

Clare County 4-H Family News



Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

As we move into February, I want to take a moment to appreciate all the dedication and energy you bring to Clare County 4-H. This month, we celebrate growth, learning, and the connections that make our 4-H community so strong. With exciting events and upcoming opportunities for leadership and learning, there's no better time to get involved. Whether you're a youth member, volunteer, or supporter, your contributions make a difference. Let's continue making 2025 a year filled with curiosity, creativity, and community!



Wishing you a fantastic month ahead!

Miranda Warmuskerken



Important Reminders from the Clare County Fair Office!

Fair Exhibitors! Raffle tickets are due back in the office by 2/15/25. Drawing is 2/25/25 @ 7pm at the fair office.

Office hours: 2/13 - 9am to 5pm and 2/15 - 9am to 1pm

Weigh In: 4/25 - Sheep & Dairy Feeder 5p to 7p
 4/26 - Swine 9am to 11am
 5/01 - YQCA Certificates and Pre Entry Forms Due
 7/01 - Fair Entry Forms Due

For more information go to www.clarecountyfair.org or visit the **Clare County Fair Facebook Page**

Join Clare County 4-H at the 2025 Irish Festival Parade!

Let's show our 4-H spirit at the Clare Irish Festival Parade on Saturday, March 15! Wear your green, bring your energy, and help represent Clare County 4-H in this exciting community tradition.

Ride the Float! The Country Neighbors 4-H Club is providing a float for some participants to ride.

Walk the Route! Bring a bag of candy to hand out (no tossing from floats or vehicles!) and spread some Irish cheer along the way.

Parents, bring your kids to the 4-H float starting at 11:30am. All participating kids are expected to ride the entire route or walk alongside. **Pick up will be Shamrock Park.**

Bringing an Animal? Make sure to have a pooper scooper following behind. Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to celebrate and connect!

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Michigan 4-H

Spark and Share Summit

FRANKENMUTH, MI

BAVARIAN INN LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER
MARCH 8, 2025
9AM - 5:30PM

\$50 includes Lunch



- Animal Science
- Science of Gardening
- Paper Art
- Engaging Meetings
- Mindfulness
- Rocketry
- Marketing your Project
- Youth-Adult Partnerships
- Teaching Science
- Vermicomposting
- Spa Day



Reignite Your Passion for 4-H at the Spark and Share Summit!

Register by February 17th

Join fellow 4-H volunteers and teen leaders for an exciting day of workshops, networking, and hands-on learning! Choose up to three breakout sessions covering a wide range of topics, such as animal science, mindfulness, rocket science, gardening, and much more. Take this opportunity to bring fresh ideas back to your local 4-H programs.

REGISTER TODAY!

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SELeaderMeet2025>

Adulting 101 - Get It Together! Time & Organization Tips

March 3rd - 7 PM EST



Learn practical tips to tackle schedules, beat procrastination, and organize everything from schoolwork to living spaces. From bullet journals to digital tools, we'll explore methods to help you balance life's demands with confidence and efficiency. Make adulting easier (and even fun!)—let's get organized together! The free webinar takes place on March 3, 2025 from 7-8pm.



REGISTER TODAY!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2025

Winter Fun Day Brings Excitement to Clare County 4-H Ranch!




With rods in hand and holes drilled into the ice, young anglers eagerly tested their patience and skills at ice fishing. Guided by experienced mentors, participants learned the basics of setting up tip-ups, baiting hooks, and waiting for the big catch.



Winter Fun Day wasn't just about the activities—it was about coming together as a community.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and made this event a success!

Until next year—stay warm, stay adventurous, and keep making the best better! ❄️❤️



Clare County 4-H Council
MONTHLY MEETING **6PM**
Every 4th Wednesday

February 26th
Pere Marquette Dist. Library
Basement Meeting Room

2025 Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

Register by April 13th

Registration is OPEN for the Spring 2025 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens!

We're excited to announce that thanks to a generous grant from the MI 4-H Foundation, we were able to reduce the cost of this workshop to just \$100! Meals and all course materials are included.

