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4-H Family News

MACOMB COUNTY

2026 Spring 4-H Club Leader Meet – March 24



MSU Extension 4-H Staff is pleased to host the **2026 Spring 4-H Club Leader Meet** on Tuesday, March 24th from 6-8 p.m. at Camp Rotary, 20505 29 Mile Road, Ray Township. Join us to connect, share success stories, provide important program updates, and discuss important topics for the 2026 Armada Fair. Any Macomb County 4-H club or committee leaders who would benefit from attending are welcome to attend. Please R.S.V.P. online at <https://forms.office.com/r/G0m15RPtZk>.

4-H STEM programs in Macomb Twp., Roseville

MSU Extension – Macomb County 4-H Youth Development has partnered with Macomb Township Parks & Recreation and the Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe to offer exciting and fun STEM classes for youth ages 9-14.

**Macomb Township Parks & Recreation,
20669 Macomb Street, Macomb Township**

Register:

<https://mimacombweb.myscloud.com/webtrac/web/>
Go to Youth/Teen and look for Macomb County 4-H.

♦ **Fun with Sphero Robots (Feb. 9 / 6-7:30 p.m. / Cost: \$7 residents/\$12 non-residents)**
Discover the world of coding using sphero robots, the coolest way to learn robotics and programming. From coding challenges to navigating obstacle courses, get ready for a night of fun and educational activities that will unleash your creativity and problem-solving skills.

♦ **Animate with Stop Motion! (Feb. 25 / 6-7:30 p.m. / Cost: \$7 residents/\$12 non-residents)**
Ever wanted to make your toys come to life? In this hands-on class, you'll create your own mini-movie using everyday objects and stop-motion animation.

**Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe,
18185 Sycamore, Roseville**

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/msf7s68d>
Go to Youth & Teen Enrichment Programs.

♦ **Design with Shapes: Build Your Own Robot (Feb. 17 / 2-3 p.m. / Cost: \$5)**
Ready to turn simple shapes into something awesome? In this creative session, you'll use Keynote to design your very own robot using just shapes — then bring it to life with cool animations! No experience needed — just your imagination and a love for tech and design!

♦ **Fun with Sphero Robots (Feb. 17 / 3:15-5 p.m. / Cost: \$7)**
Discover the world of coding using Sphero robots, the coolest way to learn robotics and programming. From coding challenges to navigating obstacle courses, get ready for a series of fun and educational activities that will unleash your creativity and problem-solving skills.

♦ **Animate with Stop Motion (March 18 / 6-7:30 p.m. / Cost: \$6)**
Turn everyday objects into stars of your own mini-movie using stop motion animation and Keynote. You'll learn how to snap creative photo sequences, add cool effects, and create your very own animated GIF to share. No experience needed.

2026 Macomb County 4-H Fair Theme:

“Happy 250th Birthday, America!”

The patriotic red, white and blue theme was suggested by 4-H youth members Emma Falker (Good Times), Avery Prisby (Ray's Riding Rascals) and 4-H volunteers Audrey Goetzinger and Cindy Malburg (Alarro).

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Tickets now available for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin



Join MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H on March 1 for the 20th celebration of [Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin](#)! This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Ohio State Buckeyes! Tickets are only \$7.50 + fees for the Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, staff, alumni and their families. Register online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Miami Marlins on **Sunday, April 12**! Receive a co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers bucket hat and make a donation to 4-H with your ticket. Purchase tickets at <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Michigan4H26>



Show your 4-H pride wherever you go!



Did you know you can make a difference for 4-H every time you hit the road? By purchasing the Michigan 4-H specialty license plate, you're not only showing your 4-H spirit—you're helping fund programs that empower young people across the state. A portion of each plate sale and renewal benefits Michigan 4-H, supporting hands-on learning experiences that help Michigan youth become beyond ready for the future.

Whether you're a current member, alumni, volunteer, or simply a proud supporter, this is an easy way to give back and keep 4-H growing strong. Ordering is simple through the Michigan Secretary of State. Drive your support forward—get your 4-H plate today and help create opportunities for the next generation of Michigan 4-H youth! Learn more at <http://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate>.

Participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute



As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens February 1 and closes March 15.

