



MARCH 2024

# 4-H Family News

## Grand Traverse County



### Thinking Spring

4-H Families and Volunteers,

As we near the “end” of a relatively short winter, we can expect our lives to start getting a little busier. Between meetings, events and prepping for fair, we also have our families, work and personal lives to make time for.

Through the hustle and bustle, it's important to remember why we do it all — for the kids. Getting children involved in 4-H helps them with real-life skills and boosts confidence. Allowing them to explore different areas will also build decision-making skills and friendships.

I wanted to update you on the status of a new 4-H Coordinator. After an extensive search, we are happy to say we have found a qualified candidate, and they have accepted our offer! We will have more details for you soon!

This spring, let's pay attention to nature a little bit more. A little patience and a lot of love will allow us all to grow, just like the crops and flowers we tend to.

Sincerely,

Kristy Oosterhouse

P.S. We still have MANY Record Books in our office that need to be picked up...don't let your child's hard work go to waste! These books are great keepsakes and are helpful guides for creating new Record Books.

### Upcoming Events

Education Expo | 3/3 | 9a-4p | Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

Livestock Council Meeting | 3/4 | 6:30p | Redeemer Lutheran Church

Capitol Experience | 3/17-3/19 | See Schedule for time | Lansing

Exploration Days | 6/19-6/21 | See Schedule for time | MSU Campus

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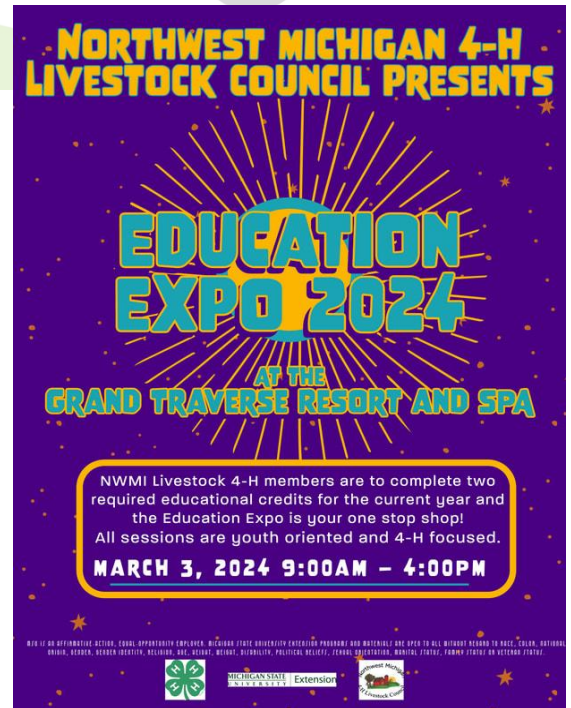
# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Livestock Council Education Expo: This Sunday 3/3/24!

The Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council is hosting Education Expo 2024 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa on Sunday, March 3, 2024 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

NWMI Livestock 4-H members are to complete two required educational credits for the current year and the Education Expo is your one-stop shop! All sessions are youth oriented and 4-H focused.

Visit <http://www.northwestmichiganlivestockcouncil.org/> to register! You will need to register for each class that you want to participate in.



