



DECEMBER 5, 2025

4-H Family News

Ingham County



Ingham County 4-H Award Application & Nominations



**Submit to office or email by
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Awards and Scholarships
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INGHAM COUNTY 4-H YOUTH!



We're thrilled to announce that two outstanding youth from Ingham County 4-H have been awarded the MSU Pre-College Scholarship!

After participating in a 4-H pre-college program in 2025, these youth were nominated to represent 4-H in the statewide scholarship competition—and their hard work paid off! Each recipient will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to attend Michigan State University in the future.

👏 Join us in congratulating: 🌟
Grant Evans
Cooper Krystyniak

Huge congrats on winning the scholarship!
All your hard work paid off—so well deserved

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Position Description



Application

SEEKING



4-H STILL LIFE SUPERINTENDENTS

What You'll Do:

- Host one county-wide educational activity
- Support fair exhibits and judging
- Promote inclusive, engaging learning experiences

Commitment:

Year-round with peak activity around the Ingham County Fair (July/August)

Open Project Areas Include:

RC Cars Rockets Archery Cloverbuds Crops Science
 Woodworking Clothing & Textiles Firearms Photography
 Horticulure/Floriculture Communications Food & Nutrition Cats



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2026 ADULTING 101



- FRAUD FIGHTERS - JANUARY 21 AT 6:30 PM
- INFORMED RENTER - FEBRUARY 19 AT 5:00 PM
- SLEEP WELLNESS - MARCH 4 AT 5:30 PM
- EAT SMART: HEALTHY MEALS ON A BUDGET - APRIL 13 AT 5:00 PM
- COOKING WITH CONFIDENCE - MAY 18 AT 6:30 PM
- AI AND YOU: SMART, SAFE & SAVVY - JUNE 11 AT 6:00 PM
- THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK - JULY 8 AT 6:00 PM
- ROADMAP TO A SMART USED CAR PURCHASE - AUGUST 12 AT 5:00 PM
- ARE YOU READY? - SEPTEMBER 23 AT 5:00 PM
- MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT - OCTOBER 7 AT 6:00 PM
- REALITIES OF ANIMAL CARE - NOVEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM

*ALL TIMES LISTED ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME



FREE ON ZOOM



It's Paper Clover Time!



Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp and leadership activities.



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2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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| January 24 | 4-H State Rabbit Show |
| Feb. 27- March 1 | 4-H Dairy Conference |
| March 7 | 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop |
| March 14 | 4-H Horse Communications Contest |
| March 21-22 | Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show |
| March 21 | 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop |
| March 22 | 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl |
| April 11 | 4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest |
| April 12 | 4-H Hippology State Contest |
| May 6 | 4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest |
| June 10-11 | Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp |
| June 27 | 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl |
| July 1 | 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest |
| July 6-7 & 8-9 | 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp |
| July 13-16 | 4-H Youth Dairy Days |
| August 13-16 | 4-H State Horse Show |
| September 19 | 4-H State Dog Show |



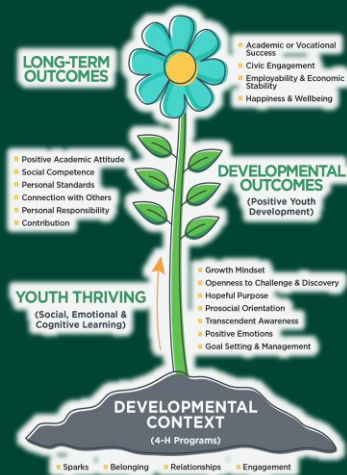
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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Have you ever been to a club meeting that starts with a roll call question? Building a sense of belonging in the 4-H community is one of four core concepts of the 4-H Thriving Model that any 4-H program can intentionally do.

We strive to build this welcoming feeling and offer kindness to help develop a sense of belonging throughout project meetings, club meetings, workshops and events offered. What better way to build a community than to find similarities among the membership?

Some of the questions are simple, some are silly, and some can get more involved depending on the purpose of the meeting. Regardless, it's a great way to get to know everyone. Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

November 28 – December 14: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Local Tractor Supply Co.

