



February 23, 2024

# 4-H Family News

## Ingham County



### Let's Get Creative in 4-H!

Sponsored by the Ingham County 4-H Still Life Committee

Discover your creativity and talents while developing your own creations!

February 6 - Valentines Day Cards  
Draw a Valentines Day Picture with dice  
Create a button of so many buttons  
No Bale Cookies

February 20 - Felting - create a work of art with wool fibers  
Create a Decorative Calander

February 27 - Crafting with Beads and Buttons  
Muslin Painting  
Freezer Jam

Choose to participate in one or all!

R.S.V.P. 1 week before to ensure supplies

Glenda at  
weissgle@msu.edu or  
(517) 676-7303



**Tuesday  
Night  
Schedule  
6:00 - 8:00**

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.

### Contact Us:

**Glenda Weiss**

4-H Program Coordinator  
weissgle@msu.edu

Michigan State University Extension  
Ingham County Hilliard Bldg  
121 E. Maple Street, PO Box 319  
Mason, MI 48854  
Ph: 517.676.7207

**Rachel Ochylski**

4-H Urban Program Coordinator  
ochylski@msu.edu

Michigan State University Extension  
Ingham County Human Services Bldg  
5303 S. Cedar Street  
Lansing, MI 48911  
Ph: 517.676.7300

**Ingham County 4-H**

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

**Facebook**

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

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer, committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status. Issued in furtherance of MSU Extension work, acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Quentin Tyler, Director, MSU Extension, East Lansing, MI 48824. This information is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names does not imply endorsement by MSU Extension or bias against those not mentioned.

**CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST**

Write a 300 word essay about budgeting for a chance to win \$100

**DUE FEBRUARY 29th**

Extra Credit UNION MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HESSE-EARL YOUTH FISHING PROGRAM

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR 2024 PROGRAM MAY 4, 11, 18; JUNE 1, 8, 15

Volunteers are needed to offer hands-on activities and supervision during the Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program. Join us and help for an hour or the entire program. Please contact Rachel Ochylski - Ingham County 4-H Program Coordinator for more details.

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.

www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h ochylski@msu.edu 517-676-7300



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

STEAM PROGRAMS



Seeking Volunteers Spring/Summer 2024

Trail Cameras

Michigan Wildlife

ECO Challenges at Burchfield Park



Contact: Rachel Ochylski Ingham County 4-H Program Coordinator ocylski@msu.edu 517-676-7300

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.



# Michigan 4-H Animal Science 2024 SKILLATHON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors in this event are the young, bright minds who are the future of Michigan agriculture. While other state 4-H programs have similar offerings, the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon is the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is the fourth annual competition testing both youth and adult competitors' broad knowledge of Animal Science.

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm Eastern**  
**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am Eastern**

## NO QUALIFIERS

- EVERYBODY COMPETES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

## NEW CATEGORIES

- LARGE ANIMAL (COMBINED: BEEF, DAIRY, EQUINE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOATS)
- SMALL ANIMAL (COMBINED: DOGS, RABBITS/CAVIES, AND POULTRY)
- NUTRITION
- ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
- MULTIFARIOUS (BIOSECURITY, CAREERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE, ETC.)

## LESS QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS

- NOVICE: 25 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (125 TOTAL) *WAS 150 PREVIOUSLY.*
- JUNIOR: 30 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (150 TOTAL) *WAS 200 PREVIOUSLY.*
- SENIOR/ADULT: 35 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (175 TOTAL) *WAS 250 PREVIOUSLY.*

## REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024
- YOUTH REGISTRATION: <https://2024skillathon.4honline.com/>
- ADULT REGISTRATION: [https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0rHvZQzj93dmM2](https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rHvZQzj93dmM2)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION / STUDY GUIDES

- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-skillathon>



# REGISTRATION OPEN!

## MICHIGAN 4-H State Hippology Contest

March 16, 2024 at Michigan  
State University

The annual Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest allows youth in horse and pony projects to test their equine knowledge.

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to participate in the Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest. Cloverbuds, Junior and Senior divisions as well as Junior Novice and Senior Novice allow for youth to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/EVENTS/MICHIGAN-4-H-HIPPOLOGY-CONTEST-2024](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024)



### CONTACT

DAVID LINDSAY

EQUINE EDUCATOR

4-H YOUTH HORSE PROGRAMS

LINDSA75@MSU.EDU





# 4-H VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

For Youth Ages 11-19

February Book:  
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson  
In Honor of Black History Month



Explore a new book each month with a virtual group discussion at the end of the month. The club will also explore creative writing, careers in literature, library science, author studies, project exhibit ideas and more.