Teen leaders must be at least 14 years old as of January 1, 2025



May 3rd & 4th
Owosso, MI

REGISTRATION:

www.canr.msu.edu/shooting_sports/leader-training-tools

Participate in the 2025 World Food Prize! Register by March 15th

The Michigan Youth Institute is a life-changing experience coordinated by Michigan State University where students in grades 7-12 engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Michigan and around the world.

To participate in the Michigan Youth Institute, students research a global issue and write a paper under the supervision of a teacher or mentor.

https://worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs



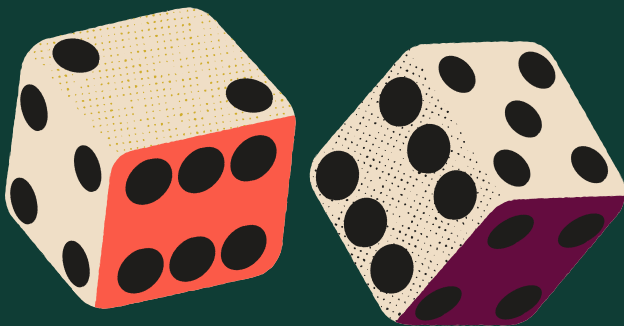
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Night
Every 4th
Tuesday at
7pm



AN EVENT FOR ALL TO
ENJOY, JUST CHILL
PEOPLE HANGING OUT



Register to attend:
<https://forms.gle/gV5yaKdPxb3Yc4uA7>

Zoey M. Shines at the 2025 Michigan 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Show!

Clare County 4-H is proud to celebrate Zoey M. for her outstanding achievements at the 2025 Michigan 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Show! Competing with her English Lop, Zoey demonstrated exceptional dedication, knowledge, and care in the rabbit program – earning top honors in multiple categories.

Zoey's commitment to her animals and passion for the 4-H rabbit program have truly paid off. Her success at the state show is a testament to the hard work and dedication she puts into raising and exhibiting rabbits.

Zoey's Accomplishments:

Best Opposite Breed – English Lop

Best of Variety: Solid Pattern

Best Opposite Sex of Variety: Solid Pattern



The 4-H Mark of Excellence Contest is a great opportunity for youth ages 10 and 11 to submit a video or journal reflection focusing on the theme "Beyond Ready!" This year, the age requirement has been updated to align with the 4-H State Award process, so participants must be 10 or 11 as of January 1, 2025. Each county can select up to two winners, who will receive a certificate, medal, and local recognition. Video submissions should be no longer than 2 minutes, while journal reflections can be up to 500 words. **Entries are due to the Clare County 4-H Office by April 1.**

canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index



Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



For the third year, Michigan 4-H will be hosting Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers. This event will be held on **Sunday, April 27, at 1:40 p.m.** when the Tigers take on the Baltimore Orioles.

Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game and members of the 4-H and MSU Extension community will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46.

Tickets purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will include:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity for youth (a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game).
- A portion of each ticket sale donated to Michigan 4-H.

In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the option to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H/Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last).

Order tickets at: fevo-enterprise.com/event/MI4H

Or scan the QR code



Clare County—Summer 2025 Prescription for Health

FREE Program

Eligibility:

Must be a resident of Clare County and be at least 18 years of age.

Class Time:

One Hour: 11am-Noon

Class Dates:

Tuesdays

April 29th, May 6th, May 20th, May 27th, June 3rd and June 10th

Must Register by contacting:

Jennifer Letterhart
989-802-2994
letterh1@msu.edu

Choice of Vouchers for:

- Family Fare in Harrison OR
- Any Michigan Meijer Location

Location:

Harrison Community District Library
125 W Beech St. Harrison
MI 48625
In the Community Room

Earn up to \$100 in fruits and vegetables!



Healthy Choices for Every Body

6 Week Classes of Nutrition Education

Healthy Choices for Every Body encourages adults to learn to cook and eat healthy on a budget.

Topics Include:

- How to prepare simple, healthy and affordable family friendly meals
- Keeping your food safe
- How to read and use food labels
- Added sugars
- Reducing sodium
- The importance of whole grains

Space is limited for this series! Participants must register in advance!

Limit of one Prescription for Health Series per participant per year per household.



