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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wild Spartans Series returns



Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as they take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

Monthly sessions will begin in October and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST. Each 30-minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required: www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026.

September 11: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Planning with Purpose: Designing Your Best 4-H Year Yet Online

This webinar will guide volunteers through seasonal planning, setting goals and aligning club activities with youth development outcomes. This session will be offered twice.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-noon
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-7pm

September 17: Adulting 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress & Deliver with Confidence Online

Participants will learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment—from effective verbal and written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism%20\(COPY_1754674660740\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism%20(COPY_1754674660740))

September 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Friendly but Firm: Boundaries that Make Volunteering Better Online

Online

Learn how to say “yes” with intention, “no” without guilt, and keep your 4-H experience fun, respectful, and drama-free. This session will be offered twice.

- **12 p.m.:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-noon
- **7 p.m.:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-7pm

September 20: 2025 Michigan 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

The 4-H State Dog Show is an annual, single-day event that brings together 4-Hers from counties across Michigan. Spectators welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show

September 20-21: Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification for Adults and Teens

Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso

Learn about 4-H shooting sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use, and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/fall-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-for-adults-and-teens

October 3: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing

4-H donors are encouraged to attend and vote on all items at the meeting.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2025 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards program recognized outstanding 4-H members during 4-H Exploration Days on June 18. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes excellence in learning, leadership and service.

In total, 38 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications for this year's program. Recipients of the 2025 awards are:



- **Achievement:** William Rogers of Washtenaw County
- **Beef Science:** Emma Verbeek of Delta County (junior division)
- **Birds and Poultry Science:** Avery Mastej of Van Buren County (junior division)
- **Civic Engagement and Service:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Taylor Johnson of St. Joseph County (junior division) and Makenzie Rehberg of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Dairy Science:** Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior division) and Harper Jane Adkins of Washtenaw County (senior division)
- **Equine Science:** Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior division)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health and Fitness:** Vivienne Turri of Washtenaw County (junior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Trent Simons of Otsego County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Aleah Simpson of Houghton County (junior division) and Alison Borowski of Alpena County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Zoe Rorick of Lenawee County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Lyla Lapaugh of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** John Jinks of Monroe County (junior division)
- **Sheep Science:** Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior division) and Owen Plum of Lenawee County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Taylor Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Verina Duncan of Eaton County (senior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 12-19 years old with two or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through 4-H, as well as their contributions to 4-H communities. Submissions are reviewed by a selection committee. In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

National 4-H Week: October 5-11

For more than 115 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 5-11, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

Learn more about ways you can celebrate during National 4-H Week at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>.

MICHIGAN 4-H ADULTING 101

PROFESSIONALISM: COMMUNICATE, DRESS, AND DELIVER WITH CONFIDENCE

September 17, 2025

6:30-7:30pm ET

FREE on Zoom



Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar

Friendly But Firm:
Boundaries that make
Volunteering Better

September 18, 2025 at noon or 7pm
on Zoom



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We are Hiring



Open Positions:

- Temp Extension Program Worker
- Search Position: 1076741



Apply by
Sept. 22
2025

Learn More:

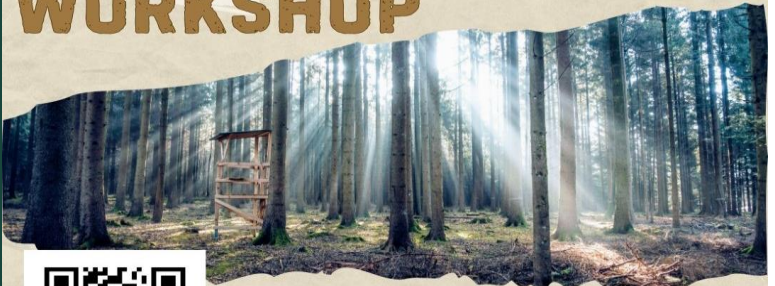
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FALL 2025 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP



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SEPT. 20-21, 2025

Join us at the Shiawassee Conservation Association in Owosso, MI!
Workshops offered in Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Muzzleloader.

Sponsored with a grant from the 4-H Foundation

REGISTER NOW



NEW at Ignite 2026: Animal Science!

Hands-on workshops. Become career-ready.



March 25 - 29, 2026 | Washington, D.C. | Washington Hilton

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11, 2025



National 4-H Congress November 28th- December 2nd, 2025

Shine your 4-H Leadership and service **light** by attending this premier event for 4-H members from across the country



- In Atlanta, Georgia
- For youth 4-H ages 14-19
- Workshops on leadership and service on a National level
- Led by a Youth Design Team

Contact your 4-H Program Coordinator today to find out more and to reserve a spot!



BOOST YOUR FUTURE WITH 4-H Future Squad

A virtual 4-H Club, creating community among youth aged 12-19, while focusing on a variety of topics and tools for a successful future!



See below for more details!

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2025 Youth Archery Tournament at The Festival Of The Pines

Presented by:
Blazing Arrows 4-H Club.
Sept. 20, 2025

Do not need to be in 4-H to participate.



