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4-H Family News

Ingham County



Beyond Ready

Ingham County 4-H Award Application & Nominations



**Submit to office or email by
Tuesday, November 24, 2026**



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Awards and Scholarships
<https://shorturl.at/5RVsL>

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4-H Ingham County

LEADER UPDATE MEETINGS

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED SO PLEASE ASSIST US AND PLANNING BY SENDING YOUR RSVP TO GLENDA WEISSGLE@MSU.EDU.

If you are the administrative leader and cannot attend please send someone to represent your club.

Choose one of the three dates and times

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Thursday, October 15

06:30pm
Community Hall
Ingham Fairgrounds

Thursday, October 8

Noon
Hilliard Building, Mason

Topic of Discussion:
Upcoming programs and events happening at the county and state level, opportunities for 4-H youth, and more.

Strengthening your 4-H club for youth success

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Ingham County 4-H
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/>

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4. Update information.
5. Continue until you click the final SUBMIT button.
6. Add members if needed.

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How to Register with 4-H: *NEW Family*

1. Visit **mi.4Honline.com**.
2. Create a family account.
3. Answer member questions; click the final SUBMIT button.
4. Use the Add Member button on the Member List page if needed.
5. Membership is approved at the county level. You will receive an email once approved.



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MICHIGAN 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITAL

OCTOBER 7, 2026 11:00AM - 1:00PM

HERITAGE HALL - CAPITOL VISITOR'S CENTER,
323 W. OTTAWA ST., LANSING, MI 48933

Join Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan 4-H Foundation for the fourth Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol! For more than 115 years, Michigan 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities and today it continues to reach more than 139,000 Michigan youth, annually. To celebrate this amazing program and bring awareness to its life-changing work, MSU Extension and the Michigan 4-H Foundation will host a reception-style event on Wednesday, October 7 at Heritage Hall.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., visit educational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, alumni and staff. We will hold a brief program at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Registration preferred by Oct. 3, however, walk-ins are welcome.



Join Us Online WILD SPARTANS

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THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES"

WITH ABIGAIL LIPPERT
INTERN, ENVIRONMENT FOR THE AMERICAS, U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

October 13 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required: <https://pears.io/events/msuext/9307/>

LOOKING FOR A 4-H'ER WHO PLAYS PIANO

TO PLAY DURING THE 4-H LEGACY
AWARDS CEREMONY

MSU UNIVERSITY CLUB
3435 FOREST RD, LANSING
OCTOBER 3
11 - 11:30 A.M.

EMAIL OR CALL RACHEL IF
INTERESTED:
OCHYLSKI@MSU.EDU
(517) 676-7300



AGES 12-19
COST: \$50.00



MICHIGAN 4-H
ANIMAL SCIENCE

FALL FEST

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST, 2026
EAST LANSING, MI

ANIMAL SCIENCE
TOPICS:

- GENETICS & SELECTION
- ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY
- REPRODUCTION
- BEHAVIOR
- IMMUNOLOGY
- MEAT SCIENCE
- VETERINARY MEDICINE

TRICK-OR-TREATING!

OPTIONAL

COSTUME
CONTEST!

SPECIE
SESSIONS:
BEEF, DAIRY
POULTRY,
SHEEP/GOATS,
& SWINE



INTRO TO CODING CLUB

Do you like computers, tech, or robots?

Then this club is for YOU!

This six-week club will teach you all about the basics of coding! We'll be using iPads to explore the same coding language that real app makers use, and we'll also be controlling and programming robots!

Don Johnson Fieldhouse



Thursdays 4pm - 5pm starting

**September 10 and ending
October 15**



Any 6th, 7th or 8th graders enrolled in a Lansing School are welcome! No experience needed! (15 spots available)

SIGN UP!



My name is Rachel! I know a lot about coding and technology. I'm excited to help you explore these subjects!



Email for any questions!

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STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

2027 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

COSTA RICA • NORWAY • TAIWAN • SOUTH KOREA • JAPAN



OUR MISSION: Enhancing world understanding and global citizenship through high-quality international cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H aged youth.

Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer 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. Our network of like-minded international partners recruits host families and plans enrichment activities.

2027 PROGRAM DATES*

Costa Rica: June 24–July 23

Norway: June 17–July 17

Taiwan: June 30–July 30

South Korea: July 7–August 6

Japan 4-Week: July 7–August 6

Japan 8-Week: June 9–August 6

*Program dates subject to slight change or modification.

4-H YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

➔ 12–18 years old for Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan 4-Week

➔ 15–18 years old for Costa Rica, Norway, and Japan 8-Week

Applicant must not be in college and 4-H enrollment guidelines and ages vary by state.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Contact your State Coordinator and/or reach out to States' 4-H to learn more
- Applications open in Fall 2026

Learn more at www.states4h.org
exchange@states4h.org • (206) 462-2200



4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

*Become an amateur zookeeper
and discover firsthand what it
takes to care for animals from
around the world. Assist zoo staff
behind the scenes and observe
animal care sessions.*

[Registration and information:](https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-projects-opportunities/4-h-opportunities/4-h-zoo-apprentice-camp)

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National 4-H Animal Science Career Night Webinar

**September 29, 2026
7-8pm est**

Join us for an evening to hear from noted speakers in the veterinarian industry as they share career exploration insights, advice, and more! Open to youth in grades 7-13 (ages 12-19).

