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4-H Family News

Ingham County



Ingham County 4-H Award Application & Nominations



*Submit to office or email by
Tuesday, November 24, 2026*



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LEADER UPDATE MEETINGS

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED SO PLEASE ASSIST US AND PLANNING BY SENDING YOUR RSVP TO GLENDA WEISSGLE@MSU.EDU.

If you are the administrative leader and cannot attend please send someone to represent your club.



Choose one of the three dates and times

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Thursday, October 15

06:30pm
Community Hall
Ingham Fairgrounds

Thursday, October 8

Noon
Hilliard Building, Mason

Topic of Discussion:
Upcoming programs and events happening at the county and state level, opportunities for 4-H youth, and more.

Strengthening your 4-H club for youth success

Ingham County 4-H
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/Ingham4Hyou>

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STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

Congratulations to the following participants' for their year-long dedication and State Horse Show achievements

Name	Club	Class	Placing, Award
Kelsea Barcelow	Saddlemates	Showmanship 16-19 yr. olds	Fifth
Kelsea Barcelow	Saddlemates	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Fifth
Kelsea Barcelow	Saddlemates	English Equitation Hunt Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Third
Kelsea Barcelow	Saddlemates	Western Horsemanship 16-19 yr. olds	Fourth
Laurie Baumer	Growing Together	English Equitation Hunt Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Fourth
Laurie Baumer	Growing Together	English Pleasure Saddle Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Second, Top 5
Laurie Baumer	Growing Together	English Equitation Saddle Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Grand Champion
Laurie Baumer	Growing Together	Trail	Third
Karlie Brandt	Saddlemates	Showmanship 16-19 yr. olds	Reserve Grand Champion
Karlie Brandt	Saddlemates	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Grand Champion
Karlie Brandt	Saddlemates	English Equitation Hunt Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Grand Champion
Karlie Brandt	Saddlemates	Western Horsemanship 16-19 yr. olds	First, Top 5
Addiso Bristle	Dansville Wranglers	English Pleasure Saddle Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Grand Champion
Addiso Bristle	Dansville Wranglers	English Equitation Saddle Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Reserve Grand Champion
Addiso Bristle	Dansville Wranglers	Dressage Seat Equitation 12-15 yr. olds	Grand Champion
Addiso Bristle	Dansville Wranglers	Dressage Test Level I 12-15 yr. olds	Fifth
Ruby Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Ranch Showmanship 16-17 yr. olds	Fourth
Ruby Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Ranch Pleasure 16-17 yr. olds	Seventh
Abigail Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Showmanship 16-19 yr. olds	First, Top 5
Abigail Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Western Pleasure 16-19 yr. olds	Second
Abigail Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Western Horsemanship 16-19 yr. olds	Sixth
Abigail Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Trail 16-19 yr. olds	First, Top 5
Emma Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Showmanship 12-15 yr. olds	First
Emma Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Fourth
Emma Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Western Pleasure 12-15 yr. old	Sixth
Emma Eastman	Ingham County Trailblazers	Western Horsemanship 12-15 yr. old	Fourth
Gretch Gautz	Lakeside Lopers	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Second, Top 5
Gretch Gautz	Lakeside Lopers	English Equitation Hunt Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Second, Top 5
Gretch Gautz	Lakeside Lopers	Western Pleasure 16-19 yr. olds	Reserve Grand Champion
Gretch Gautz	Lakeside Lopers	English Equitation Hunt Seat 16-19 yr. olds	Second
Brookl Guenther	Meridian	Showmanship 12-15 yr. olds	Fourth
Brookl Guenther	Meridian	Western Pleasure 12-15 yr. old	Fifth
Brookl Guenther	Meridian	Western Horsemanship 12-15 yr. old	Third
Teagan Hall	Fit To Show	Hunter Hack 12-15 yr. olds	Third
Teagan Hall	Fit To Show	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Sixth
Teagan Hall	Fit To Show	English Equitation Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Seventh
Teagan Hall	Fit To Show	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Sixth
Teagan Hall	Fit To Show	Dressage Test Level I	First
Joshua Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Ranch Showmanship 16-17 yr. olds	Second
Joshua Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Ranch Riding 16-17 yr. old	Reserve Grand Champion
Joshua Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Ranch Pleasure 16-17 yr. olds	Third
Joshua Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Ranch Reining 16-17 yr. olds	Fourth, Top 5