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store! Seventy-percent of funds raised stay in the local community where the paper clover was purchased.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

December 2: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving and a chance to celebrate the opportunities that makes 4-H so extraordinary. 4-H'ers are leading the way in a world full of change and together, we can build a generation ready for anything. We have set a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period.

mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/

December 9: 4-H Wild Spartans

Online

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's session is "Adventures in Wildlife Medicine: From the Field to the Clinic." Meet Avery Tilley, a veterinary student at the University of Georgia. Learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Open to youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-december

December 13: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Hanukkah

Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center, Westland

Learn, create and celebrate the Festival of Lights! Open to all youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop includes storytelling, candle-making, snacks, games and festive music. Pre-register by December 8.!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-hanukkah

December 20: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Christmas in Norway

Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center, Westland

Celebrate Norwegian Christmas traditions! Open to youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop includes gnome-making, butter-churning and festive cookie decorating. Pre-register by December 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-christmas





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Mandatory reporting guidelines for Michigan 4-H volunteers

MSU Extension has updated its mandatory [reporting guidelines](http://www.canr.msu.edu/od/civil_rights_diversity_multiculturalism/civil_rights_compliance) (www.canr.msu.edu/od/civil_rights_diversity_multiculturalism/civil_rights_compliance) to align with MSU's policy (UW-02-01). All volunteers are required to report incidents of child abuse, neglect, or misconduct promptly. Reports should be made to MSU's Office for Civil Rights (MSU OCR) and, when applicable, to Children's Protective Services (CPS)/Department of Health and Human Services. In short, volunteers should:

1. In emergencies: Call 911 immediately.
2. Child abuse/neglect: Call CPS at 855-444-3911 and file [DHS-3200](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect/childrens/mandated-reporters) (available at www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect/childrens/mandated-reporters) within 72 hours.
3. All other incidents: Report to MSU OCR via online form at <https://msu.guardianconduct.com/incident-reporting/>; phone at (517) 353-3922 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; by mail at 408 W. Circle Dr., Suite 105, Olds Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824; or by email at ocr.isr@msu.edu.
4. Please notify your local MSU Extension staff after submitting a report.

Shop with purpose: 4-H gifts that give back

'Tis the season to spread joy and support 4-H youth while doing it! Consider the following options in your holiday shopping to make the holidays merry, bright and meaningful!

Michigan Shop 4-H Store: Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store! Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! A percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H. Visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>.



My Pottery Place: Get crafty with 4-H pottery! From mugs to ornaments, you can paint your own masterpiece while supporting youth programs—5% of every 4-H licensed pottery purchase goes to 4-H. Learn more at mypotteryplace.com/product-category/all-products/4-h/.

Mickman Brothers: Decorate your home with beautiful greenery and purpose: 15% of the proceeds from each wreath or evergreen purchased at 4hwreaths.com will benefit 4-H.

Twisted X: Step into the season with style! The Twisted X 4-H Collection has shoes for the whole family and 6% of each pair sold supports 4-H! Learn more at twistedx.com/pages/4h-collection.

Georgia Boot: Built for hard work and big dreams, Georgia Boot is a proud supporter of 4-H. Consider giving their boots, which are ready for any adventure, especially a 4-H project! Shop at georgiaboot.com.

Michigan 4-H Dog Showmanship Manual updated

The Michigan 4-H Dog Showmanship Manual has been updated! A major update to the previous version, this guide provides the basic information needed to compete successfully in 4-H dog showmanship classes. Be sure to check out the resources section of the manual for additional useful books, websites and videos.

View the updated manual at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-dog-showmanship-manual.



4-H WINTERFEST FEBUARY 7-8 2026



LOCATION: EAGLE VILLAGE - HERSEY, MI

COST: \$120 FOR 4-H MEMBERS

REGISTER TODAY: [HTTPS://4HWINTERFEST2026.4HONLINE.COM](https://4hwinterfest2026.4honline.com)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth who attend 4-H Winterfest will spend two days learning about team building and different project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Winterfest offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to experience Eagle Village in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions.

Workshop 1 - Saturday

Amaze Your Friends With Magic

Launch into Science

Broom Ball

Art Explorers: Fun and Easy Crafts

Crafts Around the World: North America

Ice Dyeing

Workshops- Sunday

Workshop #2

Cat Curiosity

Lego Science

Paper to Pulp

Stop Motion Animation

It's a Wrap! Jewelry wire wrapping

Workshop #3

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Lego Science

Paper to Pulp

Stop Motion Animation

It's a Wrap! Jewelry wire wrapping

WORKSHOP 1 DESCRIPTION:

Amaze Your Friends With Magic- Come and learn several easy magic tricks that will amaze your friends and family.

Launch into Science- Get ready to build, launch & learn! Participants will dive into hands-on STEM challenges – including designing & testing their very own marshmallow catapult. From creative problem solving to engineering fun, this session will spark curiosity & teamwork while showing how science & innovation come to life!

Broom Ball- Learn the skill and techniques to broom ball. Have fun outdoors on the ice challenge your coordination and teamwork to score the most goals!

Crafts Around the World: North America -Enjoy and be introduced to a simple cultural traditional craft from North America. We will learn how to make the simple craft of "Guatemalan Worry Dolls" and having fun creating as we learn about the culture and the country.

