

Clare County 4-H

Family News



IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H Year Today!

Enroll for the new 4-H year by going to [4-H Online](#)
Need help? See the [4-H Online Enrollment Guide](#)

4-H Holiday Craft Day

Saturday, December 2 from 1 PM to 4 PM

Join us at the Outback Room
Jay's Sporting Goods
8800 S Clare Ave. Clare, MI

OPEN NOW!

GooseChase! 4-H Cooking Challenge

Learn how to dish up some delicious meals by completing a variety of cooking missions. Can you earn the top score?

[Sign up to play here](#)

Are You Part of an 4-H Honor Club?

[Win up to \\$75 for your 4-H Club!](#)

The Clare County 4-H Council awards gift cards to any clubs that can earn credits to level up to a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Level!

Drop In to the Cooking Club!

Two more classes are left! November 11 & 18
LIMITED SPACES! [Learn more here](#)

Unleash Your Leadership Potential! Join the Clare County 4-H PLANit Squad

Youth Led. Your Space. No Adults. Help plan fun activities for fair week, launch cool events and more. [Learn more here](#)

Virtual 4-H Council Meeting Wednesday, December 6th

Virtual Meeting at 6:00 PM
[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

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NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 8 - 6 PM

Adulting 101: Professionalism

[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, November 14 - 6:30 PM

Wild Spartans: Froggin' Around

[Register Here](#)

Saturdays, November 11 & 18 - 9 AM

Drop-In Cooking Class (Limited Spaces)

Text Emily Waddell at (231)429-3922

Monday, November 20 - 7 PM

Future Squad: Caring About Credit

[Join the Future Squad](#)

Tuesday, November 21 - 12 PM & 7 PM

Volunteer Webinar Training

[Register for 12 PM](#)[Register for 7 PM](#)

Tuesday, November 28

Giving Tuesday

[Support the Clare County 4-H Program](#)

Thursday, November 30 - 11:59 PM

4-H Cooking Challenge Ends

[PLAY NOW!](#)

DECEMBER

Friday, December 1

2024 Clare County Fair Entry Forms Due

Due to the Clare County Fair Office

Saturday, December 2 - 9 AM to 11 AM

Beef Weigh In

William Warner Farm, 10590 E Monroe Rd. Gladwin, MI

Saturday, December 2 - 1 PM to 4 PM

4-H Holiday Craft Day

Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare, MI [Learn More](#)

Tuesday, December 5

Deadline for 4-H Expo Days Instructors

[Learn More](#)

Wednesday, December 6 - 6 PM

Virtual 4-H Council Meeting

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

Friday, December 8

Deadline for Apply for 4-H the 2024 Outbound Program

[Learn More](#) - For Michigan 4-H processing you *must* apply by December 8, 2023



Grace T. (left) and Allison W. (right) leading with the 4-H Flag at the Clare Irish Festival 2023.

Apply to Become a 4-H Ambassador at Anytime This Year!

As a Clare County 4-H Ambassador, you'll have the opportunity to be a shining example of the positive impact 4-H has on our community. This is your chance to shine and make a real difference!

We invite you to become a Clare County 4-H Ambassador! The application window is now open year-round, allowing you the flexibility to apply at your convenience.

Ambassador Positions

Junior (4-H age 8 to 12)

Intermediate (4-H age 13 to 15)

Senior (4-H age 16 - 19)

Apply for the Clare County 4-H Ambassador

Access the application here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/4-H%20Ambassador%20Application%20Packet.pdf>



Linde D. (left) and Jane K. (right) leading pledges during the Clare County Fair 2023

Did you know? Multiple 4-H Ambassador Programs are available at the state and national levels! To learn more about these leadership opportunities go to:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-ambassadors/>

4-H Higher Education Scholarship 2023-2024 High School Seniors



The Clare County 4-H Council offers a \$500 scholarship to 3 seniors each year. **Don't hesitate! See what the requirements are before it's too late to apply.**

To learn more about how you can be eligible go to: https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/grant-and-scholarship-applications

4-H Youth Make a Difference! Join Us at the First 4-H PLANit Squad Meeting!

