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4-H Family News

Ingham County



4-H CLUB FOOD BOOTH SIGN UP



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ASSIST 4-H COUNCIL WITH THIS YEAR'S FOOD BOOTH!
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
[HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/8WXOU](https://shorturl.at/8WXOU)



Contact: Glenda Weiss
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2026 INGHAM COUNTY FAIR

FAIR BOOTH SPACES

AIM HIGH WITH 4-H!



SCAN ME

- Deadline to sign up is June 20th**
- Theme: Aim High With 4-H!**
- Scan code or visit**
<https://forms.gle/6WyqaH4xSE2YKk5s9>



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Ingham County 4-H

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The Ingham County FAIR



August 3-8, 2026

2026 INGHAM COUNTY FAIR FAIR REGISTRATION

- 4-H still life entry deadline is June 15.
- Registration link & 2026 4-H Still Life Exhibitor Handbook: 

Contact Glenda Weiss with 4-H questions:
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4-H COUNCIL



SEEKING FOOD BOOTH HALF DAY MANAGERS

- ✓ \$75 stipend per half day
- ✓ Age 18 & up as of August 3, 2026
- ✓ Must be of gold volunteer status
- ✓ Submit application by June 1, 2026

RESPONSIBILITY FORM

SHIFT MANAGER APPLICATION



<https://tinyurl.com/bdcvd99a>

<https://forms.gle/KKZVvsuX7DHzeytq7>

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YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

CERTIFICATION CLASS 2026

Monday, June 15
6:30pm - 7:30 pm

Hillard Building - Conference Room A
121 E. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854

Cost: \$3.00

Register online at yqcaprogram.org



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You may bring your
showmanship
animal(s)

LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

LIGHT MEAL SERVED



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JUNE 9TH

5:30 - 8:30

SWINE

BRADY LITTLEFIELD

POULTRY

JEANNIE BAUER-BOSWORTH

SHEEP

SCOVILL'S SHEEP CITY

RABBITS

GLEND A WEISS

CATTLE

DAIRY MARKET AND BEEF

BRIGITTE GROBBEL

GOATS

DAIRY - JAN KELLY

MARKET - HANNAH BREGG

Ingham County Fairgrounds

700 E Ash St, Mason, MI



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4-H ADULTING 101

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH
6:00 PM ET
FREE ON ZOOM

4-H ADVENTURE CAMP

June 18-20, 2026
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MORE!

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Michigan 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest

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4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP

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July 6-7 and 8-9, 2026

Registration opens April 1 at noon

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 26-August 1, 2026 - Camp Chickagami - Presque Isle, MI

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Registration open until:
August 7, 2026

2026 Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase

Free entry for Michigan youth, ages 5-19!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 3-7, 2026
Registration Now Open

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MICHIGAN YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

JUNE 16-17, 2026
MICHIGAN STATE CAMPUS

Co-hosted by Michigan 4-H and the MSU Collegiate Livestock Judging Team



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Reasons training from MSU team members
- One-on-one coaching in swine, small ruminants, and cattle
- Numerous Practice Classes
- Open to ages 12-19
- Registration closes May 15 (or when all spots are full)

Scan to Register!



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National 4-H Animal Science Career Night



Presented by the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals, Animal Science Working Group

Join us for an evening to hear from noted speakers in the animal science industry as they share career exploration insights, advice, and more! Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to participate.

Open to youth in grades 7-13 (ages 12-19)

**June 18,
2026**

at 7-8:30p.m. EST
via Zoom

*Classes and Clubs encouraged to join

Register by June 17 at
11:59p.m. EST
at [go.illinois.edu/
CareerNight](https://go.illinois.edu/CareerNight)



Dr. Mark Hoge

Associate Professor of
Animal Science and
Livestock Judging Coach
Western Illinois University



Mr. Kevin Robinson

Senior Animal Care Specialist
Sea World San Diego

For more information contact:
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MICHIGAN 4-H *Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest*

Registration is OPEN!

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2026
LOCATION: ANTHONY HALL AT MSU
START TIME: 10:00 A.M.
REGISTRATION COST: FREE!
REGISTRATION CLOSING ON JUNE 15TH, 2026



MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM

Questions and Answers

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-  **What is this program:**
 - Recognize youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.
 -  **Who Can Participate:**
 - Any youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project member in Michigan.
 -  **What are the requirements to log my hours:**
 - Trail location, date, hours ridden, miles, type of ride
 - Trail type classes or arena riding do not count towards these hours
 - Miles will accrue from August 1st thru the following July 31st.
 -  **Recognition:**
 - Top five Junior and Senior participants awarded at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show.
 -  **How do I Record my Rides:**
 - Use this link to record your rides:
https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQyn5zWORdTsyfY

QUESTIONS?