Join the Club at <https://v2.4honline.com>,  
Select SPIN Club 4-H Virtual Book Club

# Level Up with 4-H Future Squad

Navigating Relationships-Mon, February 26  
MSU College Admissions- Thurs, March 14  
Cultivating Leadership-Thurs, March 28  
Mindfulness and Mental Health-Mon, April 8  
Voices of Influence - Public Speaking-Mon, April 29  
Creating a Network & Pitching Yourself-Thurs, May 9  
Last Meeting-Mon, May 20

All sessions 7:00 pm –8:00 pm

[Join 4-H Future Squar Here](#)

## Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop 2024

March 2, 2024

Anthony Hall, 474 S Shaw Lane  
East Lansing, MI 48824

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats, and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of breakout sessions. Session topics could include intro to your species project, animal evaluation, marketing your livestock project, and more!

Contact: Autumn Converse, [conver20@msu.edu](mailto:conver20@msu.edu)

## TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN with photos and creative writing!

Wednesdays  
February 7 - March 13  
2024  
AFTER SCHOOL  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
(pick up between 5 and 5:15 pm)

Open to Donley 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.  
4-H enrollment required (FREE)

Donley Elementary School  
STEAM ROOM  
2961 E Lake Lansing Rd,  
East Lansing, MI 48823



Each week, students will explore different perspectives through photography and creative writing

CONTACT: RACHEL SHEFF  
Ingham County 4-H Program Coordinator  
Office Phone: (517) 676-7300 [ochylski@msu.edu](mailto:ochylski@msu.edu)



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

# ADULTING 101

## MANAGE AND CONQUER REAL LIFE SKILLS!

Keeping Your Money Safe  
Tuesday, March 19  
6 p.m. Zoom Session

[New Monthly Topics](#)



# 4-H GROWS HERE

## Come grow with us.

Ingham County 4-H  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/>  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension





**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN**  
DATES: MARCH 17-19

Registration & Information

[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/)

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

Extension



**4-H GROWS HERE** MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

**Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar:  
Group Management  
For 4-H Clubs and Groups**

March 18, 2024 ~ 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ~ Zoom ~ [Register](#)  
Or

March 18, 2024 ~ 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM ~ Zoom ~ [Register](#)

Working with a group of youth with a variety of ages can mean different energies during meetings and events. 4-H volunteers need strong behavior guiding strategies to help maintain the group focus and energy. Attend this session to learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement.

*Presenting*  
**THE CREATIVE  
CAMPAIGN CONTEST**

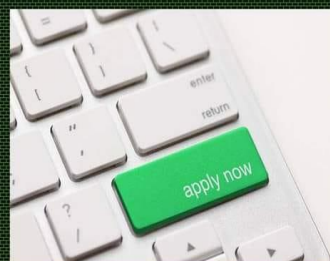
Make a short video about  
joining 4-H for a chance to win!

**VIDEOS DUE 4/1/2024**

LEARN MORE AT  
[WWW.LINK.MSU.EDU/4-H-CLUBS-INFO/2024](http://WWW.LINK.MSU.EDU/4-H-CLUBS-INFO/2024)



**Michigan 4-H State Awards**



- Write your resume, cover letter, and application
- Tell your 4-H story
- Hands-on learning experience to develop career skills
- Get recognized
- Compete for cash prizes

**Application deadline: April 1**  
**Recognition event: June 19**

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards24>

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY** Extension



# Project F.I.S.H. Fishing Instructor Training



**MSU Campus  
Room 152 Natural Resources Building**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** | Extension

**February 27th and 28th, 2024  
9:30-4:00 each day**



Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife invites teachers, educators and volunteers to 2 days of:

***“Place Based Learning through Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education”.***

This workshop is open to anyone, even those who may want to learn a bit more about fishing to be able to volunteer for local fishing events, or even teach your own family!

Coordinated through Michigan State University’s Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, this workshop is a partnership with MSU Extension, MSU 4-H Youth Development, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, schools, and community service organizations and many others to educate young people about our natural resources through FISHING.

This is a workshop based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands on, multiple-contact sportfishing and aquatic resource education. We will offer activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management and actual Angling Skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, even a fishing rod & reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club with children in the classroom or in an after school setting. The workshop is partially funded through the **BOSCH Community Fund**, grants, and donors to Project F.I.S.H. **(lunch will be provided)**

## **Cost for the Workshop is only \$75**

Contact: Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700, [steph143@msu.edu](mailto:steph143@msu.edu), or Early registration will insure your participation, space is limited.