State 4-H Awards

Get recognition for your 4-H project work! Macomb County 4-H'ers who are ages 12-19 years old as of 1/1/2026 are encouraged to apply for Michigan 4-H State Awards. To learn more about these awards and how to apply, join MSU Extension staff for this webinar:

February 25, 2026 (4:00 pm)

<https://tinyurl.com/24j8d3nn>

Meeting ID: 962 3624 0828

Passcode: 847857

Ready to get started? Apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/539fxebf> between March 1-April 1.

MI 4-H Dairy Conference registration ends Feb. 5!

Join the Michigan 4-H Dairy Youth Program from Feb. 27 – March 1 at Michigan State University for an exciting, hands-on educational experience! This conference is open to 4-H youth ages 12–19 and gold-level 4-H volunteers.

Participants will enjoy:

- Expert-led sessions on dairy judging, nutrition, calving, carcass evaluations, and more.
- Exclusive tours of the MSU Meat Lab and the new MSU Dairy Cattle Teaching & Research Center.
- Interactive labs, including dissections and a nutrition workshop.

Special Events:

- Friday Night: Sport Spirit Day – wear your favorite sports team apparel!
- Saturday Night: A fun trip to Zap Zone XL for all attendees!

Register online at

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026michigan4hdairyconference/> by

February 5, 2026.

Questions? Contact Kendra at vanorde4@msu.edu.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register for Capitol Experience by March 1st



Do you want to make our state a better place? 4-H Capitol Experience is now open for registration! Join us at the Michigan Capitol March 15-17 to learn more about state government, and how your voice can make an impact! More information available on our website at

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/

Avoiding Money Mishaps

Protect Yourself: Avoiding Frauds, Scams & Identity Theft! Youth, don't let scammers win! Join MSU Extension 4-H for the [Avoiding Money Mishaps](#) webinar at 6 p.m. on February 11th and learn how to spot scams and safeguard your identity. The program is free for youth ages 9–19. Register at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-jan13>.

4-H Spark and Share Summit

Looking for fresh ideas and meaningful connections in 4-H? Join us at the 4-H Spark & Share Summit on March 7th in Frankenmuth! Open to volunteers, teen leaders, youth members, and parents, this one-day summit includes lunch and your choice of up to four breakout sessions designed to inspire and spark creativity. The cost is \$75. [Register here](#) by February 9th and get ready to learn, share, and spark something new!

4-H Teens as Teachers Healthy Living Program

Michigan youth ages 13–19 can now register for the 2026 4-H Teens as Teachers: Healthy Living Program—a free leadership opportunity where teens learn to teach younger youth about mental wellness, fitness, and healthy decision-making. Participants receive a scholarship to MSU 4-H Exploration Days, a \$100 stipend, training, materials, and ongoing support. Space is limited. Register by April 15th at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/teensasteachers/>. Questions? Contact Extension Educator Brian Wibby at 906-439-5065 or wibby@msu.edu.

Feeding Your Ruminant Workshop – Feb. 21

Join MSU Extension 4-H for the Feeding Your Ruminant Workshop at the Isabella County Commission on Aging, 2200 S. Lincoln Road, Mount Pleasant on Saturday, February 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The workshop is recommended for youth ages 8–14, but all youth and adults are welcome. Lunch is included.

This hands-on session will cover basic ruminant anatomy & development, common diseases, basic nutrients and nutrition, hands-on exploration of the ruminant stomach compartments and more.

The presenter is Katie Wilson, a past Isabella County 4-H member who showed dairy feeders and competed in dairy management and judging at the local, state, and national levels. She earned her Bachelor's in Animal Science from MSU (minor in Ag Business), holds a Dairy Management Certificate, and was part of the MSU Dairy Challenge Team that won the National Championship in 2022. Katie currently works at Caledonia Farmers Elevator providing nutrition support in the feed office.

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/2rrd73mh> by February 13.

Save the date!

4-H Exploration Days
(www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days)

is June 24-25
at Michigan State University
in East Lansing!

Sign up to receive event updates,
Macomb County busing and
orientation details, and more:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Q0DL4Mv63d>

Adulting 101: Life Skills for Youth

Michigan State University Extension offers free, one-hour **Adulting 101** Zoom workshops to help teens and young adults navigate adulthood. The next session, **Informed Renter**, is February 19th at 5 p.m. Attend and get a clear understanding of your rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

Other upcoming topics include:

Sleep Wellness
(March 4 / 5:30 p.m.)

