



JANUARY 30th, 2026

4-H Family News

Ingham County



2026 EQUINE CONNECTION WEEKEND

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026 THROUGH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
AT THE FARM BUREAU PAVILION AT
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ELIZABETH
WHO WON THE
SENIOR CAVY
SHOWMANSHIP AND
OVERALL CAVY
SHOWMANSHIP AT
**THE STATE 4-H
RABBIT AND CAVY
SHOW.**



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KIDS ACTIVITIES @QAS

Join us at the Quiet Adventures Symposium on February 28. Lead your own activity or work with Rachel to pick one from our 4-H curriculum.

FEBRUARY

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MSU PAVILION



Contact Rachel
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More Information
<https://quietadventures.org>



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- HORSE JUDGING
- HIPPOLOGY
- SHOWMANSHIP
- HORSEMANSHIP
- TRAIL

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN AND
LEARNING!

CLINIC SESSIONS WITH AQHA
PROFESSIONAL RYAN COTTINGIM AND
OTHERS!

****HORSES ONLY NEEDED FOR COTTINGIM
CLINICS, LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS****



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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30PM-8:30PM: HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

MQHA TACK SALE: 9AM-4PM

NO ADMISSION FEE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**8:30AM-12PM: PRACTICE HORSE JUDGING
CONTEST**

**1-3:30PM: EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS IN
CLASSROOMS A, B, AND C**

**1-3PM: LEVEL 1 SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC WITH
RYAN COTTINGIM**

**4-6PM: LEVEL 1 HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC WITH
RYAN COTTINGIM**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**9AM-12:00PM: PRACTICE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST IN
CLASSROOM A/B/C**

**8-10:00AM: "REFINING YOUR SHOWMANSHIP SKILLS"
SHOWMANSHIP LEVEL 2 CLINIC WITH RYAN
COTTINGIM**

**11AM-1PM: LEVEL 2 HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC WITH
RYAN COTTINGIM**

2-4PM: TRAIL CLINIC WITH RYAN COTTINGIM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



**PRE-REGISTRATION IS OFFERED AND
APPRECIATED FOR CLINIC PARTICIPATION,
EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS, AND CLINIC
AUDITING.**

**CLINIC PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO THE
FIRST 12 RIDERS/HANDLERS.**

SATURDAY CLINICS: \$50.00 FOR ONE OR \$90.00 FOR BOTH
CLINICS

SUNDAY CLINICS: \$50.00 FOR ONE OR \$125.00 FOR ALL THREE
SUNDAY SESSIONS

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS \$15.00/DAY OR PAY @20.00
AT THE DOOR FOR EACH DAY**

**4-H CLUBS QUALIFY FOR A GROUP DISCOUNT IF
THEY PRE-REGISTER UNDER THEIR 4-H CLUB**

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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



Join Us Online

WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE • RESEARCH • CAREERS • CONSERVATION

"WALKING A PATH OF CONSERVATION"

WITH CARLY GRAFF
WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA TRAILS SPECIALIST
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

February 10 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildSpartansSeriesFall2025Spring2026/>

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Looking for the perfect gift for the 4-H member, teen leader, or volunteer in your life?

Give the gift of a great experience!!

4-H Spark & Share Summit

March 7, 2026

Frankenmuth

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

Make it a weekend get away for the family; enjoy Michigan's largest indoor waterpark at Bavarian Inn!!



Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



2026 Money Smart Mission



GooseChase Game

Who: Michigan residents aged 13-19

What: Fun online missions to show your money smarts and learn about finances and entrepreneurship!

When: 4/1/26 - 4/21/26

How: Register online to access contest



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Spring Pen Pal



•Program Dates

1.March 1: US registration opens

2.April 1 - June 1: Pen pal program runs with weekly emails

•**Age:** Participants must be between the ages of 9 – 18 as of April 1, 2026.

•**Frequency:** participants will be expected to send one email/letter weekly for the duration (approximately 10 emails/letters). There will be weekly discussion topics to help get the conversation going, but these are only suggestions.

