



4-H Family News

July 2024

Kalamazoo County



2024 4-H Animal Show and Sale Schedule Full schedule on page 2-3

Monday July 28, 2024

6:00 pm CARCASS PROGRAM LIVE ANIMAL EVALUATION - *Pease Packing – Scotts, MI*
(Animals must arrive before 5:30pm)

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

10:00 am CARCASS PROGRAM TEST AND RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENTS - *Pease Packing*

Thursday, August 1, 2024.

A PRE-FAIR MANDATORY EXHIBITOR MEETING

PLEASE STAY ON SCHEDULE!

6 PM- HORSES AND POULTRY	6:15- BEEF/DAIRY STEER
6:30- RABBITS	6:45- SHEEP
7 PM- DAIRY/DAIRY FEEDERS	7:15- SWINE
7:30- GOATS	

Friday, August 2, 2024

7:00 pm DAIRY SHOW *Vlietstra Dairy Farm*

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:00 am HORSE SHOWMANSHIP & ENGLISH PERFORMANCE CLASSES	<i>Horse Arenas</i>
9:00 am SWINE SHOW	<i>Livestock Show Arena</i>
2:00 pm RABBIT SHOW	<i>Rabbit Barn</i>
CAVIES AND CRITTERS SHOW (following Rabbit Show)	<i>TBD location</i>
RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP	<i>TBD location</i>
6:00 pm SHEEP SHOW	<i>Livestock Show Arena</i>

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

9:00 am HORSE WESTERN PERFORMANCE & TRAIL CLASSES	<i>Horse Arenas</i>
9:00 am POULTRY SHOW	<i>Livestock Show Arena</i>
2:00 pm FEEDER CALF SHOW	<i>Livestock Show Arena</i>
6:00 pm BEEF SHOW	<i>Livestock Show Arena</i>

Thursday, August 8, 2024

9:00 am HORSE DRESSAGE & JUMPING CLASSES	<i>Horse Arenas</i>
9:00 am GOAT SHOW	<i>Livestock Show Arena</i>
1:00 pm MINI HORSE SHOW	<i>Horse Arena</i>

Friday, August 9, 2024

9:00 am HORSE VERSATILITY & GYMKHANA CLASSES	<i>Horse Arenas</i>
10:00 am SMALL ANIMAL LIVESTOCK SALE (poultry, rabbits, goats)	<i>L. Show Arena</i>
1:00 pm Large Animal Livestock Sale (sheep, beef, swine)	<i>L. Show Arena</i>

Saturday, August 10, 2024

9:00 am DOG SHOW	<i>TBD location</i>
6:00 pm MASTER SHOWMANSHIP	<i>Livestock Show Arena</i>

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Barn Clean Up !

July 27th from 9am-noon

Come on out to help get our barns and areas ready for the FAIR!

Please remember that this is a great way to help make the barns and the 4-H mall beautiful for our youth, families and visitors.

You'll want to wear clothes that can get dirt or paint on them.

Supplies like paint and paint brushes will be provided but you may want to bring:

- Work Gloves
- Brush Trimmers
- Tools – hammer, rakes, shovels, wrenches ...etc.
- Power Washers.
- A Positive Attitude :)

Barn Clean-up Incentive -

Each Kalamazoo County *enrolled 4-H youth member* that participates in barn clean-up day on Saturday, July 27 will receive a coupon good for 1 elephant ear (or up to \$10.00 towards another food item) at the Fair's food vendors.

Coupons can only be redeemed on Saturday, August 10 and cannot be used at the 4-H Food Booth. In order to receive the coupon, you must be an active 4-H youth member and must volunteer for a minimum of 2 hours.

To receive the coupon, each 4-H youth member must sign the attendance sheet provided by 4-H on clean-up day with **both arrival AND departure times.**



Y Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

and Family Festival 

August 6-10, 2024

2024 Schedule

OUR GRAND CHAMPION SPONSOR

**Check back often for new events as we plan the Fair!
(Events, times & locations are subject to change)

www.kalamazooountyfair.com



Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:00am - 11:00am	4-H Swine Show	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendor - Honey Bunnies	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Still Project Displays	4-H Barn
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Showmanship & English Performance	Horse Arena
9:00am - 8:00pm	4-H Food Booth	Red Barn
2:00pm - 4:00pm	4-H Rabbit Show	Rabbit Barn
	4-H Rabbit Showmanship (following Rabbit Show)	4-H Arena
	4-H Cavies & Critters Show (following Rabbit Showmanship)	TBD
6:00pm - 8:00pm	4-H Sheep Show	4-H Arena