Art Explorers: Fun and Easy Crafts- A hands-on session using basic tools to create and personalize leather goods like bracelets, book markers, and coasters and craft a dazzling suncatcher using pony beads and crystals for an instant touch of sparkle wherever it hangs.

Ice Dyeing- Discover the science behind stunning, and surprising, designs when colors split. You'll explore how melting ice and dye interact, creating vibrant patterns while learning about chemistry and color theory in action. This session blends art and science for a colorful experiment you can wear or share!

WORKSHOP 2& 3 DESCRIPTION:

Cat Curiosity- Ever wanted to learn about cat showmanship? Fun facts about our fancy furry friends? Want to pet one up close and personal? Well, here's your chance! Join us for 4-H related activities and information regarding cat showmanship at the county fair level. We will have hands-on demonstrations and even have a live cat to examine. Please be allergy aware!!

Lego Science- Use Legos to answer science questions such as: Can you building a hurricane-proof building? How do wrecking balls work? and How many Lego can you balance off one brick?

Paper to Pulp- Get creative from start to finish! In this session you will make your own paper, design a custom journal & learn simple journaling techniques. Have fun, reflect, create & express yourself one page at a time!

Stop Motion Animation- Bring your ideas to life by transforming everyday objects into exciting stories. You'll design, snap, and edit your own stop motion mini movies using creativity and digital tools. This session combines science, technology, and creativity to show how innovation moves—literally—frame by frame!

It's a Wrap! Jewelry wire wrapping- Enjoy and be introduced to the art of jewelry wire wrapping. You will learn the basics and wrap special stones of Michigan, creating necklaces, keychains, or whatever your creative minds discover and make.

SPARTAN WINTER JUDGING INVITE

JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL WINTER LIVESTOCK
JUDGING CONTEST AT MICHIGAN STATE!
CATTLE, SHEEP, AND HOG CLASSES AVAILABLE

REASONS DIVISION: \$25/STUDENT
QUESTIONS DIVISION: \$20/STUDENT



WEDNESDAY
12/17/2025



CHECK IN 8:00-8:45 A.M.
CONTEST START 9:00 A.M.



FARM BUREAU PAVILION
4301 FARM LN, LANSING, MI 48910

REGISTER BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH





4-H Spark & Share Summit

A conference for 4-H volunteers and teens

March 7, 2026

Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center
Frankenmuth, Michigan

9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
\$75 (includes lunch)

Register by February 5th:

<https://events.ani.msu.edu/SparkShare2026>

Participants may select up to 4 sessions from topics including science, arts and crafts, leadership, animal science, global education, and much more!!



NEW at Ignite 2026: Animal Science!

Hands-on workshops. Become career-ready.



March 25 - 29, 2026 | Washington, D.C. | Washington Hilton

Extra Credit  UNION



2026 Michigan 4-H Cash Composition Contest

Write a brief 300 word essay addressing fraud and scams, and have the chance to earn a \$100 gift card!

Essays Due: March 1st, 2026
Winners Announced: April 1st, 2026

See website for contest details and requirements!

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4-H Volunteer Nomination Required

Outstanding Young Member

Requirement to Apply: 4-H member 8-11 years old (4-H Age)

Number of Awards: One per club

Application Process: Nomination Form completed by 4-H volunteer based on young member's character

Award: Certificate

Outstanding Teen Leader

Requirement to Apply: 4-H teens recognized for outstanding leadership 4-H volunteer

Number of Awards: Two

Application Process: Nomination Form completed by 4-H volunteer (can nominate up to two teens)

Award: Certificate and pin

All Star Award

Requirement to Apply: Any youth nominated by a 4-H volunteer for any reason determined by the 4-H volunteer

Number of Awards: One per club

Application Process: Nomination Form completed by 4-H volunteer

Award: Certificate and pin

Good Citizen Award

Requirement to Apply: All youth are eligible to be nominated (by anyone) for going above and beyond normal expectations through their actions. (Please no nominations for normal daily activities such as feeding own animals, barn duty, etc.)

Number of Awards: Up to five winners and honorable mention recognition to additional nominees

Application Process: Completion of nomination form

Award: \$5 Gift Certificate for up to 5 winners: Certificate for honorable mention

Club Awards

Club Community Service Award

Requirement to Apply: Completion of a community service project by the 4-H club

Number of Awards: Three

Application Process: A report explaining how the youth in the club were involved in the planning and completion of the community service project and why that service project was chosen. A poster with pictures and a description of the service project needs to be presented at the Fair in the club's booth.