•**Regular Email Schedule Between Participants:** For example, international students send emails to their U.S. partners every Monday, and U.S. students reply every Friday.

•**Cost:** \$10 USD that can be paid online only.

•**Registration deadline:** Friday, March 20, 2026, or when all spots are filled. Please keep an eye on your emails for notification of when registration opens!

Feel free to reach out to me Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu if you have any questions about this years Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs.

Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



4-H State Award Recognition Areas

- Achievement (18-19 only)
- Beef Science
- Birds & Poultry Science
- Career Development
- Civic Engagement & Service
- Companion Animal Science
- Consumer & Family Science
- Dairy Science
- Environmental Science
- Equine Science
- Food, Nutrition, Health & Fitness
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat Science
- Leadership
- Rabbit & Cavy Science
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Sheep Science
- Shooting Sports
- Swine Science
- Versatility
- Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts
- Group Award



The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program provides 4-H members an opportunity to receive recognition while expanding their network and improving their leadership skills. At the conclusion of this program, participants have a cover letter, resume and a portfolio highlighting their 4-H experiences. Many of these resources will be transferable to future applications for jobs, college and scholarships.

Age Categories

- » Mark of Excellence Contest:
10-11 year-old 4-H members
- » Junior State Award
12-15 year-old 4-H members
- » Senior State Award
16-19 year-old 4-H members
- » Achievement Award
18-19 year-old 4-H members
- » Group Award
12-19 year-old 4-H members

PRIZES

- ⇒ \$50 scholarship for all finalists attending 4-H Exploration Days
- ⇒ CASH prizes for winner in junior and senior division in 20 categories & group award winner
- ⇒ Plaques awarded to winners

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This experience provides 4-H members a hands-on experience to practice valuable skills everyone needs as they enter adulthood:

- ✓ Completing an application
- ✓ Creating a resume
- ✓ Writing a cover letter
- ✓ Interviewing
- ✓ Networking

Recent Program Updates

- Versatility Award added for members with multiple projects
- Achievement Award added for 18-19 year old members
- Senior interviews & Group presentations held via Zoom
- Cash prizes increased

Submit Application Online

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards26>

Application deadline: April 1



Questions?

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Janice Zerbe
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Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting 4-H State Awards Coordinators at msue.4hwards@campusad.msu.edu by March 15 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

This could be you!!



Start your application today!

Application deadline: April 1

STATES' 4-H SUMMER HOSTING



Youth from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan seeking
host families this summer!

HOSTING BRINGS THE RICHNESS
OF THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME!

- JULY 21 - AUGUST 16, 2026
- HOST A YOUTH AGED 12-18
OR AN ADULT CHAPERONE
- THIS PROGRAM IS
VOLUNTARY; NO STIPENDS
ARE PROVIDED

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- Have a child of the same gender
within 4 years age of hosted
youth (ages 9+ are eligible to
host)
- Families with no children (or
younger children) may host an
adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be
planned - host youth want to
experience American culture,
make new friends, and improve
their English by becoming a
member of your family.

For more information, visit:
states4hexchange.org/state-contacts to find contact
information for your state

*Host family selection dependent on completion of
application and screening process and student
availability.



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension **Beyond Ready**

2026 4-H OUTDOOR EDUCATION Workshop

April 25-26, 2026 at Camp Newaygo

This workshop is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation

SMALL GAME AND PREDATOR HUNTING

February 8, 2026
1-3PM
Cost \$12
Ages 8-19
Location: 6197 Shepherd Rd Adrian
 Dress for the weather, class is held outside.
 Register by Jan. 23rd at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/smallgame26/>
 Questions? Call Cole at 517-420-5626
 Registration Questions? Call the 4-H office at 517-264-5300

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FISHING - WOODS - WATER 4-H WORKSHOPS

Make an Ice Fishing Jigging Rod
Fly Tying
Learn about wildlife - snakes and mussels

FEBRUARY 4 & 10 2026 **6:00-7:30PM**

Thomas Township Nature Center

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Tracking, Wildlife Identification and Habitat