TARGET & 3D

10 DIVISIONS

→ Each division will have a sighted, Unsighted & Aided.

Questions Contact Dale Mosher



231-839-5574



Maple Grove Park, Lake City, MI
Registration/Check in: 10:00am
Shoot: 11:00am
Cost: \$15.00 donations per participant
Lunch cost: donation
All Donations go to the blazing arrow 4-H club.

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Join Us Online WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION
HELPING OTHERS HELP NATURE
WITH TRISH BROCKMAN, ECOLOGIST,
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING & TECHNOLOGY, INC.

October 14 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildSpartansSeriesFall2025Spring2026/>

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STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW RESULTS

Junior English Equitation Saddle Seat – Champion **Augustine Hansen**

Junior Trail - Champion **Madilyn McCormick**

Junior English Dressage – Reserve Champion **Reagan Robison**

Junior Ranch Pleasure – Reserve Champion **Haley Huffman**

Senior Saddle Seat Pleasure – Reserve Champion **Tiffany Bristle**

Junior Ranch Pleasure – Reserve Grand Champion **Haley Huffman**

Junior English Pleasure Saddle Seat – Reserve Champion **Augustine Hansen**

Junior Ranch Showmanship – Reserve Champion **Haley Huffman**

Senior Trail – Top Five – **Abigail Eastman**

Junior Western Dressage - Top Five – **Troy John Caulk**

Senior Western Pleasure – Top Five – **Abigail Eastman**

Senior Hunt Seat Equitation – Top Five – **Kelsea Barcelow**

Junior Hunter Hack – Top Five – **Charli Eastman**

Junior Showmanship – Top Five – **Madilyn McCormick**

Senior English Pleasure – Top Five – **Kelsea Barcelow**

Junior Dressage Seat Equitation – Top Five – **Reagan Robison**

Senior Ranch Reining – Top Five – **Joshua Hansen** and **Evelyn Palmer**

Senior Ranch Trail – Top Five – **Evelyn Palmer**

Junior Gymkhana – Top Five – **Ignatius Hansen**

Junior Ranch Trail – Top Five – **Haley Huffman**

Other state 4-H horse show participants competing in stiff competition:

- Allison Branscum
- Addison Bristle
- Chali Eastman
- Emma Eastman
- Ruby Eastman



- Teagan Hall
- Aviah Latocki
- Conner McCormick
- Gracie Prosser
- Wyatt Smith

Please note Correction: Junior Hunter Hack – Top Five – **Charli Eastman**



MSUE Extras

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Michigan Cottage Food Law Training

Sept. 8, 6 p.m.
Sept. 24, 10 a.m.

To join by phone, call in advance to register at 877-643-9882

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Did you know?

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

MSU Extension can help!

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Home Food Preservation Online Course

- Water Bath Canning High-Acid Foods
- Pressure Canning Low-Acid Foods
- Blanching & Freezing Produce
- Canning Jam & Jelly
- Pickling
- Dehydrating Foods

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Join Us Online

Food Safety Online Workshops

Week of Aug. 25th

Sept. 8th
Serving Up Food Safety

Sept. 8th
Michigan Cottage Food Law

Sept. 10th
Selling Michigan Honey & Maple Syrup Safely

Sept. 11th
Preserving MI Harvest

To join by phone, call in advance to register at 877-643-9882.

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Serving up Food Safety

JOIN US ONLINE EVERY MONDAY 12 PM EDT

September 8
Squash: What to do with it all

September 15
Fun with Fruit Leather

September 22
Cooling Food Safety

September 29
Hot Topics in Food Safety

TO JOIN BY PHONE, CALL IN ADVANCE TO REGISTER AT 877-643-9882.

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MOVING BEYOND COTTAGE FOOD

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESS?

Sept. 15, 6 p.m.
Nov. 3, 6 p.m.

TO JOIN BY PHONE, CALL IN ADVANCE TO REGISTER AT 877-643-9882.

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ServSafe®

EARN SERVSAFE MANAGER CERTIFICATION WITH HELP FROM MSU EXTENSION.

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

Contact your local MSU Extension Food Safety Educator for more information.

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Selling MI Honey & Maple Syrup - Safely!

Learn about the MDARD exemptions for safely preparing and selling honey and maple syrup.

Sept. 10, 6 p.m.
Oct. 8, 12 p.m.
Nov. 11, 4 p.m.
Dec. 10, 2 p.m.

To join by phone, call in advance to register at 877-643-9882

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FOOD SAFETY HOTLINE

Operating Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Call 877-643-9882

Ask Extension <https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/ask-an-expert>

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.

- September 16, 6 p.m. EDT
- October 28, 6 p.m. EDT



Join Us Online:

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Preserving MI Harvest

Every Thursday at 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. EDT

September 18 - It's Sauerkraut Season! Let's Ferment!

September 25 - Pickling and Preserving What's Left in the Garden

October 2 - Oh Deer, Preserving Venison

October 9 - Preserve it Dry: Guide to Dehydrating

To join by phone, call in advance to register at 877-643-9882.