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2025 ESSAY CONTEST

MICHIGAN, USA

THEME: COMMUNITY— the rich tapestry of experiences and ideas that shape our state

Open to:

- High School Track: open to all 9th – 12th grade students in Michigan schools
- Young Adult Track: open to all 18-24 year olds who live in Michigan

Due date: May 2, 2025

Length: 600-900 words

Essay language: English



Visit Website

Sub-themes:

- Shared Natural Resources
- Heritage and Home
- Bridges of Unity
- Innovation for the Future
- Other

Key points:

- Think about a time related to the chosen sub-theme when you have learned the significance of community
- Explain both the challenge that you faced and ways your relationship to your community was impacted

Learn more:

- Please visit our website for detailed information about the essay contest, including submission instructions and judging criteria.

1ST PRIZE
500 USD

2ND PRIZE
200 USD

3RD PRIZE
100 USD

* There are two sets of awards. For both the 9th – 12th grade track and the 18+ track, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards are available.

* The best essays within each sub-theme will be published online and/or in print. By submitting an essay, you must agree that it may be published online and/or in print. Authors who are less than 18 years old will be required to gain parental/guardian consent to be eligible for publication and public recognition (if applicable).



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Hilltop 4-H Club Delivers Holiday Cheer to First Responders



The Hilltop 4-H Club took time to spread holiday cheer and gratitude by delivering homemade cookies to first responders across Clare County. With smiles and appreciation, club members visited multiple locations to thank the individuals who dedicate their time and service to keeping the community safe.

Club Leader **AJ McInnis** extended a special thank you to **Katie Cook, 4-H Ambassador Mikayla D., Westley C., Zoey M., and prospective member Sophie** for traveling to various stations and personally delivering treats and well wishes to local heroes.

The Hilltop 4-H Club is proud to give back and recognize the hard work and dedication of Clare County's first responders. Their service does not go unnoticed, and the club was honored to share a small token of appreciation during the holiday season.

Thank you to all first responders for your commitment to the community. The Hilltop 4-H Club looks forward to continuing its mission of service and gratitude throughout the year.

The following locations were visited:

- **Clare County Animal Shelter**
- **Clare County Sheriff's Department**
- **Harrison Fire Department**
- **City of Clare Police Department**
- **Clare Fire Department**
- **Surrey Township Fire Department**

Show Me The Blue Club Explores Science Through Hands-On Experiments



The club had an exciting and educational evening filled with hands-on science experiments led by club leader Michelle Neff. The interactive activities encouraged curiosity, creativity, and scientific exploration among participants.

The group explored:

- **Magic Milk:** A colorful reaction using milk and soap to demonstrate surface tension and chemical interactions.
- **Sink or Float:** A buoyancy experiment where participants tested everyday objects to predict and observe whether they would sink or float.



MICHIGAN 4-H Capitol Experience

DATES & TIMES:

March 16-18, 2025

LOCATION:

Okemos Conference Center and the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing

COST:

\$365 includes most meals, lodging, handouts, resources, and fun surprises.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships may be available in some counties. Please contact your local 4-H Program Coordinator.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

High school age youth in Michigan

DESCRIPTION:

Youth will select an issue group according to their interests, which will be led by a teen facilitator. Issue groups will provide a space for youth to meet peers from across the state while talking about their ideas and what they learned. Youth will:

- Meet elected officials
- Hear from experts in policy representing a broad range of careers
- Hear from young people who have made a difference in their communities
- Discuss hot topics and learn how a bill becomes a law in Michigan and experience a hands-on legislative simulation

HOW TO REGISTER

Register online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/

Registration deadline is March 1, 2025

CONTACT:

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Event Tentative Agenda

Sunday, March 16

- 1pm Registration & Welcome
- Legislative Simulation & Government Overview
- Issues On The Line
- Issue Group Icebreakers and bill idea brainstorming and selection
- Pizza Dinner
- Refining your issue; Writing your bill

Monday, March 17

- Capitol tour
- Legislative Aide visits
- Lunch on your own
- Lobbyist visits
- Community Organization/State Agency visits
- Dinner at Brody complex
- Bill Refinement

Tuesday, March 18

- Elevator Speech
- Legislative visits, Committee meetings, watch session
- Legislative Reception
- Bill discussion and voting in both chambers
- Governor - Bill signing or veto
- Evaluation and certificates
- 6pm Adjournment