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Augustin Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Pole Bending 14-15 yr. olds	Fifth
Augustin Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Speed & Action 14-15 yr. olds	Sixth
Augustin Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Indiana Flag Race 14-15 yr. olds	Third, Top 5
Augustin Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	State Show Logo Design 14-15 yr. olds	Second
Ignatius Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Third
Ignatius Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	English Equitation Saddle Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Fourth
Ignatius Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Dressage Test Level I 12-15 yr. olds	Seventh, Top 5
Ignatius Hansen	Dansville Wranglers	Dressage Test Level III 12-15 yr. olds	Second
Haley Huffman	Golden Stride Riders	Ranch Showmanship 14-15 yr. olds	Grand Champion
Haley Huffman	Golden Stride Riders	Ranch Pleasure 14-15 yr. olds	Fifth
Haley Huffman	Golden Stride Riders	Ranch Trail 14-15 yr. olds	Sixth
Troy John	Reins & Riders	Showmanship 16-19 yr. olds	Seventh
Troy John	Reins & Riders	Trail 16-19 yr. olds	Fifth
Troy John	Reins & Riders	Western Dressage Basic Level Test II 16-19 yr.	Third, Top 5
Connor McCormick	Saddlemates	Showmanship	First
Connor McCormick	Saddlemates	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 16-19 Yr. olds	First, Top 5
Connor McCormick	Saddlemates	English Equitation Hunt Seat 16-19 Yr. olds	Third
Connor McCormick	Saddlemates	Western Horsemanship 16-19 Yr. olds	Third
Madilyn McCormick	Saddlemates	Showmanship 12-15 yr. olds	Fourth
Madilyn McCormick	Saddlemates	English Equitation Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Fifth
Madilyn McCormick	Saddlemates	Western Horsemanship 12-15 yr. olds	Reserve Grand Champion
Madilyn McCormick	Saddlemates	Trail 12-15 yr. olds	Second
Evelyn Palmer	Saddlemates	Ranch Riding 16-17 yr. old	Seventh
Evelyn Palmer	Saddlemates	Ranch Pleasure 16-17 yr. olds	Fourth
Evelyn Palmer	Saddlemates	Ranch Trail 16-17 yr. olds	Seventh
Gracie Prosser	Saddlemates	Showmanship 12-15 yr. olds	Fourth
Gracie Prosser	Saddlemates	English Equitation Hunt Sea 12-15 yr. olds	Seventh
Gracie Prosser	Saddlemates	Western Horsemanship 12-15 yr. olds	Eighth
Maya Robinson	Dansville Wranglers	Western Pleasure	Third
Maya Robinson	Dansville Wranglers	Western Dressage Basic Level Test I	Fourth
Maya Robinson	Dansville Wranglers	Western Dressage Basic Level Test II	Fifth, Top 5
Mya Robinson	Dansville Wranglers	Creative Writing 16-19 yr. olds	First
Reagan Robison	Saddlemates	Seat Equitation 16-19 yr. olds	Grand Champion
Reagan Robison	Saddlemates	Dressage Test Training Level I 16-19 yr. olds	Third
Reagan Robison	Saddlemates	Dressage Test Training Level II 16-19 yr. olds	Third, Top 5
Rosalie Shelle	Saddlemates	Showmanship 12-15 yr. olds	First, Top 5
Rosalie Shelle	Saddlemates	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	First, Top 5
Rosalie Shelle	Saddlemates	English Equitation Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	First
Rosalie Shelle	Saddlemates	Western Horsemanship 12-15 yr. olds	Grand Champion
Evelyn Smith	Growing Together	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 16-19 Yr. olds	Fourth
Evelyn Smith	Growing Together	Dressage Test Training Level II 16-19 Yr. olds	Fifth, Top 5
Evelyn Smith	Growing Together	Dressage Test Training Level III 16-19 Yr. olds	Second
Evelynn Strank	Ingham County Trailblazers	Showmanship 12-15 yr. olds	Second
Evelynn Strank	Ingham County Trailblazers	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Sixth
Evelynn Strank	Ingham County Trailblazers	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Sixth
Evelynn Strank	Ingham County Trailblazers	English Pleasure Hunt Seat 12-15 yr. olds	Third





