



MARCH 2024

4-H Family News

Barry County



Hello 4-H Members!

We are gearing up for Fair 2024! Fair may seem far away, but there is a lot to do to get us there. Make sure to get in touch with club leaders so you don't miss out on any pre-fair requirements!

There are many other opportunities for 4-H members to take part in. From county wide events to state and nation-wide conferences, there is always something for everyone. Find out what we have to offer below.

As always, we encourage you to share events with friends and family.

Sincerely,

LilyRose Arriaga

4-H Program Coordinator

Special Dates in March

[4-H Give Green Day](#) | March 12th

[Wild Spartans](#) | March 12th

[Mi 4-H Hippology Contest](#) | March 16th

[4-H Capitol Experience](#) | March 17th – 19th

[Mi 4-H Volunteer Webinar](#) | March 18th

[Virtual Career Night](#) | March 19th

[Poultry Nutrition and Feeding Clinic](#) | March 20th

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Poultry Nutrition and Feeding Clinic Presented by Kalmbach

Poultry Nutrition Meeting

Barry County Extension Building- Tyden Room
121 S. Church St.
Hastings, MI
March 20th
6:00pm

Dinner Provided
RSVP: Alison Abraham
616-888-0486

Join the Middleville Clovers Poultry Club on March 20th at the Tyden Room for a nutrition and feeding clinic by Kalmbach Feeds! All Barry poultry members welcomed. Dinner will be provided to those who RSVP.

A BIG THANK YOU to Alison Abraham for putting this together.

RSVP to Alison Abraham @ 616-888-0486

Advisory Council 2024 Scholarships

In order to support Barry 4-H members the advisory council raises money every year to help fund continuing education beyond high school.

The advisory council is happy to announce that the application for 2024 scholarships are now open and available on the Barry County MSU Extension 4-H website.

More than one 4-H member will be awarded a scholarship. High school seniors are highly encouraged to apply. Millions of dollars in scholarships go unclaimed around the country because of lack of applicants!

To learn more about scholarships, click visit

https://www.canr.msu.edu/barry/barry_county_4_h/scholarships_awards



Goat Developmental Committee Brick Fundraiser



Get ready for some changes coming to the goat/sheep barn at the Barry Co. Expo. The goat developmental committee and the fair board have teamed up with a goal to pave the goat side of the barn!

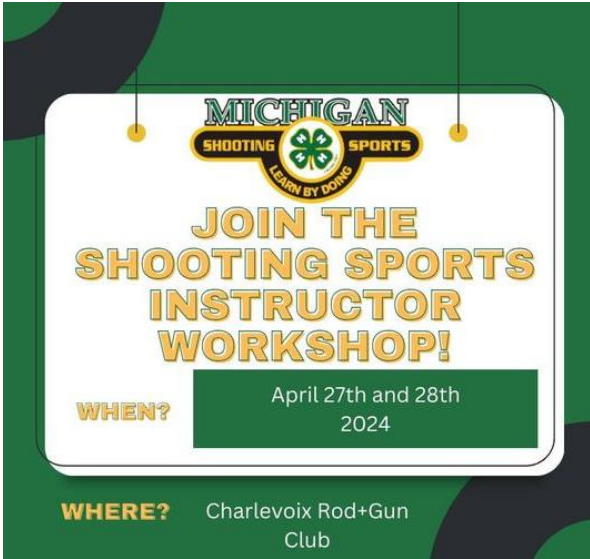
The goat developmental committee is having a fundraising project to help achieve their goal. Help support our friends in the barn by purchasing a personalized engraved brick to be added to the pavement. Bricks can be engraved with words of your choice, family members, in memory of-, businesses, and 4-H member names! Choose from two different size bricks to display your message.

Scan the QR to view order form. To learn more contact Shelia Barnard (269)-838-1910.



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Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop



Interested in becoming a Shooting Sports Volunteer?

Registration is now open for the Spring Shooting Sports Instructor workshop!

