



JUNE 5, 2026

# 4-H Family News

## INGHAM COUNTY



### 2026 INGHAM COUNTY FAIR FAIR REGISTRATION

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- Registration link & 2026 4-H Still Life Exhibitor Handbook:



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## YQCA YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

### CERTIFICATION CLASS 2026

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

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

**Cost: \$3.00**

**Register online at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)**





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Preparing Youth to Be Beyond Ready Through 4-H Livestock Projects



## Beyond Ready

4-H livestock projects provide powerful, real-world learning that helps youth become Beyond Ready for life, work and leadership. Caring for animals teaches responsibility, time management and problem solving, all of which are essential skills for future success. Through chores, recordkeeping and making informed decisions, youth practice accountability and perseverance.

Livestock projects also build confidence as members explain their work to judges, interact with buyers and demonstrate professionalism in the show ring. When volunteers encourage reflection, support goal setting, and help youth connect these experiences to life beyond the barn, young people begin to see how their efforts today prepare them for tomorrow. Are your project activities helping youth become Beyond Ready?

#BeyondReady

### 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. Find new caches, trade travel bugs, explore the gardens and much more.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache)

### June 9: Online Extension Extras for Parents: Internet Safety

*Online*

Screens are everywhere, and children are spending more and more time in front of them. This session will discuss topics including steps to take to keep kids safe online, apps youth use and their safety, Michigan laws, and more.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26)

### June 11: Adulting 101 – AI and You: Smart, Safe and Savvy

*Online*

As part of the Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 webinar series, this session will explore the basics of how artificial intelligence works, ways it can support you, and how to make smart decisions.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai\\_and\\_you](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai_and_you)

### June 18: Pirate and Pixie Garden Party

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

Argh me mateys. Join a morning of swashbuckling fun! Go on a treasure hunt, making pixie dust, decorate an eye patch and more!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party)

### June 23: Digger Day

*Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing*

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in communities.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day)

### July 1: 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging State Contest

*Farm Bureau Pavilion, East Lansing*

Participants will demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve communication and decision-making skills. Register by June 15.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

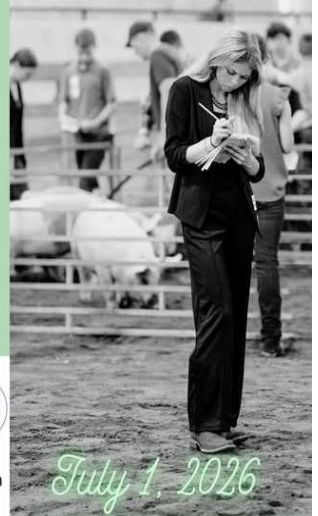
Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 15. Find registration information at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026).

### Michigan 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest



## MSU Extension honors 11 Michigan 4-H volunteers for 50 years of service in 2026

For the sixth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“We give thanks for every volunteer in our program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “Michigan 4-H would not exist as it does today without the dedication of volunteers who generously share their gifts, and these 11 remarkable individuals in particular have been sharing their gifts for a half-century. We offer them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all they’ve done for our organization and Michigan 4-H’ers.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2026 are:

- Kay Booth, Barry County
- Joyce Goerge, Clinton County
- Betty Groth, Cass County,
- Beverly Koppelman, Monroe County
- Gary Koppelman, Monroe County
- Michael Lee, Osceola County
- Deb Pincumbe, Ingham County
- Linda Preston, Cass County
- Peter Preston, Cass County
- Kathy Williams, St. Clair County
- Mary Yeomans, Midland County

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at:

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.



# 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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**Beyond  
Ready**

# 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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# The Ingham County FAIR

August 3-8, 2026

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## 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)

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## 2026 INGHAM COUNTY FAIR FAIR BOOTH SPACES

AIM HIGH WITH 4-H!



SCAN ME

- ☑ Deadline to sign up is June 20<sup>th</sup>
- ☑ Theme: Aim High With 4-H!
- ☑ Scan code or visit <https://forms.gle/6WYqaH4xSE2YKk5s9>

GLENDA WEISS  
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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



<https://tinyurl.com/bdcvd99a>

### SHIFT MANAGER APPLICATION



<https://forms.gle/KKZVVsuX7DHZeytq7>

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4-H ADULTING 101

AI AND YOU: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ SMART, SAFE,  
AND SAVVY



THURSDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00 PM ET  
FREE ON ZOOM



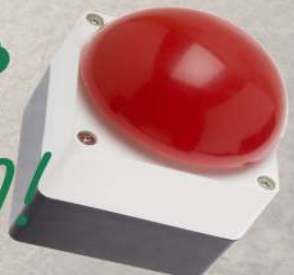
# 4-H ADVENTURE CAMP

June 18-20, 2026  
Camp Neyati

FISHING  
SWIMMING  
KAYAKING  
ARCHERY  
MORE!



# MICHIGAN 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest



Registration is OPEN!

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

# MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH DAIRY DAYS

July 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Farm Bureau Pavillion Michigan State University

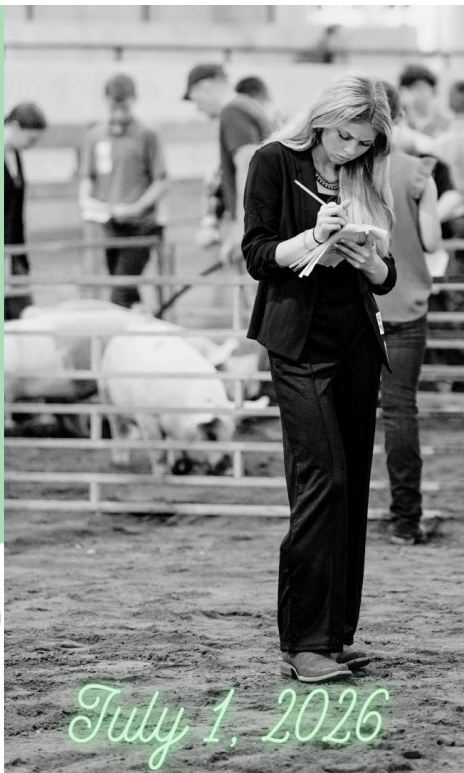
ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE  
EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS & THE  
YOUTH DAIRY SHOW ARE NOW

# Open!



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# Michigan 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest



July 1, 2026



# 4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY®

July 6-7 and 8-9, 2026

Registration opens April 1 at noon

## MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM

### Questions and Answers



#### QUESTIONS?

CONTACT JORDAN AT [HEWITTJ8@MSU.EDU](mailto:HEWITTJ8@MSU.EDU)  
OR DAVID AT [LINDSAZ5@MSU.EDU](mailto:LINDSAZ5@MSU.EDU)

- What is this program:**
  - o Recognize youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.
- Who Can Participate:**
  - o Any youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project member in Michigan.
- What are the requirements to log my hours:**
  - o Trail location, date, hours ridden, miles, type of ride
  - o Trail type classes or arena riding do not count towards these hours
  - o Miles will accrue from August 1<sup>st</sup> thru the following July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Recognition:**
  - o Top five Junior and Senior participants awarded at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show.
- How do I Record my Rides:**
  - o Use this link to record your rides:  
[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bQyn5zWO RdTsyfy](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQyn5zWO RdTsyfy)



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## 4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

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



**Registration open until:**  
**August 7, 2026**

**2026 Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase**

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

**Free entry for Michigan youth, ages 5-19!**

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