Are you a young go-getter, brimming with fresh ideas and a passion for making things happen? If you're ready to take the reins and shape the future while having a blast, then the 4-H Planit Squad is calling your name! **Get ready to embark on an exciting journey where you become the leader, the visionary, and the planner of it all.**

Fun, Educational, and Youth-Led

Imagine being the driving force behind an array of engaging, fun, and educational activities through the year. The 4-H Planit Squad isn't just another club; it's your chance to design and execute events that cater to your interests, making a difference in your community while having an absolute blast.

Open to ages 5 to 19. [Learn more here!](#)

Come to the first meeting! Wednesday, January 24, 2024 - 6 PM
- Pere Marquette District Library in Clare, MI



MSU Extension

FESTIVE HOLIDAY

CRAFT

day

SPONSORED BY

THE CLARE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2, 2023 | 1 PM TO 4 PM

JOIN US AT THE OUTBACK ROOM

JAY'S SPORTING GOODS

8800 S CLARE AVE. CLARE, MI

PUBLIC WELCOME!

COME JOIN 4-H FAMILIES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY TO HAVE FUN AND ENJOY SOME FAMILY TIME BEFORE THE HOLIDAY RUSH BEGINS! YOUTH WILL MAKE PROJECTS TO EXHIBIT AT THE 2024 CLARE COUNTY FAIR OR GIVE TO PARENTS, GRAND PARENTS, TEACHERS AND/OR SIBLINGS.

COST: A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$5.00
PER CRAFTER TO COVER SUPPLIES

**REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE PROVIDED
NO RSVP REQUIRED**

ALL YOUTH MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A
RESPONSIBLE ADULT OR TEEN

HOLIDAY CRAFTS:

Scarf Pillow, Bead Crafts
Owl Magnet, Book Mark
Gel Air Freshener
Clothes Pin Ornaments
Flower Pot Reindeer
Flower Pot Snowman

Clare County 4-H Awards Night Shines as a Celebration of Excellence and Community

The Clare County 4-H Awards Night was an incredible success, celebrating the outstanding achievements of our youth participants and volunteers. This event brought together our 4-H community in a spirit of unity and appreciation, leaving everyone inspired and proud of the positive impact 4-H is making in Clare County.

One key factor in the evening's success was the diverse range of awards presented. From project-based awards that recognized excellence in areas like animal science, leadership, and arts and crafts to volunteer recognition awards, there was a category for everyone. This inclusivity ensured that every 4-H member and leader had a chance to be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

The Clare County 4-H Awards Night was made possible by the incredible teamwork of our dedicated volunteers, parents, and staff. Their commitment to the 4-H program and its positive impact on our community was evident throughout the evening. It was heartwarming to see the support and encouragement shared among our 4-H family.

Overall, the Clare County 4-H Awards Night was a remarkable success, strengthening our 4-H community's bonds and inspiring our youth to continue their journey of learning, growth, and community service. We look forward to building on this success in the coming years, fostering even more personal and collective achievements within Clare County 4-H.



Sherry E. Landon Family of the Year Recipients: The Cook Family



4-H Club of the Year Recipients: Hides 'N' Hares

2023 Clare County 4-H Awards Youth Recipients

Hustle Award: Carter H.; Bodie L.; Molly M.; Kam P.; Avery H.; Aubrey H.; Rebecca S.; Aiden M.; Zoey G.; Royce R.; Charlee P.; Archer M.; Andrew D.; Jackson D.; Cooper Q.; Colter W.; Laura L.; Sasha L.; Brodie O.; Axel S.; Madalynn M.; Everly S.

Rookie of the Year: Presley H. of Busy Bunny Raisers

Accomplishment Award: Oliver K. of Show Sticks & Spurs
McCoy S. of Denim & Dust

Excellence Award: Dawson A. of Denim & Dust

Overall Achievement: Katie S. of Millennium Showmen

Key Club Award: Katie S. of Millennium Showmen

Dedication Award: Grace T. of Busy Bunny Raisers

Division Awards

Livestock: Colby N. of Denim & Dust

Small Animal: Eliza S. of Busy Bunny Raisers

Horse: Oliver K. of Show Sticks & Spurs

Home Arts: Dawson A. of Denim & Dust

County Medals

Beef Science: McCoy S. of Denim & Dust

Birds & Poultry Science: Faith J. of Bouncing Bunnies & Galloping Goats

Communications & Expressive Arts: Faith J.