Registration info at <http://www.projectfish.org/pfworkshopanrweek2024.pdf>

**You can register online at**

[https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu\\_3804](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3804)

**Registration deadline: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**





# Statewide CYI Social Media Channels

PAGE TITLE	PLATFORM	LINK
4-H Careers	X (Twitter)	<a href="https://twitter.com/4HCareers">https://twitter.com/4HCareers</a>
4-H Exploration Days	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064712228895">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064712228895</a>
4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057879300441">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057879300441</a>
4HCareersEntrepreneurshipMoney	Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/4hcareers/">https://www.instagram.com/4hcareers/</a>
Michigan 4-H	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Michigan4H">https://www.facebook.com/Michigan4H</a>
Michigan 4-H	Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/michigan4h/">https://www.instagram.com/michigan4h/</a>
Michigan 4-H	X (Twitter)	<a href="https://twitter.com/Michigan4H">https://twitter.com/Michigan4H</a>
Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054367367177">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054367367177</a>
Michigan 4-H Dog Program	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/michigan4hdogs">https://www.facebook.com/michigan4hdogs</a>
Michigan 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/M4HEOE">https://www.facebook.com/M4HEOE</a>
Michigan 4-H Foundation	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/mi4hfdtn">https://www.facebook.com/mi4hfdtn</a>
Michigan 4-H Foundation	X (Twitter)	<a href="https://twitter.com/Michigan4HFoundation">https://twitter.com/Michigan4HFoundation</a>
Michigan 4-H Healthy Living	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Michigan4HHealthyLiving">https://www.facebook.com/Michigan4HHealthyLiving</a>
Michigan 4-H Horse Program	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MI4HHorseLeaders/">https://www.facebook.com/MI4HHorseLeaders/</a>
Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069670269820">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069670269820</a>
Michigan 4-H Livestock and Veterinary Science	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/mi.4h.livestockandvetscience">https://www.facebook.com/mi.4h.livestockandvetscience</a>
Michigan 4-H Military Family Programs	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MI4HMilitaryFamilies">https://www.facebook.com/MI4HMilitaryFamilies</a>
Michigan 4-H Poultry Programs	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063868366828">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063868366828</a>
Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MI.4H.Shooting.Sports/">https://www.facebook.com/MI.4H.Shooting.Sports/</a>
Michigan Dairy Youth Program	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MichiganDairyYouthProgram">https://www.facebook.com/MichiganDairyYouthProgram</a>
Michigan Vaccine Project	YouTube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/@michiganvaccineproject">https://www.youtube.com/@michiganvaccineproject</a>
Michigan Vaccine Project	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MSUEMVP/">https://www.facebook.com/MSUEMVP/</a>
Michigan Vaccine Project	X (Twitter)	<a href="https://twitter.com/MichiganVaccine">https://twitter.com/MichiganVaccine</a>
Michigan Vaccine Project	TikTok	<a href="https://www.tiktok.com/@michiganvaccineproject">https://www.tiktok.com/@michiganvaccineproject</a>
Michigan Vaccine Project	Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/michiganvaccineproject/">https://www.instagram.com/michiganvaccineproject/</a>
MiStrongerFamily	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/mistrongerfamily">facebook.com/mistrongerfamily</a>
MiStrongerFamily	Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/mistrongerfamily/">https://www.instagram.com/mistrongerfamily/</a>
MSU Extension Career Exploration and Workforce Prep	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/4HCareers">https://www.facebook.com/4HCareers</a>





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 24! Join with other members of the 4-H community for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. In addition, Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

For more information and to get tickets, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin).

### February 7: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal Science Education

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize curriculum and resources to engage 4-H youth in animal science education. 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-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm)

### February 12: Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships

Online

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to explore healthy relationship models that can enhance your future and current bonds.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/relationships-1](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/relationships-1)

### February 13: 4-H Wild Spartans – Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore forests. Meet Jeremiah Heise, ecosystem program manager with the U.S. Forest Service, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024feb](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024feb)

### March 2: Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of sessions.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024)

### March 6 and 9: Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon

Online

This competition tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Competitors can choose to compete during the week or on the weekend. Registration closes Feb. 29.

[www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-Skillathon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-Skillathon)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## Register today 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 17-19, 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, or jobs and the economy/infrastructure.

The cost to register in 2024 is \$365, which includes meals and lodging at the Quality Inn University in Lansing. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office. To register or learn more, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/).

## Make a difference for food security with World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare and submit a 2-to-5-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October.

There is no cost to participate in the WFP MIYI. For more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/).



## Apply for a Michigan 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 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 essay contest (11-12 years), junior state award (13-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the age of the 4-H member. Additional details about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found at <http://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](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu) or Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).