



JUNE 2023

4-H Family News

ALLEGAN COUNTY



Allegan County 4-H June 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 4-H Livestock Judging Camp Ionia Co. Fairgrounds
4	5 4-H Horse Leaders meeting 7pm, Spartan Rm.	6 D-DAY Normandy Landings June 6, 1944	7	8	9	10
11	12 4-H Creative & Education Comm meeting 7pm, Spartan Room	13 4-H Dairy Leaders 7:30pm Spartan Rm	14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17 State 4-H Goat Show, MSU Pavilion
18 Happy Father's Day	19 JUNETEENTH Freedom Day	20 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm Spartan Rm.	4-H Exploration Days at MSU			24
			21 First Day of Summer	22	23	
25	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp at Michigan State University				30	

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 8: Adulting 101 – How To Buy a Car

Online

Buying a car is an important and costly decision to make. Attend this session to learn about choosing a vehicle, purchasing it, and all of the considerations when making your decision.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-6-8

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23





STATE 4-H ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.



Head, Heart, and Hands for the Health of Tanzania 100 Dresses Challenge!

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WE WILL SHOW UP

WE WILL HELP PEOPLE THRIVE

WE WILL WELCOME EVERYONE



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Imagine a world where every little girl owned, at least, one dress! What if that dress were **made by YOU!**

Grab your friends, sewing groups, club participants, etc. and have fun making pillowcase dresses for girls in Africa! **COME SEW WITH US!**

Join us **Friday, June 16 at 2pm**, via Zoom, for a virtual sew along! I will show you step by step how to make a pillowcase dress in two hours! This is a beginner-friendly project.

Information will also be shared as we lead the charge to provide **100 dresses** to little girls in Tanzania!

Click on the following link to gain insight on the challenges and needs of Tanzania. edu/news/4-h-around-the-world-Tanzania

You may join the sew along or make the dress(es) on your own and send to: **Kathy Henderson, c/o MSU Extension, 1360 Oakman Blvd., 2nd FL., Detroit, MI 48238**

DEADLINES: July 12, 2023 – All dresses should be received.

July 14, 2023 - The dresses will be shipped to
Tanzania 4H Organization Headquarters.

August 12, 2023 – The dresses will be presented by
MSU Extension Educator Janis Brinn at
the "Inspire for Change" Global Summit
in Tanzania!!



Interested in learning how to make the pillowcase dress but can't make the Zoom meeting on July 16th? Contact Dian at liepe@msu.edu - if there is enough interest, we will have an in person sewing class the last week of June!!