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

9:00am - 12:00pm	4-H Poultry Show	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendor - Honey Bunnies	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Still Project Displays	4-H Barn
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Western Performance & Trail	Horse Arena
9:00am - 8:00pm	4-H Food Booth	Red Barn
2:00pm - 4:00pm	4-H Feeder Calf Show	4-H Arena
5:30pm - 7:30pm	4-H Beef Show	4-H Arena

Thursday, August 8, 2024

9:00am - 10:00am	4-H Goat Show	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendor - Honey Bunnies	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Still Project Displays	4-H Barn
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Jumping & Dressage	Horse Arenas
9:00am - 8:00pm	4-H Food Booth	Red Barn
1:00pm - 4:00pm	4-H Miniature Horse Show	Fairgrounds
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Enduro Obstacle Course - beef, sheep, dairy feeder calves, & goats	4-H Arena



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Friday, August 9, 2024

9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendor - Honey Bunnies	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Still Project Displays	4-H Barn
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Versatility & Gymkhana Classes	Horse Arenas
9:00am - 8:00pm	4-H Food Booth	Red Barn
11:00am-12:00pm	4-H Rabbit Agility Show	Outside of Rabbit Barn
10:00am-12:00pm	Small Animal Livestock Sale (Goats, Poultry, Rabbits)	4-H Arena
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Large Animal Livestock Sale (Swine, Sheep, Beef)	4-H Arena
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Gift Basket Raffle benefiting the KRV Trail	Fairgrounds
6:30pm - 7:30pm	4-H Style Show, Performances & Demonstration	Livestock Mall

Saturday, August 10, 2024

9:00am - 3:00pm	4-H Dog Show	Main Expo
9:00am - 6:00pm	Gift Basket Raffle benefiting the KRV Trail	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Commercial Exhibits & Education Displays	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Inflatable Fun Zone & Climing Wall!	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Farm Fun & Games	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Petting Farm	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 6:00pm	Free Book Giveaway (while supplies last)	Poultry Barn
9:00am - 6:00pm	4-H Still Exhibit Display	4-H Barn
9:30am - 6:00pm	Kids Entertainment Stage*	Fairgrounds
10:00am - 1:00pm	Ag-Venture presented by Farm Bureau	Fairgrounds
10:00am - 5:00pm	4-H Education Stations	Fairgrounds
11:00pm - 1:00pm	"Horsin' Around" - come learn all about horses!	Horse Barns
11:00am - 2:00pm	4-H Rabbit Show Jumping	Outside Rabbit Barn
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Milk Drinking Contest & 4-H Livestock Judging	4-H Arena
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Chicken Poop Roulette	Outside 4-H Arena
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Master Showmanship	4-H Arena

*Performances every hour! Magician, Princesses, Super Heroes, Balloon Guy and more!

Food Vendors:

- 4-H Food Booth - little bit of everything!
- Honey Bunnies's Gourmet Waffles
- Ibison Concessions Fair Food (Saturday only)



**2024 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair
Camping Fees & Information
CAMPING RESERVATIONS**



The Kalamazoo County Parks & Expo Center will be handling all the camping reservations again this year.

Beginning on May 1, 2024, you must call to make your reservation directly with the Expo Center at 269-383-8778

- Camping Fees: Weekly Rate - \$150.00 per week (8/5-8/11)
Reservations made after July 28 are \$180 per week
- Advance Reservation Fee: One-time \$5.00 fee will be charged for all advance reservations
- Golf Carts: All golf carts must be pre-registered. Golf cart permits are \$25 each. After July 28 fee is \$100. You must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and provide proof of liability insurance to operate a golf cart on the grounds.

VEHICLE ADMISSION PASSES ARE REQUIRED FOR ANYONE CAMPING AT THE FAIR.

Passes are \$10. and covers your vehicle and the admission of everyone in the vehicle for the entire Fair.

- Septic Service: A dump station with potable water is available on the grounds. On-site septic service will be available by pre-registration with your camping reservation for \$40 per dump. Dumps will be scheduled for Thursday, August 8.

Deadline for Camping Registration

July 28, 2024

Campground check-in will take place from 9-6pm on Monday, August 5.

No early arrivals.