## 2024 EDUCATION EXPO SCHEDULE MARCH 3, 2024 GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT AND SPA

Time	Room 1	Room2	Room 3	Room 4
9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.	<b>RABBIT BREEDS AND CAVY CARE</b> Lisa Ralph & Tristyn Klockziem <i>New Rabbit Breeds and Cavy Care</i>	<b>HORSE SAFETY</b> Dorothy Mueller <i>Horse Safety, making your horse safer to be around.</i>	<b>GOAT FEED AND NUTRITION</b> Lowe's Pellet & Grain <i>Goat Feed &amp; Nutrition</i>	<b>ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS</b> NWMI Livestock Council Teen Reps & MSU Extension Staff
10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	<b>LAMB FITTING &amp; SHEARING</b> Thunderstruck Lambs <i>Tips and tricks for fitting and shearing your lamb projects.</i>	<b>HORSE - ENGLISH &amp; WESTERN DRESSAGE</b> Dorothy Mueller	<b>MAGNA WAVE</b> Liv Rice <i>A non-invasive technology that generates gentle electromagnetic pulses to help with pain and inflammation.</i>	<b>SWINE MANAGEMENT</b> <b>GIVING MEDICATION FOR YOUR SHOW HERD</b> Casey Zangaro <i>Disease prevention and management</i>
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	<b>LAMB NUTRITION</b> Auburn Moyer <i>How to have happy, healthy lambs!</i>	<b>LLAMA / ALPACA PERFORMANCE CLASSES</b> Diana Kotesky <i>Defining the difference in classes, what to expect, and how to raise your scores. Information on the obstacle and pack classes at the fair!</i>	<b>MAGNA WAVE</b> Liv Rice <i>A non-invasive technology that generates gentle electromagnetic pulses to help with pain and inflammation.</i>	<b>SWINE SHOW NUTRITION</b> Casey Zangaro <i>Nutrition with a focus on corrections for gain and reaching the target weight.</i>
12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	<b>CATTLE NUTRITION</b> <i>Proper nutrition for show cattle</i>	<b>RECORD BOOKS FOR BEGINNERS</b> Renee Hobbins <i>Tips and tricks to make a basic record book better!</i>	<b>DIFFERENTLY ABLED SESSION</b> <i>Record book decorating, Q&amp;A, and animal care. Information for new DA families.</i>	<b>POULTRY NUTRITION</b> Jacob Stieg <i>Poultry Nutrition for a healthy flock</i>
2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	<b>BUTCHERING W/EBELS</b> Tom Ebels <i>Techniques and methods processors use to butcher larger animals.</i>	<b>ADVANCED RECORD BOOKS</b> NWMI Livestock Council Teen Reps <i>Take your record book to the next level!</i>	<b>LIVESTOCK MARKETING &amp; FINANCIALS</b> MSU Extension Staff and friends <i>Learn how to market your animal to buyers and incorporate finances into your market project.</i>	<b>POULTRY SHOWING, BREED, MARKETING</b> Jacob Stieg
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	<b>BUTCHERING W/EBELS</b> Tom Ebels <i>Techniques and methods processors use to butcher larger animals.</i>	<b>CALF CASTRATION DEMONSTRATION &amp; EQUINE CLONING ISSUES EXPLORATION</b> FFA Members from the Northwest Ed FFA Chapter	<b>3-D PRINTING</b> Brandon Williams	<b>ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS</b> NWMI Livestock Council Teen Reps & MSU Extension Staff



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## 4-H MakerSpace looking for members, leaders



4-H MakerSpace is a club dedicated to teaching young people useful life skills within the technological realm. The club uses a combination of 4-H approved curriculum and practical shop experience to help youth, ages 5-19, learn how to problem solve while working on engineering, robotics and industrial arts projects.

Paul Grayson, the longtime leader of 4-H MakerSpace, aims to recruit more club members who are eager to learn, as well as new leadership. "Hundreds of young people have learned a lot over the 17 years the club has been in operation. The skills young people learn here are essential to the success of their generation."

To become a member or leader of 4-H MakerSpace, please contact Paul at (231) 883-4463 or [pgrayson@chartermi.net](mailto:pgrayson@chartermi.net)

## Leader's Association votes to increase amount for Olson Scholarship

The reward amount for the Andrew L. Olson 4-H Scholarship has increased to three (3) \$785 scholarships after the Leader's Association voted on it. The increase is due to more available funding, and can fluctuate each year. **REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants shall be either a past or present member of a Grand Traverse County 4-H Club, and must be attending a post-secondary school. Applications may be renewed annually for four (4) years; however, applications need to be submitted on a yearly basis between January 1 and the first Monday in April (by 5:00 p.m.). Candidates may be requested to attend an interview before final selection is made. Return a neatly completed application with a current photograph of yourself to the MSU Extension Grand Traverse County office. Application for the Andrew L. Olson Scholarship, as well as other scholarships, can be found here:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/grand\\_traverse/grand\\_traverse\\_county\\_4\\_h/4-h-events-and-scholarships](https://www.canr.msu.edu/grand_traverse/grand_traverse_county_4_h/4-h-events-and-scholarships)



# MICHIGAN 4-H Capitol Experience

**DATES & TIMES:**  
March 17-19, 2024

**LOCATION:**  
University Quality Inn 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/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/)

Registration deadline is March 4, 2024

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## 4-H Capitol Experience

### Event Tentative Agenda

#### Sunday, March 17

- 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 18

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

#### Tuesday, March 19

- 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 & Youth Advocacy
- Crime & Law Enforcement
- Education
- Environment & Natural Resources
- Health
- Jobs & the Economy

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# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers)





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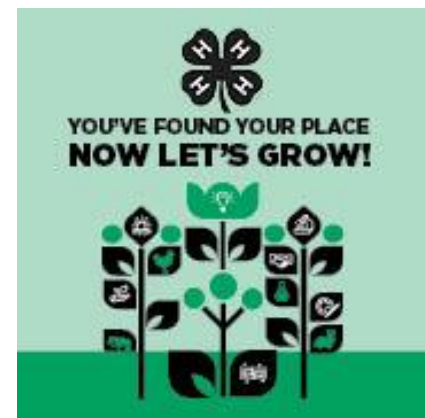
## Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

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/](http://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](http://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](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or John Wurm at [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).