal. This can include photos and weights from day 1, so be sure to look at your record books now: [NDF Record Books](#)
- Most animals should be in your possession by May 1 - exceptions: market poultry and rabbits
- All market projects must be declared with the Youth Livestock Market Registration Form by May 1. All Swine (pig) projects must go to auction and will not be weighed in until Sunday of the fair. Instead, you must submit several photos of your pig with the Youth Livestock Market Registration Form as specified on the form: [NDF Youth](#)
- All market goats and sheep must be weighed in at the Northern District Fairgrounds on May 4th.
- Please plan to attend Weigh in on May 4th for fairground clean up / work bee.
- Expect meetings to shift to the fairgrounds in May and to increase to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
- Market Broiler/Cornish Orders are due by May 10
- Rabbit meat pens and single fryer breeding date: May 2nd, Due date: June 2nd. You must own the breeding pair.
- 4-H fitting and showmanship guides explain the steps to showing the animal for judging and are available on our website for those looking to practice: [About Wexford 4-H - Wexford County \(msu.edu\)](#)

NDF Youth Department



## 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers - April 28

Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers is back! Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park as the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28! Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy exclusive gameday opportunities and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.

Baseball Details

## 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



**Michigan 4-H State Awards Program**

A State 4-H Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth!

**Application deadline: April 1**  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards24>

**Recognition event: June 19**



**4-H Exploration Days 2024**

**YOU'VE FOUND YOUR PLACE  
NOW LET'S GROW!**

Save the Dates:  
Mon., March 18, 6 pm - Wexford County Info Session (Zoom)  
Mon., March 25, 7 pm - Statewide Registration Opens

Exploration Days: June 19-21 | MSU Campus | Ages 12-19

## DUE APRIL 1 - State Awards

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## Exploration Days Registration

**Info Session March 18 | 6 pm**  
**Registration Opens March 25!** Save the Date for Exploration Days, June 19-21, 2024.

This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime. We highly encourage participation even if not college bound! Wexford County 4-H sends a delegation each year and

the minimum application score are eligible for a \$50 scholarship toward their 4-H Exploration Days registration.

provides transportation and scholarships.

Learn More

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

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/)

Where? Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

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When? July 28-Aug 3, 2024

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## Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

July 28- August 3  
Presque Isle County

Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! Camp will be held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, on the shores of Lake Esau. This year's camper fee is \$500 per camper and includes 6 nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt, and experiential learning. Camper age is 13-15 and they do not need to be a 4-H'er to attend. *\*Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.*

Learn More

## Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe

March 19 | 6 pm

Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money. Join us to discover tips on

- Researching and evaluating financial institutions
- Choosing between banks and credit unions
- Strategies for securing your financial future

Learn More





# 4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP

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July 8-9 and 10-11, 2024

Registration opens April 1st at noon



Join Us Online

## WILD SPARTANS

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WITH LICIA JOHNSON

NATURALIST & EDUCATION DIRECTOR, NORTH LAKELAND DISCOVERY CENTER

March 12 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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### Michigan 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp

July 8-9 or 10-11, 2024

Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is for youth who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science related projects and activities. Participants must be ages 13 to 17 as of January 1 of the current programming year. New for 2024 - shorter event with 2 dates. Despite doubling capacity, this is expected to fill very quickly.

Registration opens April 1.

Learn More

### Wild Spartans: Nurturing & Inspiring a Love of the Northwoods

Mar 12 | 6:30 pm

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a plunge with turtles and get a little batty while exploring the Northwoods of Wisconsin. You will meet Naturalist and Education Director for the North Lakeland Discovery Center, Licia Johnson, learn about her fieldwork, and the education and career path she followed to get there.

Pre-Registration Required

## Volunteer Vault

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Your time and talents can make a big impact!

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Apply to Volunteer

### Help Wanted: Shooting Sports

Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H Programs are partnering to start a new shooting sports club

### Help Wanted: Sewing Club

Wexford 4-H is seeking 2 volunteers with sewing experience to assist and/or lead

### Help Wanted: Wild Ones Club

Wild Ones is a year-round club focusing on outdoor recreation and nature. The club is looking

to meet at the Cadillac Sportsmans Club. We are looking for volunteers to assist at meetings and possibly attend training this spring to become instructors for shotgun, rifle, and archery, as well as the other disciplines.

**Certification Workshop: April 27-28, 2024 in Charlevoix, MI**

sewing club meetings in the coming year. Our club is very popular and could expand in the near future. We have many supplies waiting to be used, a class set of machines, and many resources available to support volunteers.

for 2 or more leaders to help youth develop a passion for nature and conservation. We have a significant number of supplies to help facilitate your ideas and adventures.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate:  
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MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

## GROUP MANAGEMENT FOR 4-H CLUBS AND GROUPS

March 18, 2024 at Noon and 7pm

### 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

#### Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups March 18 | Noon or 7 pm

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.

[Webinar Registration](#)

### Third Thursdays Together:

#### For the Love of the Game - Clover Gaming March 21, 2024 | 2 PM EST

Kathleen Bohde, Purdue Extension/Indiana 4-H Games are an all-inclusive way for youth to learn STEAM, and create family connections and peer networks. Clover Gaming Connection delivers 12-plus hours of content that encourages innovation and imagination and cultivates creativity in board game design. We believe gaming and game design is a way to develop programming that excites youth and allows participants to see possibilities for their future. This session will go over curriculum and many implementation options to fit the needs of youth programming. Participants will be given access to all grab-and-go lessons developed by the Clover Gaming team to be used at youth meetings for sampling.



[Webinar Registration](#)

### 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge

Starting May 5th, MSU Extension will host another 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program! Random weekly winners will also be chosen



# 4-H Alumni & Supporters



amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

## Walking Challenge

### Starting May 5th!

#### Get those walking shoes ready

Register soon for a chance to earn prizes for your county 4-H program!  
Prizes sponsored by Michigan 4-H Foundation

Walking Registration



## 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:** [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

## County Calendar

MAR 18

6 pm | Zoom

Join Kate to learn about this 3-day trip to MSU in June for ages 12-19.

### Northern District Fair Board Meeting

6 pm | Fair Office (199 E 13th St. Cadillac)

MAR 21

Volunteers are needed to make the fair a success. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm.

### Spot On Shooting Interest Meeting

6:30 pm | Cadillac Sportsman's Club

MAR 21

Learn about this new club from Wexford and Missaukee Counties.

### We are the Dinosaurs SPIN Club

3-5 pm | Carl T Johnson Center, Cadillac

MAR 25-28

Spend Spring Break as a Dinosaur with 4-H Leader Josie!  
Open to CloverBuds ages 5-7 as of Jan 1.

MAR 26

### Leaders Council Meeting

5:30 pm | TBA

Come see how caring adults in the community help youth thrive!

APR 8

### Livestock Clubs Meeting

5 pm | Wexford County Annex Building

Join Makayla to learn how to raise, show, and sell animals. Ages 5-19

APR 10

### Wild Ones Club Meeting

5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

Join Kate on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for fun hands-on adventures and activities relating to nature. Ages 5-19. \*Seeking New Leader\*

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

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