

2026 Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

July 6-7 & 8-9, 2026

at Michigan State University

Registration opens April 1, 2026 at noon



The Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is a pre-college program held at Michigan State University (MSU) in partnership with MI 4-H Youth Development, MSU Department of Animal Science, and MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Youth explore fields and careers relating to animal science and veterinary medicine, visit MSU farms and facilities, and participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

What's New?

- This program will be offered twice as a two-day day camp. Youth can attend either July 6-7 or July 8-9.
- Lodging will be the responsibility of the participant's family. Discounted hotel room blocks will be provided to registrants at a later date.
- We will not be collecting applications. **Registration will open to all youth on April 1.**
- Out-of-state youth can join the waitlist and will be welcome to register if Michigan youth do not fill all the spots by the deadline.

Who Can Attend:

Youth ages 13 to 17 (as of January 1, 2026) who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science-related activities. All attendees must be (or become) current Michigan 4-H members.

Cost: The registration fee includes all meals, transportation around camp and camp materials. The cost per youth is **\$120**.

Who leads the camp?

Camp is led by Michigan 4-H Staff along with adult volunteers who have been screened through the [MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process](#).

Registration Deadline:

- **Registration will open online on April 1 at 12:00 p.m. and will close on April 15 at 11:59 p.m. or when camp fills, whichever comes first.**
 - Incomplete and unpaid registrations will automatically be canceled.
- If camp fills prior to the deadline, a waitlist will begin. These youth will be notified if a space becomes available in the order their waitlist entries were received and they must complete the registration by the original deadline.
- Payment is due at the time of registration.

Cancellation Policy: No refunds will be given after May 15, 2026.

Scholarships:

For scholarship opportunities, **please contact your [local MSU Extension office](#) by March 25th**. If scholarship opportunities are available, your 4-H Program Coordinator may give you a "coupon code" to use when you register **or** work out a plan to reimburse you for a portion of the camp fee.

Space is limited!

There are 60 spots available per session.

Timeline Overview:

Week of March 9th

- Camp information becomes available.

March 25, 2026

- Deadline to contact your local MSU Extension office to inquire about scholarship opportunities. If scholarships are available, they may share a discount code with you to use when you register so that all you will pay at registration is the remaining balance.
 - Note: Each county may have a different process for awarding scholarships, and scholarships may not be available in every county. Additionally, scholarship opportunities are not guaranteed after this date.

April 1, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. EST

- Registration opens!
 - At 12:00 p.m., a green “**Register**” button will appear on our website:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-and-veterinary-science-camp-2026>
- To successfully register, you must complete **all** forms and payment.
 - There is not a way to pick up where you left off. Please complete the registration in one sitting. Your registration is not complete until you have paid and reach the confirmation screen.
 - Incomplete and/or unpaid registrations or those who do not meet eligibility requirements (such as age or Michigan residency) will be automatically canceled.

April 15 at 11:59 p.m. EST

- Registration will close.
 - If registration fills prior to this date, the system will begin collecting waitlist responses. In the event a spot becomes available, waitlisted MI youth will be contacted and invited to register in the order their entries were received.
 - This is also the last day for out-of-state youth to join the waitlist.

Week of April 21

- If Michigan residents did not fill all available spots, waitlisted out-of-state youth will be invited to register in the order their waitlist entries were received.

May 15, 2026

- This is the cancellation deadline. No refunds will be given after this date.

See page 3 for sample camp agenda and potential activities.

The schedule below is an *example* and activities are subject to change. The finalized agenda will be shared with confirmed registrants in the weeks leading up to camp.

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SAMPLE Schedule

Schedule is subject to change.



Day 1 - July 6th or July 8th

- 9:00 Check in
- 10:00 Welcome!
- 11:00 Careers in Animal Science
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 South Campus Animal Farm visits
- 4:00 Mindfulness Exercise
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Veterinary Skills Rotation
could include activities such as piglet dissections, injection methods, wellness exams, and bandaging or suturing
- 8:30 Day 1 Wrap Up
- 8:45 Check out

Day 2 - July 7th or July 9th

- 8:00 Check in
- 9:00 CANR Admissions
- 10:00 CVM Admissions
- 11:00 CVM Clinical Skills Lab Tour
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Animal Science Degree Planning
- 2:00 GooseChase
- 3:30 Case Study Activity
- 5:00 Mindfulness Practice
- 5:30 Group Photos and Wrap Up
- 6:00 Check out

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