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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



**Scan me for more
information about these
programs!**



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Creating Beyond-Ready Youth Through 4-H Project Learning



Beyond Ready

4-H prepares youth for the world of work by engaging them in high quality, hands-on learning grounded in meaningful project content. When young people apply skills, solve real problems and reflect on their learning, they build confidence and readiness for future careers.

4-H programs intentionally create these opportunities, helping youth practice communication, teamwork, decision making and technical skills that transfer to real world settings. Some ways to deepen project work could include: adding real life tasks, inviting youth to demonstrate mastery or guiding reflection that connects the activity to future workplace expectations. Every project meeting is a chance to help youth become Beyond Ready, capable, and confident.

#BeyondReady

May 4: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series – Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs and Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects

Online

Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's Youth Business Guide to Success. Discover how you can mentor youth in goal setting, budgeting, marketing and record-keeping for real-world skills.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-supporting-youth-entrepreneurs-your-role-in-4-h-animal-projects

May 5: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

Online

Delve into the five Ps of marketing and explore strategies to elevate your outreach. Learn practical tools and techniques to promote projects successfully, enhance sales and build valuable industry connections.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-5

May 12: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

Online

Learn to keep track of what you spend and earn to make smart choices for market livestock projects. Equip youth with tools to track expenses, set goals and ensure projects are profitable and rewarding.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-12

May 14: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

A course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered each Thursday from May 14 – June 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-may-june-2026

May 18: Adulting 101 Webinar – Cooking with Confidence

Online

Increase your confidence in the kitchen. From reading recipes to mastering kitchen terms, explore simple ways to get creative with ingredients and make tasty meals without stress or waste.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking_with_confidence

May 19: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Pitch to Payment

Online

Communication and outreach are important methods to recruit buyers for market livestock projects. Discover how to use social media to promote your project, reach a wider audience and share progress.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-19

June 6: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens.

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H license plate celebrates first anniversary!

Last April, the Michigan 4-H community celebrated a milestone decades in the making: the launch of the Michigan 4-H license plate. One year later, Michigan 4-H continues to celebrate the plate's existence and the potential it holds for the program. Available through the Michigan Secretary of State, a portion of each 4-H license plate sold and renewed benefits Michigan 4-H Youth Development.

"The Michigan 4-H license plate has been a dream of our 4-H professionals and families for several decades," explained Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "So, when the plate was launched one year ago, it was a wish come true. But more than being a vision brought to life, the plate is an incredible asset – raising visibility of the 4-H clover while generating additional dollars to support our 4-H program and its emerging needs."



Like other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate costs \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee is also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting Michigan.gov/sos, by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks. Supporters do not need to wait until their plate renewal period to order the 4-H plate.

To learn more, visit extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate.

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2026-27 grant cycle

The Michigan 4-H Foundation has announced grant opportunities of up to \$2,000 to support local 4-H clubs and county programs for the 2026-2027 program year. 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff are encouraged to apply for these competitive funds. **All grant applications are due June 1, 2026.**

"Local 4-H programs are at the heart of our 4-H programs," says Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. "These mini-grants help 4-H youth, volunteers and staff create hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence and strengthen communities. We're grateful to support the innovative work happening across Michigan."

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H shooting sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H shooting sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$600.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **The M. Louise Palczewski Therapeutic Horseback Riding Grant of \$2,000.** This grant opportunity is to support the creation and/or operation of new or existing 4-H Proud Equestrian Programs (PEP) located in Michigan.



Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Guidance for Food Handlers and the Management of Halal Food



Halal Food training is for food handlers and educators with responsibilities related to nutrition and food. Key concepts of what food is considered halal and how to preserve the integrity of this food is covered in this training.

Participants will increase their knowledge and confidence in how to properly handle halal food for consumers requiring a halal diet and will be able to incorporate with relevant food safety knowledge.

- April 15, 1 p.m. EDT
- June 9, 10 a.m. EDT



To learn more and to register, visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Halal2026Q1Q2/>

Safe Food = Healthy Kids

A free, online food safety workshop for childcare providers. Class is approved through Great Start to Quality, to provide 3 training hours.