March 1st 2026
1-3PM
Ages 8-19
Cost \$12

Outdoor class held at 6197 Shepherd RD Adrian.
 Dress for the weather!
 Questions? Contact Cole at 517-420-5626
 Register by Feb. 13th at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/trackingwildlifeID26/>

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4-H CHEF TASTY DOG TREATS

FEB 11, 2026

Demo Kitchen
 1040 S Winter St Adrian MI
 6:30-7:30 PM
 Open to Ages 5-11 Ages 5-7 need an adult helper
 Cost is \$5
 Register by February 6th at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/dogtreats26/>

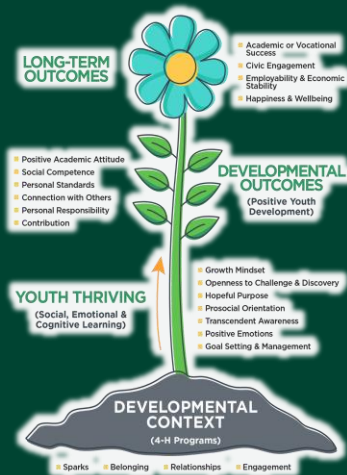
Bring a cookie sheet to prepare your delicious treats to bake at home

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Relationships are the foundation of a successful 4-H program! These relationships include building friendships with other members and leaders, building great working relationships and trust between program leaders and members, and adult leaders working together to organize great opportunities for youth.

We hope you can find others in the 4-H program in which you can build positive friendships and/or mentorships. Join us for any events and meetings to get to know everyone in the program.

Youth thriving is the first step in building youth who are #BeyondReady! Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

January 13: Wild Spartans

Online

This month's session is "Nature's Detectives: How Insects Help Solve Crimes Against People, Animals and the Environment through Forensic Entomology." Tiny creatures can tell BIG stories about the world around us: explore creepy-crawly clues and learn how science and nature work together to solve puzzles. Ask questions through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is for youth ages 12-19.

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

January 13: Avoiding Money Mishaps

Online

In today's digital world, young people are increasingly targeted by fraudsters, scammers and predatory lenders. This interactive webinar will empower youth with the knowledge and tools to protect themselves and their personal information.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-jan13

January 21: Adulting 101 – Fraud Fighters: How to Stay Scam-Free

Online

From fake jobs offers to phishing texts, scammers are everywhere. This workshop breaks down the latest tricks and shows you how to guard your info, your credit, and your peace of mind.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2026>

January 24: 2026 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo

Farm Bureau Pavilion, Lansing

4-H'ers exhibit rabbit and cavy projects and participate in educational knowledge contests: showmanship, skillathon, breed identification and rabbit hopping. **Register by January 14.**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show-and-expo

January 26: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Beyond Ready Basics

Every great 4-H experience has a few powerful ingredients—and volunteers play the biggest role in making them happen. Explore the four vital elements that help youth thrive: discovering sparks, feeling a sense of belonging, building developmental relationships, and staying meaningfully engaged.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-basics-bringing-the-vital-elements-to-life-in-your-4-h-club

February 7: 4-H Winterfest

Eagle Village Retreat Center, Hersey

4-H Winterfest is a hand-on learning camp for youth ages 8-12. Youth pick workshops and participate in team building activities. Come and have fun this winter! **Register by January 23.**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-winterfest





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 15-17, in Lansing.

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on: agriculture; civil rights and youth advocacy; crime and law enforcement; education and teacher retention; environment and natural resources; health; and jobs, the economy and infrastructure.

The cost to attend is \$365, which includes lodging at the Okemos Conference Center. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. To learn more and/or find the link to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Earn prizes with the Michigan 4-H Cash Composition Contest

Did you know youth are being targeted by scams too? That's this year's theme for the 2026 Michigan 4-H Cash Composition Contest! Michigan youth aged 9–19 are invited to participate through writing an essay on this year's question.

Top entries receive a \$100 gift card, thanks to contest sponsor, Extra Credit Union. MSU Extension will host two webinars to help with fraud awareness and essay writing. Essays are due by March 1. For contest details and essay submission information, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.



Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 10 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence contest (10-11 years), junior state award (12-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). An Achievement Award was added last year for 18–19-year-olds. Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the applicant's age.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process and Mark of Excellence Contest can be found online at bit.ly/stateaward. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



2026 MI 4-H Dairy Conference

Registration for the 2026 MI 4-H Dairy Conference is now OPEN!

Join the MI 4-H Dairy Youth Program from February 27th-March 1st, 2026, at Michigan State University for a fun-filled educational opportunity for any 4-H youth ages 12-19 and gold-level 4-H volunteers! This conference will feature industry professional guest speakers that cover topics that include dairy judging, nutrition, calving, carcass evaluations, and more! Participants will also go on tours of the MSU Meat Lab and the new MSU Dairy Cattle Teaching & Research Center! The conference utilizes hands-on learning experiences that include dissections and a nutrition lab.

Saturday evening will include a trip to Zap Zone XL for all participants!

Registration closes on February 5th, 2026.

Registration Link:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026michigan4hdairyconference/>

Questions? Please reach out to Kendra at vanorde4@msu.edu.



National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference



April 10-15 Arlington, VA

For youth ages 15-19 who are currently enrolled in 4-H

Registration: <https://MI-National4HConference.4honline.com>

Changemakers ages 15-19, want to strengthen your leadership skills, learn how to advocate for 4-H and other causes you care about, and experience our nation's capital all at once? National 4-H Conference is now open for registrations! Join us April 10-15, 2026 to learn more about the federal government and its agencies, and how to use your voice to impact change at every level!

More information is available on our website at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/national-4-h-conference/>.

The registration link is: <https://MI-National4HConference.4honline.com>.

Avoiding Money Mishaps Webinar

Avoid Money Mishaps!

Learn how to protect yourself from fraud, scams, and identity theft in our FREE webinars—plus, get ready for an upcoming essay contest on the same topic!

Pick your date:

Jan 13 @ 6 PM EST or Feb 11 @ 6 PM EST

Same content, two chances—don't miss out!

Register now: <https://bit.ly/avoidingmoneymishaps>





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

Workshop #3

Cat Curiosity

Cat Curiosity

Lego Science

Lego Science

Paper to Pulp

Paper to Pulp

Stop Motion Animation

Stop Motion Animation

It's a Wrap! Jewelry wire wrapping

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.



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CONTACT US:

For more information and to register, go to:

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



For questions, please contact:

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2026 Michigan 4-H Volunteer Winter/Spring Webinars

This webinar series will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a Michigan State University and Michigan 4-H volunteer.

All webinars take place at 12pm (noon) EST. Registration is required for each individual webinar- registration is free! Recordings will be posted on the website for later viewing.

Sessions include:

January 26, 2026: Beyond Ready Basics: Bringing the Vital Elements to Life in Your 4-H Club: Every great 4-H experience has a few powerful ingredients—and volunteers play the biggest role in making them happen. In this session, we'll explore the four Vital Elements that help youth thrive, discovering sparks, feeling a sense of belonging, building developmental relationships, and staying meaningfully engaged.

February 11, 2026: Building Belonging: Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences: Teambuilding isn't just an activity—it's a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

March 25, 2026: From Sparks to Skills: Using AI Responsibly in 4-H: This webinar will help volunteers understand what AI is, how it impacts youth development, and how to use it responsibly within the 4-H program. We'll explore practical guidance from MSU Extension resources, discuss ethical considerations, and share tips for supporting youth as they navigate this evolving technology.

April 22, 2026: Let's Talk It Out: Handling Conflict with Ease: Conflict happens—even to the best volunteer groups. This laid-back session is all about learning how to handle tough conversations without the stress.

May 4, 2026: Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs: Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects: Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's curriculum *Youth Business Guide to Success*.



2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

4-H Animal Science Staff

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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 13	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
June 16-17	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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programs!



