



DECEMBER 2022

# 4-H Family News

## ROSCOMMON COUNTY



### THE CLOSING OF 2022

As we round the final corner of 2022, we share the sad news that Rebecca Sova will be leaving at the end of the year. Rebecca has become an icon of support here in our office, so we are so very sad to bid her farewell. As many know her well, she retired from Roscommon Area Public Schools, and joined us in 2018. She has always been such a great help to our programs and her contributions will be missed by all of us. On a positive note, this will give her more time to focus on the fun parts of retirement. We wish you well, Rebecca.

Keep in mind that we have reduced days of service this month and will not have any of our services available from December 23rd through January 2nd. I will be out for a shoulder repair for the remainder of the month and back in on January 3rd.

As far as programs, we have our ever-popular 4-H Cross Country Ski program starting on January 10th. On February 4th we have 4-H Tubing followed by an afterparty. We are also going to offer a six-week training for teens in February on how to start a business. Thanks to Kate Gammicchia for her leadership in the development of this course that will be a pilot program to be used statewide. Be sure to hold the date of March 10th for the next quarterly 4-H Teen Fun Night that is co-sponsored by the generosity of The Northern Center in Houghton Lake. Finally, we would like to genuinely thank everyone who offered their support to 4-H and MSU Extension in the most recent millage.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,

John Wurm  
4-H Program Coordinator

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# 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/](http://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.





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## How to Register for an Event in the 4-H Online System

Clubs with a participation fee are *Events* in the 4-H Online system. In order to register for a 4-H Event:

1. Youth need to be current 4-H members. Enroll in 4-H at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Previous members need only to *Renew* their enrollment.
2. Youth need to be registered for the 4-H Event of their choice at <https://v2.4honline.com>.
3. Payment needs to be completed:

**Credit card payment is preferred**, and can be completed when registering for the Event. Upon registration, our office will receive an email notification. Once registration has been approved, the credit card payment process will automatically activate. If you are registering more than one child for an Event, you will need to register and pay for each child individually.

### To pay by check:

- Make the check payable to MSU Extension
- Make a Note indicating which Event the payment is for
- Include your phone number on the check
- Mail your check to our office or drop it off in person (*please call first: 989-275-5043*):  
Roscommon County 4-H, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653

**To pay by cash**, call our office to arrange to drop off payment: 989-275-5043.

**Please note that registration is not complete until all steps are completed.**

For more information on navigating the 4-H Online system, download our Family Guide at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-guide>.



## 4-H Enrollment Roundup



Enroll/Renew Enrollment before January 1  
and be entered into a drawing for prizes!

<https://v2.4honline.com>

**For instructions on enrolling for the first time, or renewing enrollment if you were previously in 4-H, visit the 4-H Online Family Guide:**  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-guide>



LOCAL PROGRAM!

# 4-H Cross Country Skiing

## DATE & TIME:

Tuesdays, beginning on  
January 10, 2023

3:30 - 5:30 pm

Registration: 3:30 - 4:00 pm

January 17, 24, 31 &

February 7 & 14

4:00 - 5:30 pm - for the  
remaining sessions

## LOCATION:

Cross Country Ski  
Headquarters

9435 N. Cut Road,  
Roscommon, MI 48653

Email:

[info@crosscountryski.com](mailto:info@crosscountryski.com)

**COST: \$15** (This 4-H program has a retail value of over \$100 and is offered at a discount thanks to the generosity of the Cross Country Ski Headquarters.)

The annual 4-H participation fee has been indefinitely waived

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth- Kindergarten to High School. (Must be 5 years old by January 1, 2023.) **Participation is limited to 30 participants**, so be sure to register early to reserve your space.

## DESCRIPTION:

Learn the basics of cross country skiing and prepare for the annual Cross Country Ski Headquarters 4-H Olympics at the last session. Parents are invited to accompany and assist their children, with complimentary ski rental offered.



## REGISTER IN 3 EASY STEPS:

### Prior to the first day of class:

1. Youth need to be enrolled in 4-H: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
2. Youth need to be registered for the 4-H Cross Country Ski Club: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
3. Payment needs to be made

*Payment by credit card is recommended and may be completed when registering at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com).*

*Payment by check or cash are also options.*

**Questions: MSU Extension - (989) 275-5043**





**LOCAL PROGRAM!**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Extension**

# 4-H Tubing Day 2023

## DATE & TIME:

Saturday, February 4, 2023  
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

## LOCATION:

Hansen Hills Recreation  
7601 Old Lake Road  
Grayling, MI 49738

## AFTERPARTY:

The home of 4-H Volunteer,  
Terri Cook  
3344 Woodlawn Ave.  
Roscommon, MI 48653

**COST: \$5** (actual cost is \$14) Sponsored by your Roscommon County 4-H Council.

Note: \$15 cancellation fee for those who sign up and fail to cancel within 48 hours of event. Those who cancel before the 48 hours are not charged any fees. You must cancel by noon on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth ages kindergarten through high school. (Must be 5 years old by January 1, 2023.) **Event is limited to 30 participants**, so be sure to register early to reserve your space.

