



JULY 18, 2025

4-H Family News

Ingham County



Put Your Animal Project Knowledge To The Test!

Ingham County 4-H Skillathon and Master Stockman Contest

Questions?
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A skillathon is an event to test knowledge of specific subject matter. The Ingham County 4-H Skillathon will include all animal projects (beef, cat, dairy, dog, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine). Compete individually AND/OR as a team.



Available Contest Dates and Times

Saturday, July 26th, 6:00-8:00 pm - South End Pavillion

Friday, August 1st, Time: to be determined - Main Arena

ATTENTION PLEASE!

INGHAM COUNTY 4-H INDIVIDUAL FOOD BOOTH SIGN UP

Assist 4-H Council with this year's food booth. Council supports 4-H programs by supplying scholarships to 4-H activities and trainings.



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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA9A82EA3FB6-57580857-2025>

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Important Fair Week Information

Packet Pickup

Packet Pickup (in the Fair Office)

Friday, July 18th - 9:00am – 4:00pm

Monday, July 21st - 9:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday, July 22nd – 9:00am – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 23rd - 9:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday, July 24th – 9:00am – 8:00pm

Friday, July 25th – 9:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday, July 27th – In the auction office trailer

4-H CLUB FOOD BOOTH SIGN UP



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ASSIST 4-H COUNCIL WITH THIS YEAR'S FOOD
BOOTH!
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EXPLORE THE REALITY OF PEER PRESSURE TO ENSURE
HEALTHY DECISION MAKING AND POSITIVE
SELF-CONFIDENCE

AUGUST 18, 2025 | 6-7 PM
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4-H STILL LIFE * BUILDING BOOTH WATCH SIGN UP



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4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

August 2, 2025

Saginaw Field & Stream Club
Saginaw, Mich.



Learn and Earn with *Summer of Savings*



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Earn a \$20 gift card by completing a 4-H financial
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Michigan 4-H Fall 2025 Volunteer Webinar Series

For more information:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>

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Join us online!

Registration open now at: <https://fairentury.com/Fair/SignIn/22157>

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Ingham County 4-H Still Life Absentee Form

Use for exhibitors who will not be available to talk to the judge during fair judging.

Explanation: Each exhibitor is strongly encouraged and expected to be present to talk with judges about his/her project. However recognizing there may be valid reasons why a member cannot be present, the still life committee will accept projects accompanied by this form filled out by the member, and the information replaces talking to the judge to determine the member's receipt of award ribbons and special honors. Projects received without an exhibitor present or this form will be evaluated and exhibited by will be given only a participation award. Turn in the project, completed form, and entry tag together.

Member's Name _____

Member's Club _____

Member's 4-H Age (Based on January 1 of current year) _____

Number of Years in Project Area _____

Project Description: _____

Please respond below; the more you can tell the judge the better to help them evaluate your project. (You may attach additional pages if necessary).

1. The **steps** or **procedures** I used to do this project were: _____

[illegible]

2. Doing this project helped me **learn** the following things: _____

3. I decided to do this project **because**: _____

4. The **reason** I am unable to be present for my project interview with the judge is: _____

Reminder to the Judge: Please evaluate absentee projects with
completed absentee form as if the member were present.



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**APPLE SUMMER
CODING CAMP**



**JOIN US FOR A FREE WEEK-LONG CAMP TO EXPLORE
CODING, ROBOTICS, AND APPLE TECHNOLOGY!**

**Monday July 21th –
Friday July 25th,
2025**

**9am-12pm
Snacks provided!**

**MacDonald Middle
School**

**STEM Lab – Room 166
1601 Burcham Dr, East
Lansing, MI 48823**

Register through
4-H Online



Ages 9-14, no prior experience required!

2025 MICHIGAN 4-H STATE HORSE SHOW

Save the date!

THURSDAY AUG. 14: RANCH DAY
FRIDAY AUG. 15: GYMKHANA DAY
AND MINIATURE HORSE SHOW
SATURDAY AUG. 16: SENIOR DAY
SUNDAY AUG. 17: JUNIOR DAY



AUGUST 14 TO AUGUST 17, 2025



REGISTRATION OPENS ON SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025
QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO DAVID AT LINDSA75@MSU.EDU



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

August 2, 2025

Registration is open for the 2025 Michigan State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament! To be held August 2 at the Saginaw Field & Stream Club in Saginaw, this event provides 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills, earn recognition and build camaraderie with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Events at the tournament include: .22 rifle, 3-D archery, air rifle, BB gun, hunting and wildlife, muzzle loading, pistol, target archery, trap and skeet.

The deadline to register is **July 13, 2025**.

To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-4-h-state-shooting-sports-tournament

July 8-10: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

July 9: Adulting 101 – Mastering Meal Planning

Online

Learn how to eat healthy on a budget and stretch your food dollars, including how to cook once and eat twice, making a meal plan that will save you money at the store, and other great tips!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mastering-meal-planning

July 16-17: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-2025

July 16 - August 13: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

This free course is for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2025

July 17: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day

July 24: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will collect, observe and even make bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

July 29-31: Camp Monet

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young artists will spend three days in the gardens creating marvelous projects. Campers will use inspiration from the garden to make projects that involve sketching, painting, sculpting, dying, weaving and much more! Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a lunch each day.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/camp-monet





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2025 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.



There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 8 at 5 p.m..** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 28 – September 1.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

2025 Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 10 and 11, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Beyond Ready" and the youth referred to the various ways that 4-H is helping to prepare them to be ready for their future, be it work, college or life in general.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2025, the following 28 4-H members from 22 counties were selected as the 2025 Mark of Excellence county winners.

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| • Simran Adnani, Wayne County | • Nolan King, Branch County | • Breelyn Pullins, Berrien County |
| • Abigail Baker, Cass County | • Jude Martin, Ionia County | • Hadley Schafer, Monroe County |
| • Claire Blaszyk, Oakland County | • Madison McGuire, Midland County | • Kristina Schwarz, Oakland County |
| • Snyder Dunlap, Jackson County | • Richie McNutt, Washtenaw County | • Asher Smith, Livingston County |
| • Lilly Edick, Gladwin County | • Trula Michel, Monroe County | • Jolene Smith, Ionia County |
| • Alicia Etter, Sanilac County | • Penelope Moore, Sanilac County | • Bette Stemaly, St. Joseph County |
| • Chloe F., Ingham County | • VanAnder Noordyk, Marquette County | • Autumn Wellington, Lapeer County |
| • Adreann Guikema, Newaygo County | • Victoria Perez, Washtenaw County | • Tierney Westrate, Allegan County |
| • Colton Guy, Barry County | • Madeline Piwowarski, Wexford County | • Josephine Wiltshire, Osceola County |
| • Autumn Johnloz, St. Joseph County | | |

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.