Issue Groups

Each issue group will be facilitated by a teen steering committee member supported by an MSU Extension staff person. Issue groups will serve as networking and learning groups throughout the event. Participants can choose from:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Crime, Law Enforcement, and Corrections
- Education
- Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources
- Health & Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy

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MSU Extension Mi 4-H Youth Equine



4-H Hippology Contest

March 15, 2025

Register by February 28

Learn more at:

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-hippology-contest



Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show

March 22, 2025

Register by March 15

Learn more at:

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-norma-agnew-memorial-4-h-hairy-horse-show



4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

March 29, 2025

Register by March 7

Learn more at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-horse-judging-contest>



Spartan Spring Warm-Up Horse Show

April 13, 2025

Learn more at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-horse-judging-contest>

Michigan 4-H Horse Program: 2025 Winter Webinar Series

February 18 - 6 PM

Being a Better Boarder and Running a Boarder Facility with Taylor Fabus

March 12 - 6 PM

From the Judges' Perspective: Showmanship with Dr. Karen Waite

March 26 - 6 PM

From the Judges' Perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan

Get Access to the Zoom Link:

Contact David Lindsay, Equine Extension Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu



Get Ready for the 2025 Throwback Show!

Horse enthusiasts of all ages are invited to participate in the **2025 Throwback Show** on **Saturday, August 9, 2025**, at the **Marion Fairgrounds**. Rain or shine, this event promises a full day of competition, camaraderie, and equestrian fun.

Event Highlights:

- Classes for all ages, including **Showmanship, Hunt Seat, and Western Horsemanship**
- **Daily High Point Awards** for each age group
- **No fees** for High Point, trailer-ins, or office charges
- Food and beverages available for donation on-site

Important Information for Participants:

- **Entry Fee:** \$5 per class
- Walk/Trot/Canter available for most riding classes, with **Walk/Trot for ages 10 & under**
- Participants must **clean up their parking area** and ensure all **horses, handlers, and dogs** remain well-mannered throughout the event

For questions, contact:

Carla Truman, Show Manager at **231-920-1091**

Join us for a day of friendly competition, great company, and a celebration of equestrian passion!

Michigan 4-H Day



at the

Breslin Center



March 1, 2025

What: Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Minnesota Women's Basketball team.

When: March 1, 2025. Gates for the event will open at **12:30 p.m.** with a game tip-off scheduled for **2:00 p.m.**

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: The Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and their families!

Cost: Tickets are **FREE** for the guests listed above.

Transportation & parking: **FREE** for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse before the game and at half-time.

Get in the game! Order your tickets at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated or any other county-specific arrangements exist.

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Apply for the 2025 Michigan 4-H State Awards!

4-H Members Can Apply Until April 1st

The commitment you put into “**Making Your Best Better**” is significant. Through your 4-H experiences you are molding your future by growing your skills, becoming a leader, and serving your community. Your 4-H journey has required curiosity, determination, accountability, and dedication to learning and growth. Your efforts are commendable and deserve to be recognized with a Michigan 4-H State Award, the highest honor bestowed on a 4-H member.

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is a hands-on learning experience that allows 4-H members to develop and practice “adulting” skills such as resume writing, filling out an application, and interviewing. Applications and interviews are based on communicating your 4-H participation and learning experiences. Applicants are eligible to compete for cash prizes and be recognized for their 4-H involvement. 4-H members who meet the minimum application score are eligible for a \$50 scholarship toward their 4-H Exploration Days registration. The 2025 Michigan 4-H State Awards will be presented during 4-H Exploration Days on June 18 at MSU.

Who: 4-H members 12-19 years old (on January 1)

Submit an application:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards25>

Application deadline: April 1

Find complete information on the website:

www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition



Join Us 6-8 PM

Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month
The Venue on Main
121 E Main St. Harrison, MI



Club Leader Contact

Mary Henman (810) 882-9092

Upcoming Meetings:

February 18th

Topic: Disa orchids

Guest Speaker: Wally Orchard

Creator of the new orchid, Disa Amanda

March 18th

Topic: Cymbidium orchids

April 15th

Virus Testing and Pest Control

Bring your orchids to learn about their health and receive care tips

Celebrate National Orchid Day!

Free Orchid Raffle



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Group

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Calling all future change agents!