Camping Information:

- Camping will be reserved by campground area at time of reservation (see map for campground areas) and specific site numbers will be emailed out approximately 1 week prior to arrival. We will try to accommodate special requests. All requests will be considered in order by date of reservation.
- Campers may not switch from assigned site number upon arrival. All reservations must be paid by credit card at the time of reservation. There is a non-refundable \$5 reservation fee for each campsite reserved. Most sites offer water and electric hook-up.
- Showers and handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.
- Cancellations will be accepted until July 28, 2024. Reservation fees are non-refundable. If you cancel your reservation by July 28, 2024 your refund will be the camping fees paid less a \$5 cancellation fee. No refunds are available for cancellations after July 28, 2024.



Our 4-H Youth

They pour every OUNCE of their heart, grit, time, money, blood, sweat & tears to raise these animals up right, to make sure they're happy, fit, healthy, on time and ready for the ring.

It's late nights and early mornings and "sorry I can't make it, I've gotta get home to my animal".

It's MORE feed and MORE water and MORE mess to clean up. It's emergency vet calls and late-night feed store runs and unfathomable exhaustion.

It's getting attached, telling their livestock the things they'd put in a diary. Win, lose or draw...they win. They win a relationship with an animal they'll never forget, lessons that will carry them far in life, and the measure of success that only comes by this level of work.

Letting go will never, ever be easy for these kids because of it all but they'll do it again next year ♥



Please pencil into your calendar a Year End celebration for Kalamazoo County 4-H members to enjoy some hard-earned social time after fair.

Thursday, August 22 from 6-8pm.

At the Kalamazoo Back Porch!

Cake and Beverages will be provided and food is available for purchase.

Register here <https://tinyurl.com/2v53xv7t>

Or scan the QR code-





Poultry Project News

Keep up the BIOSECURITY for your birds. Our area is in the pathway of TWO migratory routes, so we live in a risky area.

We are still waiting on final words on our poultry at fair guidelines.

So far- live showing of poultry is allowed unless new Avian Influenza cases are detected in Michigan.

Please contact Cherie Gilfillan if you have any questions cheriegilfillan@gmail.com





Goat Project Updates

Fit and Show – July 11 6:30

At the Sattler's
2786 D Drive S.
East Leroy MI 49051



Are you ready for fair?

Please review your goat project guidelines here: [Goat project guidelines](#)

Some highlights:

- You must attend at least 2 meetings to show at the fair in August.
 - The all-species meeting DOES count as one of those meetings if you attended.
 - YQCA does NOT count as a project meeting
 - The mandatory livestock meeting before fair does NOT count as a project meeting
- ALL goats coming to the fairgrounds, whether being shown or not, must be identified and have required pictures turned in with the registration form by 6/1/24. The form can be found here: [Goat Registration Form](#)
- Goats not identified are not eligible for exhibiting at fair and will not be allowed to be unloaded at the fairgrounds.

Forms, pictures, and any questions may be e-mailed to Crystal Sattler at knsattler@att.net or texted to 269-492-8750.

Remember:

Animals may not be shown in more than one 4-H sanctioned fair in a calendar year. But! MLE or other showcases not affiliated with MSU Extension 4-H are acceptable.

Barn Clean-up

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Welcome to the Swine Project!

We now have a date and location for our annual Swine "Fit & Show" meeting.

It will be held on

Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 pm at the Sattler's house:

2786 D Drive S East Leroy, MI 49051.



Mark your calendars !

Hi 4-Hers,

Just a minor but important update to the buyer letter - start time for the Large Animal Auction is 1:00 pm and not 2:00 pm as stated in the previous letter.

Hope this helps as you're preparing your own buyer invites. Looking forward to seeing you all next Tuesday at our swine meeting - 6:30 pm.

Thank you, Pam

Thank you,

Pam Acker (cell – 517-930-1297)

TJ Gibson (cell – 269-903-9991)



Miniature Horses are Back!

This year we have the opportunity to welcome *miniature horses* back to the Kalamazoo County Fair!

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The minis will follow the same safety guidelines as the light horse projects.

We will offer monthly meetings focused on miniature horses.

Classes offered this year will include:

- showmanship,
- in hand trail,
- in hand jumping and
- costume class.



These will be on **Thursday** of the Fair, **August 8th** from 1-4 pm.

Classes are open to Cloverbud-Seniors!

If you are interested in showing a mini at the fair, please contact Julie Sheppard at jsheppard@shps.org.

The classes to sign up for are part of Fair Entry.

The mini registration link is: <https://forms.gle/hw5jC3SAoF67sUUZ7>

Minis will enter along with light horses for vet checks, with Coggins due on or before that time.

Look for our new Facebook page for additional information.

Educational projects are posters of choice.





Dairy and Dairy Feeder/Beef Project



Dairy-Happy Summer- meetings will be held- watch the **Dairy Club Page** on FaceBook for more details.