Award: 1st Place-\$50; 2nd Place-\$25; 3rd Place-\$15

Top Club Award

Requirement to Apply: All registered 4-H clubs are eligible

Number of Awards: Four; (2 small clubs; 2 large clubs)

Application Process: Completion of Top Club application packet

Award: \$25 gift certificate for club pizza party

Individual Member Awards-Self Nomination

Cloverbud Certificate

Requirement to Apply: Open to all Cloverbuds ages 5-7 (4-H age)

Number of Awards: All Cloverbuds who apply will receive a certificate

Application Process: Cloverbuds complete the certificate application themselves

Award: Certificate

County Medal

Requirement to Apply: 4-H member at least 12 years old (4-H age). Must have a minimum of two years completed in the project area

Number of Awards: Up to four different members in each project area: youth can only win one medal per project area during their 4-H career

Application Process: Completion of County Medal Form & Essay: Youth can apply for up to three different county medals each year, but can only be awarded two per year

Project Areas: Juniors (ages 13-15) and Seniors (ages 16-19); for Aerospace; Agriculture; Aquaculture; Beef; Biological Sciences; Cats/Companion Animal; Cavies; Clothing & Textiles; Computer Technology; Consumer & Family Science; Consumer Education; Dairy; Dogs/Companion Animal; Electricity; Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment; Entomology & Bees; Food & Nutrition; Forestry; Gardening & Horticulture; Goats; Healthy Living; Horses; Industrial Arts; Judging; Outdoor Education & Recreation; Performing Arts; Photography & Video; Physical Science; Plant Science; Poultry; Rabbits; Safety; Sewing; Sheep; Shooting Sports; Swine; Technology & Engineering; Veterinary Science; Visual Arts; Wildlife/Fisheries Achievement; Citizenship & Civic Engagement; Communications; Community Service; Leadership; Personal Development; Public Speaking

Award: Certificate and Medal

Head and Heart Award

Requirement to Apply: 1. At least 15 years old (4-H age); 2. Completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas; 3. Participated in at least three county and/or state 4-H events

Number of Awards: Four

Application Process: Completion of Ingham County Awards Application: Recommendation by 4-H volunteer

Award: \$50

Ingham County 4-H Ambassador

Requirement to Apply: 4-H member 12-19 years old (4-H Age), Desire to promote the 4-H program and develop leadership Skills, One year commitment (group meets 8-10 times per year)

Application Process: Completion of Ingham County Awards Application: Recommendation by 4-H volunteer

Award: Certificate and Notebook

10 and 15 Year Member Awards

Requirement to Apply: 10 Year Award: Applicant must be a high school senior or graduate; must have 10 years of consecutive membership between the ages of 5-19. **15 Year Award:** Applicant must have 15 years of consecutive membership between the ages of 5-19

Number of Awards: No limit

Application Process: Completion of Ingham County Awards Application

Award: Framed certificate

Michigan 4-H Key Club Award

Requirement to Apply: At least 15 years old by December 1st;
Completed three calendar years of 4-H work by Jan. 1st of the current year;
Completed 4-H work in at least two project areas;
Completed a Teen Leadership project;
Participated in at least three county, state or national 4-H events

Number of Awards: Top 0.5% of the total county delegation

Application Process: Completion of the Michigan Key Club application

Award: Key Club Pin

Danforth National "I Dare You" Leadership Award

Requirement to Apply: 15-18 years old (4-H age)

Number of Awards: Two

Application Process: Completion of "I Dare You" essay

Award: \$20 gift certificate; American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award certificate; *I Dare You* book; nomination for "I Dare You" scholarship; opportunity to attend AYF's National Leadership Conference

Ignite by 4-H (March)

Requirement to Apply: 14-19 years old (4-H age)

Number of Awards: Two

Application Process: Completion of Citizenship Washington Focus Delegate Application

Award: Certificate; Participation in Citizenship Washington Focus in Washinton, D.C.

National 4-H Congress (November)

Requirement to Apply: 14-19 years old (4-H age)

Number of Awards: Two

Application Process: Completion of National 4-H Congress Delegate Application

Award: Certificate; Participation in National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia

Community Awards

Leader of the Year

Requirement to Apply: Active 4-H volunteer nominated (by anyone) for being an exceptional leader

Number of Awards: One for 1-5 years of leadership; One for 6-10 years of leadership;
One for 11-15 years of leadership; One for 16 or more years of leadership

Application Process: Completion of Nomination Form by anyone.

*Each club is encouraged to nominate one leader from the club who is deserving of this award

Award: Engraved Plaque

Friend of 4-H

Requirement to Apply: Person/Business/Organization that is nominated (by anyone) for making significant contributions to Ingham County 4-H

Number of Awards: One

Application Process: Completion of Nomination Form by anyone.

Award: Engraved Plaque