SAVE THE DATE

June 20-27, 2025

The Michigan 4-H Delegation will leave **by bus** on Friday, June 20 at 1:00pm. We will **stay the night in Gettysburg** and tour the battlegrounds the next morning before heading to the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD for **6 days** of eventful programming. This includes **meetings with our Senators and Representatives**, tours of many **monuments** provided by a licensed DC tour guide, **incredible workshops** that teach life skills like civil discourse and critical thinking, and much more!

The total **cost is \$2,500.00** (includes transportation from East Lansing and back, all lodging, conference costs, and most meals). Six meals and spending money will need to be provided by participants.

For additional information, go to the website at:
<https://4-h.org/events/citizenship-washington-focus/>

Enroll in 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and then **register through Events**.

Contact your County 4-H Program Coordinator to **find out about local scholarships**:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/county>

For more information, contact Liana Pepin at deisenro@msu.edu or **906-315-2663**

“Visiting DC was incredible, giving me the opportunity to visit historical monuments and museums that I had never seen. I really liked when we got to tour the Capitol Building as well as meet with our Congressional representatives. I also met people from all over the USA and made long-lasting friendships. It was truly one of the best weeks of my life and I encourage anyone who has the chance to participate in CWF to take it!” Ansel Frost- 2019 CWF Delegate

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♥ Seeking Volunteers to Care for Sick Chicks!



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Seeking Volunteers to Care for Sick Chicks

Clare County 4-H is partnering with local stores to support their efforts in caring for sick or weak chicks that need extra attention. We are looking for compassionate volunteers to help these chicks recover and thrive.

How You Can Help:

- Provide basic care, warmth, and nourishment for chicks in need
- Monitor their health and assist in their recovery process
- Learn essential poultry care skills while making a meaningful impact

✉ **Contact us today to learn more and get involved!**

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Who Should Attend?

- Who Should Attend?
- Fair boards and volunteers
- Youth leaders and educators
- Sponsors and fair partners
- Anyone passionate about fairs and festivals

**REGISTER EARLY TO RECEIVE
A FREE EVENT T-SHIRT!**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL
BE PROVIDED**

Exciting Opportunity for Volunteers and Fair Enthusiasts

Ian Hill, an **incredible keynote speaker**, is returning to Michigan the week of March 16 for a powerful workshop series: "**You Make THE Difference.**" These **free, 4-hour workshops** are designed to empower volunteers, strengthen organizations, and enhance the success of fairs and festivals across the state.

Workshop Topics Include:

- **Volunteerism** – Building engagement and retention
- **Organizational Change & Culture** – Strengthening leadership and teamwork
- **Revenue Streams for Fairs & Festivals** – Expanding funding opportunities

Workshop Locations & Dates:

- 📍 **UP State Fairgrounds** – March 17 | 10 AM - 2 PM
- 📍 **Fife Lake** – March 18 | 4 PM - 8 PM
- 📍 **Midland County Fair** – March 19 | 4 PM - 8 PM
- 📍 **Kalamazoo County Fair** – March 20 | 10 AM - 2 PM
- 📍 **Jackson County Fair** – March 20 | 4 PM - 8 PM
- 📍 **Kent County Youth Fair** – March 22 | 12 PM - 4 PM



Register now: <https://app.fairs.com/o/mafe-3684d61161824afb>

Show Me the Blue 4-H Club Valentine's Craft Party

Show Me the Blue recently celebrated the season of love with a **Valentine's Craft Party**, bringing together creativity, fun, and festive spirit. Hosted in collaboration with the **Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator**, members enjoyed an afternoon filled with hands-on crafting and artistic expression.

Participants had access to a variety of crafting supplies, allowing them to create unique and heartfelt Valentine's cards and decorations. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for youth to explore their creativity while **engaging in hands-on learning** and sharing the holiday spirit with fellow 4-H members.