The dairy show will be held Friday, August 2 at 7pm at Vlietstra Dairy Farm.

Beef/Feeder Calf Info

YQCA is needed by fair for all members that are selling livestock at the fair. Please send Veronica your certificate. Only option at this time is to obtain the certificate by doing an online class- here is the link: <https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php>

There will be a combined Beef/Feeder Calf fit/show meeting on Tuesday, July 9 at 6pm at Kyle's house. Please see the Kalamazoo County Beef and Feeder Calf Facebook pages for the address.

Important dates for fair:

We will be decorating the barn in a Red/ White/ Blue theme this year- (check out Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's for post 4th of July good deals!)

- **July 27-** Barn cleanup 9 am at the Fairgrounds – We will be cleaning up the beef/feeder calf barn at the fairgrounds. Please bring rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brush/rollers, shovel, broom, pressure washers, and a smile!
- **August 1-** Pre- Fair Mandatory Meeting: Beef: Meet at the Beef/Feeder calf barn at 6:15pm.
Feeder Calves: Meet at the Beef/Feeder calf barn at 7pm

Don't forget to sign in- if you cannot come, you must make arrangements with Veronica at 4-H office@ [\(269\)383-8830](tel:2693838830).

- **August 3** - Still Exhibit check in: Bring your required educational exhibit to the fairgrounds to be judged. Here is the link for the required record book - choose the record book for your 4-H age: Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Books https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_market_animal_record_book
It is considered the minimum- be creative! There must be an educational element (show something going on in the beef industry, talk about feed products, illness/ treatment that your beef steer could experience, etc.) A profit and loss statement must be filled out and included in your educational exhibit for your calf to be sold in the auction.
- **August 5-** Calf check in/ Weigh in/ Showmanship clinic: You can check in your steers/calves into the Beef/Feeder Calf barn Monday, August 5- time: TBD- Kyle, Greg or Sara must look at your calf before the calf comes off of the trailer. Feeder calf weigh in will take place after the beef are weighed in.
- We will have a showmanship clinic– **time TBD**
- **August 7**– Show day Feeder Calf show will be held at 2 pm; Beef show will be held at 4 pm
- **August 8** - Pizza party 6 pm; Set up for Auction 6:45pm
- **August 9-** Auction 10 am
For your calf to be eligible to go through the auction:
 - ✓ You must have submitted a picture via Facebook/email/ mail to Kyle, Sara or Greg by earlier in the year (per project requirements),
 - ✓ A picture of a clean calf/clean 4H member must be given to either Kyle, Sara or Greg on Tuesday of fair (to be given to your buyer), and
 - ✓ You must have a profit and loss statement filled out per Project Record Book Requirements.
 - ✓ Dairy Feeder Calves must have weigh at least 366.5 lbs on Monday August 5 to go through auction.
- **August 10-** @ Noon THANK YOU NOTES DUE

Please contact Kyle for Beef related questions and Greg or Sara if you have Feeder Calf questions!



Michigan 4-H

is looking for feedback from youth ages 13-18 regarding their experience in 4-H.



You will be receiving a survey and information in your email through **4-H Online**. Please take some time to help us improve Michigan 4-H and our county programs by completing the survey.

The survey can be accessed here:

https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aYsiWmYMmnZtAGi

or from the email you will receive.

For any questions, please contact Kathy Fischer at fisch226@msu.edu.





2024 4-H International Exchange Host Family Applications Open!

What: 2024 Inbound Host Family Applications have opened!

Increase: Due to the popularity of this exchange here in Michigan we have been approved to increase from only 13 participants this past year to 20 in 2024

When: Arrival (tentative) in Grand Rapids from July 21st to August 16th, 2024

How: A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and has a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age of incoming delegate), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

Applications to host: found at www.states4hexchange.org

Questions: contact Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

Other Resources:

- 1) [Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 2) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 3) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs website](#) or email: exchange@states4h.org

Thank you very much to all our families who annually open their homes to create 4-H international experiences across the globe.



LABO Michigan Delegation 2023



Did you know that we have project leaders for the following projects?

- **Welding** – Dave Rutten
- **Archery** -Mike George
- **Food dehydration & food preservation** – Eileen Rutten
- **Photography** – Kim Berggren & Kristin Biehl
- **Maple syrup production** – Greg Baker
- **International studies (Japanese, French, German, Chinese)** – Justin Fragala
- **Fishing** – Kevin Thomason
- **Flower gardening/landscaping** – Landon Gilfillan, MSU Extension floriculture and greenhouse educator– Jeremy Jubenville
- **Crocheting** – Danielle Riemersma



If you are interested in any of these projects, please reach out to the 4-H staff. Volunteers need to have at least 2 youth presents to teach a session. When we have enough youth interested in participating in programs, we will share the contact information so the volunteers can set up some classes.

