



JUNE 26, 2026

4-H Family News

INGHAM COUNTY



Ingham County Fair Exhibitor Informational Open House

Ask Questions & Tour the Fairground
Livestock & Still Life

Monday, June 29th 6-8
Ingham County Fairgrounds

Shirley Clark Pavilion

<https://bit.ly/4fRLyrD>



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Event sponsored by Ingham County 4-H LEP (livestock, equine, and pet) Committee



SCHOLARSHIP

OPPORTUNITY



DUE MONDAY AUGUST 3RD
BILL WHEELER MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

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The Ingham County FAIR

August 3-8, 2026

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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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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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/kkZVVsuX7DHzeyfq7>

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AS PART OF THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIR
4-H AND YOUTH VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

Michigan 4-H Business Pitch Contest

FREE ENTRY;
PRIZES SPONSORED BY MSUFCU



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MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH DAIRY DAYS

July 13-15th, 2026

Farm Bureau Pavillion Michigan State University

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

Open!



Beyond
Ready



4-H STAFF &
VOLUNTEERS

— You're Invited! —

PASTURE MANAGEMENT

A WEBINAR FEATURING

Tom Guthrie & Kable Thurlow



THURSDAY
JULY 16, 2026
4:00 PM

TOPICS INCLUDE:



Common weeds and plants that are harmful or undesirable in pastures



Understanding pasture maturity and its impact on livestock health and nutrition



Best management practices during dry months and drought conditions



And much more!



REGISTER TODAY!

https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TzveGdspR90BhZ6xuWvLGQ

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Beyond
Ready

2026 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

Registration is open!

Join youth from across Michigan on August 15 at Centerline of Calhoun—but don't wait, registration closes July 19.

Find the registration link (and full details) in the comments below



YQCA Announces Opening of 2026-2027 Youth Ag Program Grant Applications

YQCA is now accepting applications for its 2026-2027 Youth Ag Program Grant, offering individual awards of up to \$5,000.

Overview:

- Total Award Pool: \$20,000 with individual awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.
- Grants support projects that align with YQCA's commitment to food safety, animal well-being, and character development in the livestock industry. Examples include:
 - Hands-on youth workshops with YQCA certification
 - Livestock judging clinics
 - Youth agricultural education events
 - Curriculum development, biosecurity training, and more

Who's Eligible?

- Junior breed associations
- State species organizations
- Local, county, state, or national livestock show organizations
- 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters

*Only one application is permitted per chapter, club, or organization per year. Must be a U.S.-based organization.

Grant Program Requirements:

- All proposed projects should:
 - Demonstrate youth education outcomes, such as:
 - Training future producers
 - Promoting safe food systems
 - Maximizing resources in quality assurance
 - Align with at least one of the YQCA pillars:
 - Food Safety
 - Animal Well-Being
 - Character Development
- Eligible expenses include: educational supplies and curriculum materials, facility rentals, AV equipment, marketing and promotion, participant resources, instructional tools or demonstration equipment, and other approved expenses that directly support youth learning
- Ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to: staff salaries and administrative costs; adult travel; fundraising; trophies; infrastructure; professional development not tied to youth programming; and the purchase of livestock, vehicles, or personal equipment.

Apply:

- Timeline:
 - **DEADLINE: July 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CST**
 - Award notifications: November 2026
- Application:
 - Visit https://yqcaprogram.org/local/grant_program.php
 - Complete and submit the grant application through the linked platform.

Don't wait—submit your application today and partner with YQCA to invest in the next generation of agricultural leaders! Funding is limited and the deadline is July 31.

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?
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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_bOyn5zWO_RdTsYfY



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

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





LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 3-7, 2026

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR 4-H & YOUTH VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

★ PRESENTING: YOUR PROJECTS!

MICHIGAN YOUTH AGED 5-19
REGISTER BY: AUGUST 7TH, 2026






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

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

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

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

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

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

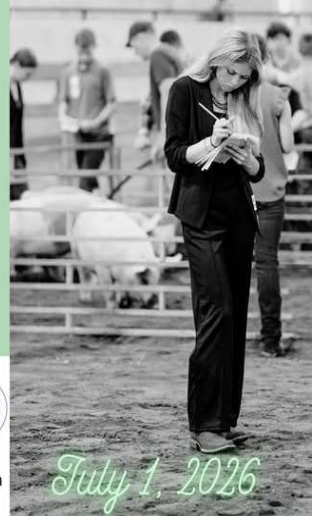
Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and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

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/>.