Driven for the Future: Empowering Michigan's Next Auto Tech Workforce

Website:

<https://bit.ly/3ONTYI3>

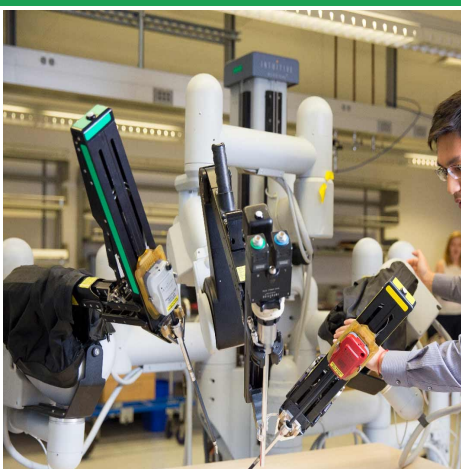


Questions:

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734-727-7224



TOYOTA MOTOR
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Through the partnership of Toyota and Michigan 4-H, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build crucial workforce readiness skills during this five webinar series. Skilled trade careers and apprentice experiences will be highlighted.

Any attendee who attends all five webinars (live or recorded) with submission of contact information will receive an incentive.

This program is FREE and open to all, though geared towards middle school students, high school students, and recent graduates.

January 23, 2025 at 6pm EST– Gear Up for Success through Apprenticeships in Automotive Research and Development

February 13, 2025 at 6pm EST– Ace the Interview

March 20, 2025 at 6pm EST– Rev Up Your Future: Careers in Automotive Performance and Evaluation

April 10, 2025 at 6pm EST– Drive Success with Workplace Professionalism

May 1, 2025 at 6pm EST– Engineer the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems

For more information and registration:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/driven-for-the-future/>

Sponsors:

Incentives and program are free thanks to generous support from Toyota Motor North America Research and Development

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May 12 – June 27

Bethesda, MD

\$17.50 Hourly

Apply at
4-H.org/Careers



CWF

A Leadership Summit Through the
Lens of American Democracy

Work with the National 4-H Council

Exciting Job Opportunity with Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Are you passionate about **leadership, civic engagement, and youth development**? Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is looking for seasonal staff to help facilitate its premier 4-H leadership and citizenship experience in Washington, D.C.

Position Highlights

- Work directly with 4-H youth from across the country
- Lead educational workshops on leadership, civic engagement, and government
- Facilitate group discussions and guided tours of historic sites in Washington, D.C.
- Gain valuable experience in youth development, program facilitation, and event management

Who Should Apply?

Ideal for:

- College students and young professionals in education, leadership, political science, youth development, or event management
- Individuals looking to gain experience in facilitation and public speaking
- Those passionate about youth empowerment and civic engagement



4-h.org/about/careers

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MARCH 7, 2025



Want to Attend an Event but Need Help Paying for Registration?

Clare County 4-H is here to help! There are scholarships available. Regardless if you have been in 4-H a long time or are signing up for the first time to try out a new experience, we want to make sure every youth and volunteer have an opportunity!

Don't hesitate! **Reach out to the 4-H Program Coordinator** to learn more about scholarships.

Seeking outstanding agricultural 4-H volunteer

The **Michigan 4-H Foundation** is seeking nominations for the **Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award**, which honors outstanding 4-H volunteers who have demonstrated excellence in youth education and leadership development. This award recognizes volunteers in areas such as beef and dairy cattle, goats, horses, horticulture, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, and veterinary science.

Up to five honorees are selected annually and recognized by both **Michigan 4-H and Michigan Farm Bureau**. Each recipient also receives a **\$1,000 grant** to support a 4-H agricultural program of their choice. Nominations are due by **March 15**. To submit a nomination or learn more, visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants-scholarships/mfb-4-h-excellence-in-agriculture-award/>

 MICHIGAN
FARM BUREAU
**4-H Excellence
in Agriculture**

**Nominations due
March 15**





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 2025 with 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 21-23, 2025 through August 16-18 2025*
* 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.



4-H Volunteer Webinar: Facilitation Skills for 4-H Clubs

Effective facilitation is key to running a successful and inclusive 4-H club. This webinar will provide practical strategies to engage all voices, encourage participation, and increase efficiency in meetings. Participants will learn tools to create dynamic discussions, ensure that all members feel heard, and streamline club activities.