How to Register with 4-H: *NEW Family*

1. Visit **mi.4Honline.com**.
2. Create a family account.
3. Answer member questions; click the final SUBMIT button.
4. Use the Add Member button on the Member List page if needed.
5. Membership is approved at the county level. You will receive an email once approved.



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How to Register with 4-H: *Returning Family*

1. Visit **mi.4Honline.com**.
2. Log in to your account.*
3. Click "Enroll Now" for the returning member(s).
4. Update information.
5. Continue until you click the final SUBMIT button.
6. Add members if needed.

*If you need assistance accessing your account, contact your local 4-H staff; do not create a new account.



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MI 4-H ADULTING 101

MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT

EVERYDAY SKILLS AND RESOURCES TO
HELP CARE FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
6:00 PM
FREE ON ZOOM

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MICHIGAN 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITAL

OCTOBER 7, 2026 11:00AM - 1:00PM

HERITAGE HALL - CAPITOL VISITOR'S CENTER,
323 W. OTTAWA ST., LANSING, MI 48933

Join Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan 4-H Foundation for the fourth Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol! For more than 115 years, Michigan 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities and today it continues to reach more than 139,000 Michigan youth, annually. To celebrate this amazing program and bring awareness to its life-changing work, MSU Extension and the Michigan 4-H Foundation will host a reception-style event on Wednesday, October 7 at Heritage Hall.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., visit educational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, alumni and staff. We will hold a brief program at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Registration preferred by Oct. 3, however, walk-ins are welcome.



Join Us Online WILD SPARTANS

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THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES"

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INTERN, ENVIRONMENT FOR THE AMERICAS, U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

October 13 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required: <https://pears.io/events/msuext/9307/>

AGES 12-19
COST: \$50.00

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MICHIGAN 4-H
ANIMAL SCIENCE

FALL FEST

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST, 2026
EAST LANSING, MI

ANIMAL SCIENCE
TOPICS:

- GENETICS & SELECTION
- ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY
- REPRODUCTION
- BEHAVIOR
- IMMUNOLOGY
- MEAT SCIENCE
- VETERINARY MEDICINE

TRICK-OR-
TREATING!

OPTIONAL

COSTUME
CONTEST!

SPECIE
SESSIONS:
BEEF, DAIRY,
DOG, HORSE,
POULTRY,
RABBITS,
SHEEP/GOATS,
& SWINE





4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

*Become an amateur zookeeper
and discover firsthand what it
takes to care for animals from
around the world. Assist zoo staff
behind the scenes and observe
animal care sessions.*

Registration and information:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-projects-opportunities/4-h-opportunities/4-h-zoo-apprentice-camp>





Ready to Join?

Scan the QR code below to view the 4-H Future Squad Website and Interest Form



For program support, questions, or assistance with registration, please contact **Laurie Rivetto** at rivettoL@msu.edu

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4-H Future Squad

A Virtual 4-H Club to Grow YOUR Future

Youth aged 12-19 (as of Jan 1, 2027) are invited to join 4-H Future Squad, designed for youth to build skills, confidence, and connections for a successful future.

The club will meet virtually October 2026 – May 2027.

Topics for education include financial literacy, college and career readiness, stress management, building healthy relationships, studying abroad, goal setting, nutrition, and much more... based on the topics you share that will help you be beyond ready for your future!

Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the Upcoming Programs webpage.

Why Join 4-H Future Squad?

- **Adulthood is a big job — we'll help you get ready!**
Learn essential skills alongside new friends and mentors who can guide you toward your goals.
- **Gain access to all 4-H benefits and statewide events**
A variety of events will be shared with the group often, and youth are encouraged to participate!
- **Attend as you can!**
Join 4-H Future Squad as your primary or secondary club – attend as many sessions as you wish.



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STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

2027 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

COSTA RICA • NORWAY • TAIWAN • SOUTH KOREA • JAPAN



OUR MISSION: Enhancing world understanding and global citizenship through high-quality international cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H aged youth.

Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruits host families and plans enrichment activities.

2027 PROGRAM DATES*

Costa Rica: June 24–July 23

Norway: June 17–July 17

Taiwan: June 30–July 30

South Korea: July 7–August 6

Japan 4-Week: July 7–August 6

Japan 8-Week: June 9–August 6

*Program dates subject to slight change or modification.

4-H YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

➔ 12-18 years old for Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan 4-Week

➔ 15-18 years old for Costa Rica, Norway, and Japan 8-Week

Applicant must not be in college and 4-H enrollment guidelines and ages vary by state.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Contact your State Coordinator and/or reach out to States' 4-H to learn more
- Applications open in Fall 2026

Learn more at www.states4h.org
exchange@states4h.org • (206) 462-2200



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***Preparing youth to
be Beyond Ready:
Building leadership
skills through 4-H***



Beyond Ready

4-H provides youth with opportunities to develop leadership skills in meaningful and age-appropriate ways. Whether leading a club activity, serving as an officer, mentoring younger members, or helping plan an event, youth practice communication, teamwork, decision-making and responsibility.

Volunteers can support leadership development by encouraging youth voice, sharing responsibilities and creating opportunities for members to take ownership of their learning. Every leadership experience helps young people build confidence and prepares them to contribute in school, work and their communities.

How are you helping youth grow as leaders this year?

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October 3: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

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

October 4-10: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H in various ways including Go Green Monday, Wheels Up Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Stay Connected Saturday!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 7: Adulting 101—Mental Health Toolkit: Everyday Skills and Resources to Help Care for Your Mental Health

Online

This Adulting 101 session will equip participants with practical tools to support their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-adulting-101-mental-health-toolkit-everyday-skills-and-resources-to-help-care-for-your-mental-health

October 27: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Infusing Positive Youth Development into Your 4-H club

Online

Explore simple strategies that foster belonging, build developmental relationships, encourage youth voice, and create engaging experiences where young people can develop confidence, competence, character and caring.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-infusing-positive-youth-development-into-your-4-h-club

October 31: 4-H Animal Science Fall Fest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth will have the chance to learn about a variety of animal science topics, disciplines and careers from industry experts and Department of Animal Science staff. Open to youth ages 12-19. **Register by October 15!**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-fall-fest-2026





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Nominate a deserving 4-H'er for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year!

Do you know someone who displayed extraordinary sportsmanship at a recent 4-H animal science program? Perhaps at a club meeting, clinic or the county fair? Nominate them for the 2026 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award!

This annual award recognizes one youth member and one adult 4-H leader who exemplify the definition of sportsmanship and have gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those around them during animal science programs. Nominations are due **October 15**. You can find full details, including the nomination form, at: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Ready to level up your future? Youth ages age 12–19 are invited to join the 4-H Future Squad, a virtual 4-H club focused on life skills, career readiness, financial literacy, Adulthood 101 topics and more.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the sixth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2026 through May 2027, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management,

communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Meeting dates will take place on a variety of days of the week; dates and times will be communicated via email and on the program website. Youth can attend as many of these dates as they wish. 4-H Future Squad can be a primary or secondary club. Learn more and complete the interest form at: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.

4-H scholarships available!

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

