



4-H Family News

Allegan County December, 2022



REQUIRED TRAINING FOR 4-H LEADERS

All 4-H Leaders are now REQUIRED to watch the video in Volunteer Central on Child Abuse Reporting Protocol. To continue as an active leader you need to complete this in Volunteer Central by **December 31st**. After December 31st those who have not taken the training will have their status changed to resigned and will not be able to continue as a 4-H leader (until they complete the training)

You also have the option of taking the training via Zoom with Dian Liepe 4-H Program Coordinator. To register for the free Zoom webinar please email Dian at liepe@msu.edu with the date and time you wish to register for. The Zoom Link will be emailed back to you. Once that Zoom meeting has completed Dian will go into Volunteer Central for mark completed for those who attended the Zoom meeting.

Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Zoom Trainings

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 1pm 3pm 7pm

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 10am 7pm

Thursday, December 15, 2022 10am 7pm

Friday, December 16, 2022 10am 1pm

MUST RSVP BY DAY PRIOR TO TRAINING

OTHER TRAINING MODULES – Allegan County 4-H Leaders also need to take the other trainings in Volunteer Central as well – you will have until **March 1st to finish these**. Dian will offer these trainings by Zoom as well in January and February. Be sure to check the monthly Newsletter and Weekly Email Blasts for dates and Times.

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Allegan County 4-H December 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>MSU Extension Office Hours Tuesday – Friday 9am to 5pm Mondays by appointment</p>		<p>1</p> <p>4-H After School Glenn</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Dian Vacation Day</p> <p>4-H Horse Leaders mtg. 7:30pm, Casa Real, Otsego</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4-H After School Pullman</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4-H After School Glenn</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Dian Vacation Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4-H Leader Training Reporting Child Abuse RSVP For Zoom info 1pm, 3pm, 7pm No 4-H Livestock meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4-H Leader Training Reporting Child Abuse RSVP For Zoom info 10am, 7pm 4-H After School Pullman</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4-H Leader Training Reporting Child Abuse RSVP For Zoom info 10am, 7pm 4-H After School Glenn</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4-H Leader Training Reporting Child Abuse RSVP For Zoom info 10am, 1pm</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Dian Vacation Day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>No 4-H Council meeting this month</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4-H After School Pullman</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>MSU Winter Break Office closed 12/23/22 to 1/2/23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Adult and Teen Leaders interested in serving on the 4-H Council



The 4-H Council by laws were recently updated to include up to 4 adult 4-H Leaders “At Large” and up to 4-H Teen Leaders “At Large”. The 4-H Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month and is responsible for county 4-H programming. They serve as an advisory board to the 4-H program and help implement some programs such as: Awards Celebration, Cloverbud Day Camp, Fair Frenzy and the County Wide Auction to name a few.

We need folks that want to do MORE in 4-H and want to help make things happen for 4-H in Allegan County!! If you would like more information, please contact Dian Liepe at liepe@msu.edu

The next 4-H Council meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

4-H Chocolate Party – Sunday, February 5, 2023

Coming in February your chance to learn about the origins of Chocolate!! Dixie Sandborn will join us for a “4-H Chocolate Party” on Sunday, February 5th from 2 to 4pm in the Spartan Room in Human Services Building . This workshop is FREE and there will be samples!! Registration is limited to 25 so register early by emailing Dian Liepe at liepe@msu.edu.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Shop the Michigan
4-H store this
holiday season*



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 3: Family Holiday Craft Day

Arthur Center Church of God, Clare

Bring the family and get crafty! This event is \$5 per participant.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-craft-day>

December 13: Wild Spartans –Special Education to Wildlife Biologist

Online

Take a closer look at charismatic microfauna and hop along to uncover the hidden world of herpetology. Meet Erim Gómez, assistant professor of wildlife biology at the University of Montana. Learn about his field work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will partake in a live Q&A. This free series is open to youth ages 12-19 years.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-december-2022>

December 14: Cloverbud Fun Night

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo

Join us for a day of games, activities and crafting fun!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-fun-night-december-2022>

December 15 –January 2: Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl

Online

4-H members are encouraged to test their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources in the 2022 Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl. Ages 5-19 welcome to play.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/hunting-wildlife-quizbowl>

December 31: 2022 Re-Certification for Shooting Sports Instructors

Online

Deadline for instructor re-certification efforts. Policy and application available online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-re-certification-for-shooting-sports-instructors>

January 7: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Four Square Sportsman's Association, Jeddo

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration deadline is December 15.

[4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop - 4-H Shooting Sports \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop)





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Opportunity to teach at 4-H Exploration Days 2023

Annually, MSU Extension holds [4-H Exploration Days](#), a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2023 event is set for June 21-23 on the campus of MSU.

This exciting event is a team effort and we need you! We're currently seeking inspiring and fun educational and free time session proposals. Think outside the box for ideas! Youth like sessions on career paths, cutting edge research/work, animals, life skills for their future, recreational activities and new and emerging activities/topics. Some of the areas requested by youth also include: robotics, drones, music, outdoor activities like biking, rappelling, kayaking and nature sessions.

Session and free time proposal requests are now open until December 5. More information on the adult instructor role and the youth co-instructor role, as well as details about proposal requirements, can be found at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.



States' 4-H International Exchange Programs
2023 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS
Costa Rica · Japan · South Korea

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries?
Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most tourists rarely get to see.

Travel abroad with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

Want to see another part of the world? Michigan 4-H is accepting applications for the Summer 2023 outbound international exchange program! Explore a new country and culture via an immersive international exchange experience.

Michigan 4-H has been in a partnership with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs for many years and through this collaboration, American 4-H youth have the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer

host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Enrich your 4-H experience and apply today to travel abroad in the summer 2023! Michigan 4-H is currently planning to offer trips to Japan, Costa Rica and South Korea. Visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> to learn more and apply by January 1, 2023.

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>. Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H! JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.