## DESCRIPTION:

Join us for some outdoor winter fun and see what 4-H has to offer as we hit the slopes of Hanson Hills for a tubing adventure! One of our 4-H volunteers will also host an afterparty with bonfire and snacks.



## REGISTER IN 3 EASY STEPS:

### Prior to the Event:

1. Youth need to be enrolled in 4-H: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
2. Youth need to be registered for the 4-H Tubing Day event: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
3. Payment needs to be made. **Payment by credit card is recommended and may be completed when registering at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com).**

*If you wish to pay by check or cash, these are also options.*

**Questions: MSU Extension - (989) 275-5043**




HERE IS SOME OF THE GOOD STUFF 4-H OFFERS! CLICK ON IMAGE FOR DETAILS.



Join Us Online or In Person  
**LAKE COUNTY 4-H  
LEAGUE OF CLOVERS:  
CANDY CANE CRUSADES**  
Dec. 19 thru 23, 2022 | 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

 **4-H GROWS HERE** MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



Zoom: December 6, 2022 at 7PM

**4-H SHOOTING SPORTS:  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS**

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
TEEN LEADERS  
SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADORS  
STATE AWARDS  
SCHOLARSHIPS

REGISTRATION: [BIT.LY/3UF2D5W](https://bit.ly/3UF2D5W)

 **4-H GROWS HERE** MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



Join Us Online or in Person  
**4-H IN THE KITCHEN:  
ISEKAI EDITION**  
Jan. 16, 18, 23, 25, 2023 | 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

 **4-H GROWS HERE** MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



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Get ready  
for your  
future!



4-H FUTURE SQUAD IS OPEN  
FOR NEW MEMBERS

[WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/4H/EVENTS](http://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/4H/EVENTS)

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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VIDEO PRODUCTION OR BEING ON TV?**



**4-H Community Health Ambassadors**

Ambassadors will develop a youth-led state-wide public health education campaign in partnership with **Detroit Public Television** focused on raising awareness of childhood vaccines to their peers and families



*SAVE THE DATE!*

**MICHIGAN 4-H DAY AT THE BRESLIN**

February 12, 2023

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One week. SO many experiences.

 **citizenship**  
WASHINGTON FOCUS

June 24-30, 2023



**4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST**

FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2023  
MSU CAMPUS, EAST LANSING

 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference  
returns March 3-5, 2023!**

**RALPH A. MACMULLAN CONFERENCE CENTER**  
104 Conservation Dr.  
Roscommon, MI 48653

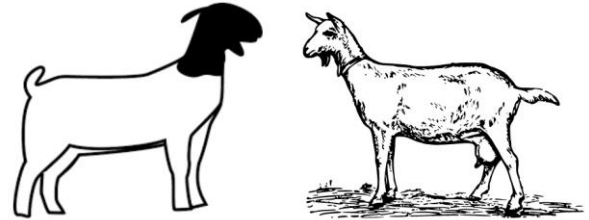
Topic: Dairy  
Cattle  
Nutrition

Registration opens  
early 2023



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**Save the Date**



**Michigan 4-H State Goat Show**

Saturday, June 17, 2023  
MSU Pavilion South Barn

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**June 2023**

**4-H Exploration Days**

[bit.ly/2023\\_Explore\\_4H](https://bit.ly/2023_Explore_4H)



**Save the Date**



State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show  
Saturday, January 28, 2023

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture  
and Livestock Education

4301 Farm Ln  
East Lansing, MI



Enter Day of Show





# States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

## 2023 INBOUND PROGRAMS

*Host a delegate in your home this summer and give your family a global perspective!*



### Host a Japanese youth in Summer 2023 through States' 4-H International!

Invite an international youth into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!

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



### HOSTING PERIOD: 3 1/2 weeks from late July to mid August

- You can host a youth aged 12-18 or an adult chaperone
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

### 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
- **You don't need to be involved with 4-H to host**



### For more information

Visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>

Email: [exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org) Call: 1-800-407-3314



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



Instagram: [@states4hinternational](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternational)

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