This session is ideal for 4-H club leaders, volunteers, and anyone interested in improving their facilitation skills. Two session times are available to accommodate different schedules. Register today to enhance your leadership and support the growth of your 4-H club.

canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series

ENGAGING EVERY VOICE: FACILITATION SKILLS FOR DYNAMIC 4-H CLUBS

Part of the Michigan 4-H
Volunteer Webinar Series

February 25, 2025 at noon or
7pm



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CLARE COUNTY PLANT PIONEERS

Growing future gardeners one seed at a time



Club Leader:
Jo Peterson

Contact:
(989)307-8995



How to Join
Clare Co. 4-H

Every Friday at 3:30 PM
Harrison District Library
Join us right after school!

STEPS OF GARDENING

STEP 1

Add soil in
the pot.



STEP 2

Plant the
seeds in the
pot.



STEP 3

Watch it
grow.



STEP 4

Enjoy your
harvest.



A Clare County 4-H Club

All about

GARDENING

4-H Plant Pioneers Club
is looking for members
and we bet you'll

DIG IT!

Monthly Themes



MAY

SOIL HEALTH



JUNE

NATIVE PLANTS



JULY

INSECTS & PESTS



AUG

PRESERVATION / HARVEST



SEPT

FALL / WINTER PREPARATION



Open to Ages 5 to 19

Come grow with us and learn how to be a Plant Pioneer!





Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game

An Interactive Scavenger Hunt on Financial Literacy

The **Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game** is an interactive scavenger hunt where Michigan youth aged 13-19 can learn essential money management skills while completing fun and engaging challenges. Powered by the Goosechase app, participants will tackle missions that test budgeting, saving, spending, and investing knowledge, while earning points as they progress through the game. Players have the chance to win prizes, while also gaining valuable financial knowledge.

This immersive educational experience will equip youth with skills to manage finances and make informed decisions in the future.

How to Join?

- **Download** the Goosechase app and create your account
- **Register** for the game at link provided on this flyer (make sure the username you create in the Goosechase app matches your registration name for eligibility)
- **Participate** in the game and complete your missions! The game starts on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at noon** and ends on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at noon**
- **Earn Prizes!** The **top 10 players** with the highest scores will each receive a **\$50 gift card**
- **Enjoy Learning and Climbing the Leaderboard!**

This event is free for all eligible participants and is graciously sponsored by the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.

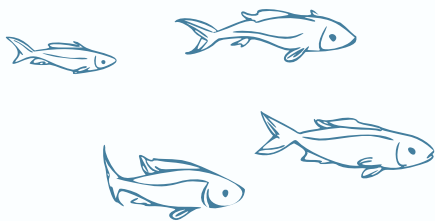
Register Here:



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More information on the program and register at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions>





PROJECT F.I.S.H.

**FISHING INSTRUCTOR
TWO DAY TRAINING**

MARCH 4 & 5, 2025

MSU CAMPUS

Natural Resources Building

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Register by Feb. 24, 2025

Space is limited. Register Early!

Registration Info:

projectfish.org/pfworkshopanrweek2025.pdf

Contact Instructor Mark Stephens for questions:
(517) 432-2700 or steph143@msu.edu

COST \$75

**CLARE COUNTY 4-H OFFERS
TO COVER THE COST OF
TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**Contact the Clare County 4-H
Program Coordinator to request
the workshop fee to be covered**

*Miranda Warmuskerken
Clare County 4-H
Program Coordinator
warmusk3@msu.edu*

CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

Answer the following prompt in
300 words or less for a chance to
win a \$100 gift card!

How can borrowing money (or using credit such as taking a loan or having a credit card) end up being a good decision and when might it not? How and when will you decide if it is a good choice for you to borrow money? What are some tips you would give someone who needs to borrow money?

Open to ages 9-19

Essays due Feb 28, 2025



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A GREATER INTEREST IN SCHOOLS

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Girls On outdoor Adventure for Leadership and Science



**Are you interested in exploring
and learning science in the
outdoors?**

Where:

Starting and
ending at Kellogg
Biological Station
Hickory Corners, MI

When:

Summer 2025

Cost:

FREE

Website:

galsmi.weebly.com

GALS is a free 2-week summer program for high-school students interested in learning about science and teamwork in nature.

You will embark on backpacking trips in the Michigan wilderness.

You will learn hands-on about the ecology, biology, and geology of your surroundings while honing leadership skills.

**We invite high school-aged students identifying
as female or gender non-conforming to apply!**