Join MSU Extension Shooting Sports folks for 2 days of classes focused on everything you need to know to teach Shooting Sports fundamentals to youth as part of a 4-H Youth Development Program.

Follow this link to learn more and register:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2024SSInstructorSpringWorkshop/>

Questions? Email us at 4H.ShootingSports@msu.edu

** All volunteers must have completed the Volunteer Selection Process and have Active/GOLD status prior to attending this workshop and there will be reimbursement options after the workshop.**

Michigan 4-H Horse Program Graphic Design Contest

Creative? Always drawing? Boy is this an opportunity for you! The Michigan 4-H State Horse Show Volunteer Committee would like to invite you to create some graphic designs for their Statewide events!

State Horse Show T-shirt design has been picked but more options are needed for program cover and keychain. Any interested youth can submit their designs (JPG format) by March 29 to be considered for this year's events!

Submit your design here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ0bsK2pB7Z7AZCb4hkP8EmU-1snzHp0z31j2d3JQ5ExUNVA/viewform?usp=sf_link



4-H Exploration Days- You've found your place, now lets grow!



Join Michigan 4-H for a pre-college summer program geared towards youth 12-19 years old. Exploration Days takes place June 19-21, 2024 on the campus of Michigan State University. This unique program allows youth to explore careers, meet new people, stay on a college campus, and learn new ideas.

Registration opens March 25, 2024 at 7:00pm.

More information can be found on

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/ and by contacting your county 4-H office.

We look forward to you joining us and growing this summer with 4-H!



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Poultry Developmental Committee
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 03.05.2024
- Livestock Developmental Committee
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 03.06.2024
- Goat Developmental Committee
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 03.12.2024
- Poultry Nutrition and Feeding Clinic
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 03.20.2024
- Horse Developmental Committee
@ Barry Expo.....Date: 03.25.2024
- Horse Mandatory Parent Meeting
@ Barry ExpoDate: 03.25.2024
- Rabbit Developmental Committee
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 03.26.2024





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Open



Apply now for the 2025 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 15-19. The deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

Stores across Michigan

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout. The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 10% supporting Michigan 4-H.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign

March 12: 4-H Give Green Day

Online

Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 16: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

East Lansing

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024

March 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups

Online

Learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-group-management-for-4-h-clubs-and-groups7pm

March 19: Keeping Your Money Safe

Online

Join this session to gain insights on researching and evaluating financial institutions (banks and credit unions) to make the best choice for your financial future.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/safemoney

April 28: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals with other 4-H'ers! Michigan 4-H will be the Group Charity of the Game; discounted tickets available with a portion benefitting 4-H.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 28 - August 3 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

Campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn to fillet their catch.

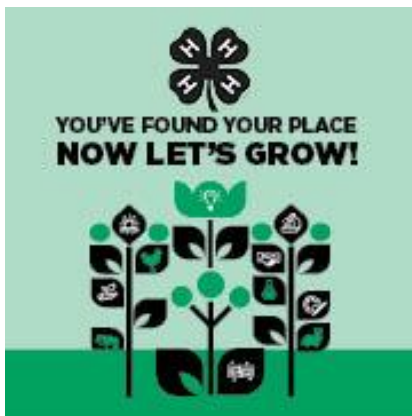


Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

4-H Exploration Days registration coming soon!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth ages 12–19 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days, scheduled for June 19-21, is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions.



With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they'll also have time for fun with free time activities such as skating, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open March 25. The cost for the 2024 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days.

Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Making your summer plans? Consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program! Michigan will be hosting 18 Japanese youth and two chaperones. These visitors will quickly become a part of your family for their 3 ½ week stay (the last full week of July to the middle of August) and gain a fun American experience through your exceptional hospitality. In addition, your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

Host families must complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match a host brother/sister (within three years of age), be a Michigan 4-H Gold-level volunteer, participate in a family interview as well as a home visit process. For more information contact Jan Brinn at brinn@msu.edu or John Wurm at wurmj@msu.edu.