Cloverbud Award

Walden Weber

Autumn Narlock

Borgan Floyd

Quinn Mayer

Easton Floyd

Matilda Randall

Arthur MacGregor

Outstanding Young Member Award

Blue Ribbon – Walden Weber

Dansville 4-Leaf Clovers – Sophie Zimmerman

Fit To Show – Lolaah Bradley

Happy Hustlers – Benjamin Regan

Happy Hustlers – Dakota Regan

Happy Hustlers – Emma Gee

Ingham County Sharpshooters – Aurora Wieferich

Sandhill – Preston Block

Town N' Country – Hudson Sheridan

Trailblazers – Evelyn Strank

4-H Club All Stars

Blue Ribbon–Adelline LaDuke

Dansville 4-Leaf Clovers–Elle Heiden

Fit To Show–Teagan Hall

Happy Hustlers–Emma Marshall

Ingham County Sharpshooters–Eleanor Backhaus

Ingham County Sharpshooters–Will Zimmerman

Livestock, Equine and Pets Committee–Sophia Neilson

Sandhill–Liam Lower

Sandhill–Michael Curtis

Town N' Country–Ellie Koppin

Trailblazers–Ruby Eastman

Williamston–Addison Anway



Good Citizen Award

Eleanor Backhaus

Abigail Eastman

Oliver Fusiler

Nathan Gehrs

Liam Lower

Emma Marshall

Zander Morlock

Luna Wieferick

Sophie Zimmerman



Outstanding Teen Leader Award

Eleanor Backhaus–Winner

Elizabeth Leibrand–Winner

Helen Curtis–Honorable Mention

Gabe Gonzales–Honorable Mention

Alan Hill–Honorable Mention

Michaela Hill–Honorable Mention

Danielle Hood–Honorable Mention

Emma Morlock–Honorable Mention

Chloey Ranta–Honorable Mention



National Congress

Lizzy West–Town N' Country

Eleanor Backhaus–Ingham County Sharpshooters and Golden Stride Riders

Head and Heart Award

Abby Eastman–Winner

Ray Roberts–Winner

Evan Roberts–Honorable Mention



Top Club

Town N' Country

Fit To Show

10 and 15 Year Member

Chase Sommer–Happy Hustlers 4–H Club

2025 Michigan 4–H State Youth Leadership Council

Sophia Nielson–Sandhill 4–H Club

2025 County Medal Recipients

Junior (Ages 13-15)

Eleanor Backhaus- Poultry

Eleanor Backhaus-Shooting Sports

Ryan Burchman- Rabbits

Charli Eastman-Horses

Charli Eastman-Clothing & Textiles

Charli Eastman-Photography & Video

Emma Eastman- Horses

Emma Eastman-Food and Nutrition

Emma Eastman-Industrial Arts



Evan Roberts-Dairy

Evan Robert-Visual Arts

Evan Robert-Industrial Arts

Senior (Ages 16-19)

Ellie Koppin- Cavy

Ellie Koppin-Rabbits

Ruby Eastman-Industrial Arts

Ruby Eastman-Clothing & Textiles

Ruby Eastman-Photography & Video

Elizabeth Leibrand-Dogs

Elizabeth Leibrand-Poultry



Emma Morlock-Bees

Emma Morlock-Clothing & Textiles

Emma Morlock Gardening & Horticulture

Ray Roberts-Food & Nutrition

Ray Roberts- Photography & Video

Ray Roberts-Visual Arts



Reagan Robison-Food & Nutrition

Reagan Robison-Goat

Reagan Robison-Horses

Bill Wheeler Memorial Scholarship Winners

Elizabeth Dase-White Oak 4-H Club

Chellis Hall-Town N' Country 4-H Club

Ellie Koppin- Town N' Country 4-H Club

Ava Palmatier-Webberville 4-H Club



Master Stockman

Senior Champion-Sophia Nielsen

Senior 2nd Place- Alivia Block

Senior 3rd Place-Reagan Robison

Junior Champion-Helen Curtis

Junior 2nd Place-Violet Rice

Junior 3rd Place-Sadie Tolbert



Club Community Service

Happy Hustlers



Fit To Show



Leader of the Year Award

Sara Zimmerman (1-5 Years of Service)

Sally Backhaus (6-10 Years of Service)

Dave O'Daniel (16+ Years of Service)

Friend of 4-H

Gladys Welker

Ingham County Farm Bureau