Rabbits & Cavy Science: Mikayla D. of Hilltop 4-H

Swine Science: Lucchese N. of Denim & Dust

Thank You to the 4-H Council!

The Clare County 4-H Awards was sponsored by the Clare County 4-H Council.

[Learn how to join a committee](#)
Be a part of the magic!

Next 4-H Council Meeting

December 6th at 6:00 PM
ATTEND THE VIRTUAL MEETING
<https://msu.zoom.us/j/6208466408>

2023 Clare County 4-H Awards Adult Recipients

Leaders of the Year:

- AJ McInnis of Hilltop 4-H Club
- Joanna Krell of Country Neighbors

Parents of the Year:

- Katie Cook of Hill Top 4-H Club
- Justin Ogg of Country Neighbors

Alumni of the Year:

- Matt Magnus - Clare County Fair Swine Superintendent
- Lee Schunk - President of Clare County 4-H Properties Inc.

Friend of 4-H:

- Tractor Supply Company of Harrison, MI

Volunteer 5 Year Milestone:

- Katherina Bovee of Bouncing Bunnies & Galloping Goats
- Ashley Eberhart of Country Neighbors
- Melissa Larsen of Busy Bunny Raisers
- Caleb Rowell of Country Neighbors
- Erika Schunk of Denim & Dust

Volunteer 15 Year Milestone:

- Scott Jehnzen of Bouncing Bunnies & Galloping Goats



4-H Leader of the Year Recipient:
Joanna Krell of Country Neighbors



4-H Leader of the Year Recipient:
AJ McInnis of Hill Top 4-H



4-H Alumni of the Year Recipient
Lee Schunk, President of 4-H Properties Inc.



Are your kids aged 7 to 19 and passionate about cooking? This is the perfect opportunity for them to flourish in the world of culinary delights. The 4-H Cooking Club welcomes all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned pros.

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Send a quick text to Emily Waddell at (231) 429-3922 to inquire about joining. She's here to answer all your questions and secure your spot in these exciting culinary sessions.

Upcoming Classes:

Saturday, November 11 & 18



It's time to whip up some culinary magic!

To get started, go to <https://forms.office.com/r/bHX861bCTR>

There you will let Miranda know that you want to join the challenge. She will email you the instructions.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension partners with legislators to host first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, October 4, Michigan State University Extension hosted the first Michigan Day at the Capitol, in partnership with State Reps. Matthew Bierlein (R-Vassar) and Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Twp.). The event, held at Heritage Hall, showcased the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and brought visibility to its efforts throughout the state.

“Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was a great opportunity to educate about and bring awareness to the 4-H program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “We truly appreciate Reps. Bierlein and Miller for their collaboration in hosting this event.”

Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reaches nearly 100,000 young people ages 5 to 19 each year. Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H’ers are offered hands-on learning experiences where they can explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility.

“Michigan 4-H is helping to grow youth in every county of our great state but we would like to reach even more young people with the life-changing program,” continued Tyler. “We hope that our event brings us closer to that goal by increasing the visibility of our 4-H program and all that we offer to youth in our state.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was also held, with event hosts Reps. Bierlein and Miller delivering comments to the audience. Also providing comments were Tyler, MSU Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Genesee County Clerk Register of Deeds Domonique Clemons, who is a Michigan 4-H alum, and Lenawee County 4-H’er Lia Kurowicki.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H. To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h.

Michigan 4-H license plate proposed

On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that if passed, will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, sponsored the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State.

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

The bills were referred to the Michigan House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure. On October 11, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller and MSU Extension Associate Director Dr. Deanna East testified before the committee in support of the 4-H fundraising license plate legislation.



Reps. Miller (left) and Bierlein (right) with MSU Interim President Woodruff (center).



States' 4-H Summer Hosting

HOST a Japanese youth and bring the richness of the world to your home!

Host a Japanese Youth in Summer 2024 through States' 4-H International

"It's like having a sister I always wanted and a best friend"
-States' 4-H Host Sibling

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!