- Apr. 20, 6 p.m. EDT
- May 20, 6 p.m. EDT
- June 16, 6 p.m. EDT



To learn more and to register, visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SFHK26/>

JOIN US ONLINE

Safe Food Handling for Food Donations: Basic Training

Safe Food Handling for Food Donations: Basic Training is designed for food banks, pantries, drives, and other organizations that distribute food to alleviate food insecurity.

- April 14, 9 a.m. EDT
- June 8, 1 p.m. EDT



To learn more and to register, visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/FoodDonationBASIC2026Q1Q2/>

Safe Food Handling for Food Donations: ADVANCED Training

This training covers the legal aspects of liability, the types of food to accept for donation, storage conditions for food, the management of pests, understanding food recalls, transportation of donated food, staff and volunteer management, and emergency and food defense plans.



- April 14, 1 p.m. EDT
- June 8, 3 p.m. EDT

To learn more and to register, visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/FoodDonationADVANCED2026Q1Q2/>

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 MANAGER
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 HELP FROM MSU
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This class is designed for anyone working in the food service industry, including non-profit organizations.



Serving up Food Safety

JOIN US ONLINE - EVERY MONDAY 12 PM EDT

April - *Flavors that Last - From Cultures to Freezers.*

- Apr. 6, 2026 - *The Art of Safe Sourdough*
- Apr. 13, 2026 - *Jammin with Frozen Fruits*
- Apr. 20, 2026 - *Freezer Meals Prep*
- Apr. 27, 2026 - *Kombucha 101: Sip, Savor, and Start Brewing!*

May - *Allergen Awareness*

- May 4, 2026 - *Allergy 101: Awareness*
- May 11, 2026 - *Allergy 102: Living with a Food Allergy*
- May 18, 2026 - *Allergy 103: Preparing Food Allergen Friendly Foods*

To learn more and to register, visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/FoodSafety2026/>



Join Us Online:

Preserving MI Harvest - Every Thursday at 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. EDT

- April 9 - I Saw it on Social Media
- April 16 - Modifying Recipes for Preservation
- April 23 - Fresh Flavors All Year: Preserving Spring Produce & Herbs
- April 30 - Preserving the Sale
- May 7 - Preserving Toppings: Jam, Jelly, Syrup, Sauces
- May 14 - Preserving for Outdoor Adventures
- May 28 - Strawberries - More Than Just Jam
- June 4 - Preserving Meat
- June 11 - Top It Off with Preserved Condiments and Dressings

To learn more and to register, visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Preserving2026/>



Did you know?

Dial gauge pressure canners need to be tested annually to ensure dial gauges are accurate.

MSU Extension can help!

Contact your local MSU Extension Office to find out more information.

canr.msu.edu/outreach/county



Michigan Cottage Food Law

Learn how to safely prepare and sell allowable foods to the public made in home kitchens. The Michigan Cottage Food Law workshop reviews the food safety aspects and guidelines of preparing and selling cottage foods. The MSU Product Center joins us to cover the business aspects of the Cottage Food Law. A Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Inspector will be available for the Q&A portion of this workshop

- April 2, 10 a.m. EDT
- April 27, 6 p.m. EDT
- May 18, 2 - 4 p.m. EDT
- June 18, 10 a.m. EDT



To Learn more visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CLE26/>



Moving Beyond Cottage Food

Entrepreneurs and cottage food operators can learn basic knowledge to guide them in the right direction for becoming a licensed food operator and Moving Beyond Cottage Foods.

- May 4, 6 p.m. EDT



To learn more visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MBCF26/>



Selling Michigan Honey & Maple Syrup Safely

Food safety is key to successfully selling honey and maple syrup in Michigan. Learn how to safely handle, package and store honey and maple syrup, and understand the exemption guidelines for selling these products in Michigan.

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development allows for collection and production of honey and maple syrup that can be sold without a license, and there is an expectation that this is done safely. Personal hygiene, food safe containers, storage, cleaning and sanitizing methods, and MDARD's exemption guidelines are topics covered on this workshop.

- April 13, - 6 p.m. EDT
- May 19 - 12 p.m. EDT
- June 8 - 2 p.m. EDT



To learn more and to register, visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SyrupHoney26/>