Eat Smart: Healthy Meals on a Budget
(April 13 / 5 p.m.)

Cooking with Confidence
(May 18 / 6:30 p.m.)

AI and You: Smart, Safe & Savvy
(June 11 / 6 p.m.)

Think Before You Click
(July 8 / 6 p.m.)

Roadmap to a Smart
Used Car Purchase
(August 12 / 5 p.m.)

Are you Ready?
(September 23 / 5 p.m.)

Mental Health Toolkit
(October 7 / 6 p.m.)

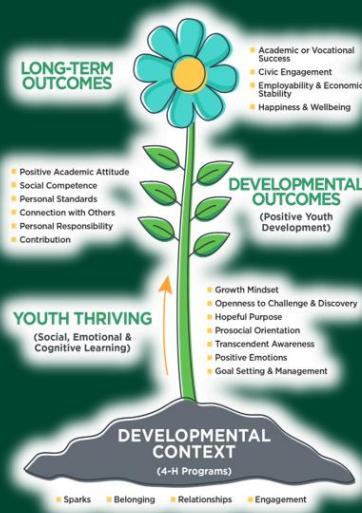
Realities of Animal Care (November
12 / 7 p.m.).

Register online at
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2026>.



CALENDARS OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Building a sense of belonging in our 4-H program has been a long-standing tradition. What does this look like?

It may be a project leader, club leader, or event organizer welcoming you to each meeting or event. It may look like a “roll call” or “ice breaker” at the beginning of a meeting.

The initial welcome allows people to know that they have been seen in the room. So, the next time someone asks you a roll call question of “What’s your favorite cheese?”, know that there is a reason.

We want to get to know you. We want to hear your voice. We want the ability to start building relationships by finding likenesses among us.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

Macomb County 4-H Events

February 9

[Fun with Sphero Robots](#)

6-7:30 p.m., Macomb Township Parks & Recreation, Macomb Township

When registering, go to Youth/Teen and look for Macomb County 4-H.

February 17

[Design with Shapes: Build Your Own Robot](#)

3:15-5 p.m., Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, Roseville

When registering, go to Youth and Teen Enrichment.

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February 25

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March 18

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6-7:30 p.m., Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, Roseville

When registering, go to Youth and Teen Enrichment

March 24

[Macomb County Spring 4-H Leader Meet](#)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

Other Local Events

February 1

[Armada Fair Steer Tagging](#)

Noon-2 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

Statewide & National 4-H Events

February 1

[4-H Wild Spartans](#)

Online

Take a walk through the woods on the wild side with “Walking a Path of Conservation.” Ask questions through a live Q&A. This free series is for ages 12-19.

February 11

[Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Building Belonging – Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences](#)

Online. Team-building builds belonging and engagement in 4-H. This webinar shows volunteers how simple practices help youth feel included, communicate, collaborate, and develop leadership skills.

February 11

[Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Building Belonging – Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences](#)

Online

Teambuilding isn't just an activity—it's a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

February 11

[Avoiding Money Mishaps](#)

Online

This webinar will focus on how youth can protect themselves from fraud, scams, identity theft and predatory lending.

February 11

[4-H Chef Tasty Dog Treats](#)

Lenawee MSU Extension Demo Kitchen, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will prepare delicious treats to bake at home for your dog. Ages 5-7 need adult helper. Registration deadline is February 7.

February 19-March 26

[Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series](#)

Online

Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful.

February 19

[Adulting 101: Informed Renter](#)

5 p.m., online

February 19

[Ace the Interview: Skill Building and Practice for Teens](#)

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This free workshop will help youth (ages 12-19) handle interview experiences with tips and hands-on practice. Register by Feb. 17.

February 21

[Feeding Your Ruminant Workshop](#)

Isabella County Commission on Aging, Mount Pleasant

February 27

[MI 4-H Dairy Conference](#)

MSU

March 1

[4-H Day at the Breslin](#)

MSU, East Lansing

March 4

[Adulting 101: Sleep Wellness](#)

5:30 p.m., online

March 7

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