Hosting Details

- July 21, 22, 23 2024 through August 16, 17, 18 2024 *
* Exact dates dependent on your state. Please check with your state's Coordinator for details
- Host a youth aged 12-18 (majority are 12-14) or an adult chaperone
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively
- This is a voluntary program, no stipends will be provided

Host Family Requirements

- You must have a child of the same gender who is within 3 years of the hosted youth (children aged 9+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/state-contacts/> to find contact information for your local State Coordinator

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Explore the globe with Crafts Around the World!



Curious about other countries around the globe? Like making crafts? The Michigan 4-H Crafts Around the World series provides lessons and instructions for youth to create simple crafts and increase cultural awareness.

In its latest piece, youth can learn about the European country of Norway while making a Norwegian gnome. In Norway, a gnome is called a nisse: a creature who lives in barns or homes, protecting the countryside and the people who live there.

View this activity at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse.

View all the Crafts Around the World activities at www.canr.msu.edu/global_cultural_education/resources.

November 8: Adulthood 101 - Professionalism in the Workplace

Online

Participants will increase their awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider, including: shared workspace, relationships with coworkers, communicating and setting boundaries. This free online series is open to teens and young adults (17 and under) and youth development professionals, teachers and adults (18 and up).

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood10111-8-23

November 14: Wild Spartans – Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry

Online

Jump into the world of breeding and caring for amphibians and reptiles. Meet Zach Brinks, vice president of live operations at Josh's Frogs. Learn about his work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/

November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences. This series will provide Michigan 4-H 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 for the convenience of volunteers.

12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences

7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm

November 28: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving — and support 4-H! From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate by giving their support financially or helping spread the word. Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period. County 4-H endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs and every dollar is an investment in 4-H!

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>





States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Taiwan · Argentina



Costa Rica



Japan



Norway



South Korea



Argentina



Taiwan

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 visitors rarely get to see.

Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with 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. 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 recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

**Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program*

2024 Travel Dates*

Japan 8-week:	June 12—August 9, 2024
Costa Rica:	June 20—July 19, 2024
Argentina:	June 20—July 15, 2024
Norway:	June 20—July 20, 2022
Japan 4-week:	July 10—August 9, 2024
South Korea:	July 16—August 15, 2024
Taiwan:	July 16—August 15, 2024

**Program dates subject to slight change or modification*

Eligibility:

4-H ages **12—18** for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan, **12—17** for Korea, and **15—18** for Costa Rica, Norway, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

Program Information:

- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States' 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States' 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Application Deadline & Program Fees:

For Michigan 4-H processing of applications, we need youth to **apply by December 8, 2023!**

For more information:

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(206) 462-2200



<https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/>

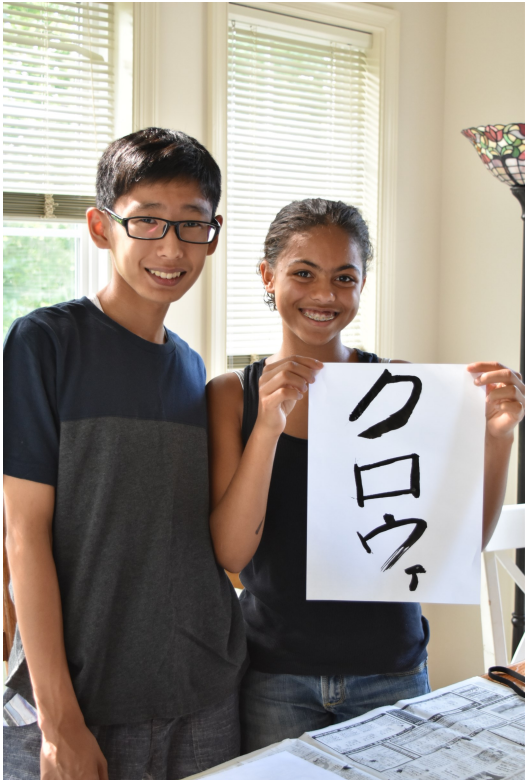


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2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship; one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



Program Fees Include:

Welcome packet; overnight national departure orientation; arrival orientation in host country; portion of chaperone fee; Accident & Sickness Medical Insurance; in-country transportation, lodging, and meals while on-program; country-specific activities as determined by international partner organizations; overnight national departure debriefing upon return.

Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
 - * No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

FAQs:

Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?

A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak another language?

A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?

A: States' 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.