Register by September 28th.



Presented by
National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development
Professionals, Animal Science Working Group

Questions? email mb2173@njaes.rutgers.edu or call 908 526 6644

Guest Speakers



Dr Hannah Neill, DVM, MS
Clinical Instructor
Large Animal Field Service
Shreiber School of Veterinary
Medicine of Rowan University



Dr Michelle D'Alessandro, DVM
Belle Mead Animal Hospital
Hillsborough New Jersey





Ready to Join?

Scan the QR code below to view the 4-H Future Squad Website and Interest Form



For program support, questions, or assistance with registration, please contact **Laurie Rivetto** at rivettoL@msu.edu

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4-H Future Squad

A Virtual 4-H Club to Grow YOUR Future

Youth aged 12-19 (as of Jan 1, 2027) are invited to join 4-H Future Squad, designed for youth to build skills, confidence, and connections for a successful future.

The club will meet virtually October 2026 – May 2027.

Topics for education include financial literacy, college and career readiness, stress management, building healthy relationships, studying abroad, goal setting, nutrition, and much more... based on the topics you share that will help you be beyond ready for your future!

Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the Upcoming Programs webpage.

Why Join 4-H Future Squad?

- **Adulthood is a big job — we'll help you get ready!**
Learn essential skills alongside new friends and mentors who can guide you toward your goals.
- **Gain access to all 4-H benefits and statewide events**
A variety of events will be shared with the group often, and youth are encouraged to participate!
- **Attend as you can!**
Join 4-H Future Squad as your primary or secondary club – attend as many sessions as you wish.



Beyond Ready





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Starting the new 4-H
year with a focus on
being Beyond Ready*



**Beyond
Ready**

A new 4-H year is the perfect time for volunteers and youth to set the tone for growth, learning and readiness. Beginning the year with intentional activities helps young people build confidence, explore their interests, and understand how their 4-H experiences prepare them for life beyond the club.

Early goal setting, reflection and hands-on project work encourage youth to practice important skills such as communication, decision making and responsibility. Volunteers play a key role by helping youth make connections between what they do in 4-H and the skills they will need in future school, work and community settings.

By starting strong and reinforcing these ideas all year long, clubs can help ensure youth are truly Beyond Ready for whatever comes next.

#BeyondReady

September 9: 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! Plan to stay after for the first meeting of the fall semester for MSU Collegiate 4-H!

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

September 20: Saginaw 4-H Fall Festival

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Join the Saginaw 4-H Fall Festival for a fun-filled afternoon at Schomaker Farms! Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun, learning, and community. The public is welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-4-h-fall-festival

September 23: Adulting 101 – Are You Ready?

Online

Get ready for anything! This workshop will teach youth how to stay calm, make a plan and handle emergencies with confidence and safety.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2026

October 2: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

University Club of MSU, Lansing

4-H donors and staff with 4-H responsibilities are encouraged to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Register by September 18.

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

October 3: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

University Club of MSU, Lansing

Join us to celebrate and recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff. Register by September 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration

October 4-10: National 4-H Week

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. Celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week! Learn more and find ideas of how to celebrate in your community online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>

October 5: Go Green for 4-H!

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint— anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN in support of 4-H!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Re-enroll for the 2026-2027 program year!

Welcome to September and the new 4-H program year! Beginning Thursday, September 3, you may login to your family's 4-H Online (mi.4honline.com/) account and enroll your 4-H members for the 2026-2027 program year. All returning families should utilize the same email address to access their account as they have in the past.

If you do not remember your login email, do not create a new account, simply contact your county staff member (www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/county/) for assistance. Thanks for being a part of the 4-H community!



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National 4-H Week: October 4-10

For more than 115 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 4-10, 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.

Join with 4-H'ers around the country in activating on two important initiatives:

Monday, October 5: Go Green!

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint— anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN in support of 4-H! Share your 'Go Green' moment on social and tag National 4-H, Michigan 4-H program, and use: #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek.

Thursday, October 8: Thankful Thursday

On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the mentors, educators and volunteers who are making positive impact on your people's lives in 4-H. Share who you're thankful for and celebrate how they are making a difference on Thursday, October 8! Share your 'Thankful' story on social, tag others in your 4-H community, tag National 4-H and use: #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek.

Learn more about more ways you can celebrate during National 4-H Week at www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week.

Wild Spartans returns!

Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as they take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.\\

Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST. Each 30-minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration required:

www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series



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FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING
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October-March, 2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:
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