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# 4-H Family News

Ingham County



Beyond Ready



## URGENT



HELP PROTECT THE FUTURE OF MSU  
EXTENSION & INGHAM COUNTY 4-H

WE NEED YOU TO SHOW UP AND SPEAK OUT!



### OCTOBER INGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MONDAY

6

6:15 PM  
Human Services Committee  
Human Services Building  
5303 S Cedar St, Lansing, MI

WEDNESDAY

8

6:15 PM  
Finance Committee  
Human Services Building  
5303 S Cedar St, Lansing, MI

TUESDAY

14

6:30 PM  
Board of Commissioners  
3rd Floor, Ingham County Courthouse  
315 S Jefferson St, Mason, MI

MONDAY

20

6:15 PM  
Human Services Committee  
Human Services Building  
5303 S Cedar St, Lansing, MI

WEDNESDAY

22

6:15 PM  
Finance Committee  
Human Services Building  
5303 S Cedar St, Lansing, MI

TUESDAY

28

6:30 PM  
Board of Commissioners  
3rd Floor, Ingham County Courthouse  
315 S Jefferson St, Mason, MI

FINAL BUDGET VOTE!

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11, 2025



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2025-26 Ingham 4-H Shooting Sports winter calendar (September 25, 2025)

10/4 – *Capital City Rifle Cleanup day (community service project: 9 AM – Noon)*

10/5-11 – *National 4-H Week*

10/7 - Archery practice

10/14 - BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

10/14 - *Ingham County Commissioners meeting: 6:30 PM, Mason Courthouse 3<sup>rd</sup> floor*

10/20 - *Ingham County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee meeting: 6:30 PM, Hilliard Bldg*

10/21 - Archery practice

10/28 - BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

10/28 - *Ingham County Commissioners meeting: 6:30 PM, Mason Courthouse 3<sup>rd</sup> floor*

11/4 - Archery practice

11/11 - BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

11/18 - Archery practice

11/25 - *No practice*

12/2 - BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

12/9 - *No practice (Meeting night)*

12/16 - Archery practice

12/23 - *No practice*

12/30 - *No practice*

1/6/2026- BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

1/13 - Archery practice

1/20 - BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

1/27 - Archery practice

2/3 - BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

2/10 - Archery practice

2/17 - BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

2/24 - *No practice (Meeting night)*

3/3 - *No practice (4-H Shooting Sports Committee meeting)*

3/10 - Archery practice

3/17 - BB, Pellet, Air Pistol practice

3/24 – Fun Shoot

3/31 - Archery practice

**Important dates for MSU Extension (and 4-H) funding meetings**

10/6 - Ingham Co. Human Services Committee  
6:15 Human Services Bldg, Lansing

10/8 - Ingham County Finance Committee  
6:15 Human Services Bldg, Lansing

**10/14 - Ingham Co. Board of Commissioners  
6:30 Courthouse, downtown Mason**

10/20 - Ingham Co. Human Services Committee  
6:15 Human Services Bldg, Lansing

10/22 - Ingham County Finance Committee  
6:15 Human Services Bldg, Lansing

10/28 - Ingham Co. Board of Commissioners  
6:30 Courthouse, downtown Mason

Human Services Bldg: 5303 S. Cedar St, Lansing  
(Door 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room)

Ingham County Courthouse: 315 S. Jefferson St,  
Mason (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

*Practices on this list will be held at  
the Ingham County Fairgrounds  
Main Arena with the following  
schedule:*

*6:00 PM: Setup*

*8:00 PM: Finished*

*Everyone's help is needed for setup  
and cleanup!*

*Friendly reminder: All bows and guns must be in a case when brought to practices.*



## Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar

### Beyond Ready: Equipping Youth with Skills for Life

October 6, 2025  
12:00PM or 7:00PM

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4-H EXPLORE THE FARM THROUGH THE SEASONS

## CORN ADVENTURE

October 9, 2025

5:45-6:45PM

Schomaker Farms 1103 Leddy Rd  
Saginaw, MI 48609

MICHIGAN STATE  
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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/>

## 4-H FUTURE SQUAD

ADULTING 101-  
FIRST CLUB MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 7:00-8:00 PM  
VIRTUAL 4-H CLUB

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/4-H-FUTURE-SQUAD/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-H-FUTURE-SQUAD/)

**National 4-H Congress**  
**November 28<sup>th</sup>-**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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!



## NEW at Ignite 2026: Animal Science!

Hands-on workshops. Become career-ready.



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





# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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>.