We are looking for gold level volunteers to either lead county wide projects or help with activities. If you are not a current gold level volunteer, you can start the process by completing the application at [Become a 4-H Volunteer \(msu.edu\)](https://www.msu.edu/4-H/volunteer)

- **Cloverbud specific programs** (this could be gold level volunteers or teens with a volunteer or staff person)
- **Cake decorating**
- **Sewing**
- **Candy making**
- **First Aid and CPR certification** (this needs to be someone who can teach and offer the certification)
- **Shooting sports** (other than archery and needs to go through MSU Extensions certification)
- **Vet Science**
- **Wood working**
- **Cooking** (specifically at an after school program at Gull Lake Middle School)



If you have questions, please reach out to Veronica or Sam.



States' 4-H International Exchange Programs 2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Taiwan · Argentina



Costa Rica



Japan



Norway



South Korea



Argentina



Taiwan

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries?
Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most visitors rarely get to see.

Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families* and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

**Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program*

2024 Travel Dates*

Japan 8-week:	June 12—August 9, 2024
Costa Rica:	June 20—July 19, 2024
Argentina:	June 20—July 15, 2024
Norway:	June 20—July 20, 2022
Japan 4-week:	July 10—August 9, 2024
South Korea:	July 16—August 15, 2024
Taiwan:	July 16—August 15, 2024

**Program dates subject to slight change or modification*

Eligibility:

4-H ages 12—18 for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan, 12—17 for Korea, and 15—18 for Costa Rica, Norway, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

Program Information:

- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States' 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States' 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Application Deadline & Program Fees:

Contact your 4-H State Coordinator for deadlines and to apply. Please note that program details are subject to change.

For more information:

www.states4hexchange.org

QB@states4h.org

(206) 462-2200



<https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/>

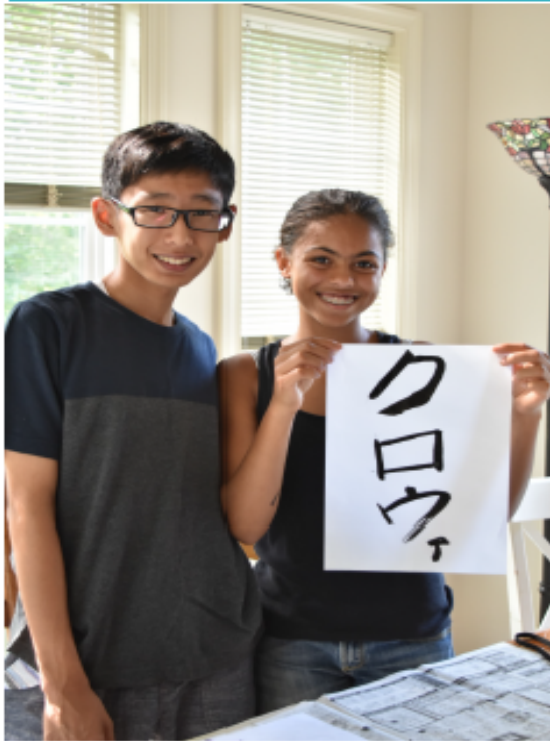


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2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship; one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



Program Fees Include:

Welcome packet; overnight national departure orientation; arrival orientation in host country; portion of chaperone fee; Accident & Sickness Medical Insurance; in-country transportation, lodging, and meals while on-program; country-specific activities as determined by international partner organizations; overnight national departure debriefing upon return.

Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
 - * No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

FAQs:

Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?

A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak another language?

A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?

A: States' 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.



Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct



The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Michigan 4-H program.

All 4-H youth participants must conduct themselves according to the following standards that apply to all Michigan 4-H programs, including virtual programs, and interactions such as social media and internet engagement:

- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H activities and programs with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- 3. Obey the Law.** Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and Michigan State University and Extension policies and guidelines. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco products, which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems. Do not attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. This includes dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or similar items.
- 4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others'.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with whom you interact as part of Michigan 4-H.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Be kind and compassionate toward others. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile behaviors, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual abuse. Abstain from sexual behavior and intimate physical/sexual contact in either public or private situations at an MSU Extension youth 4-H activity or event.
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge such as volunteers and staff. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
- 7. Humane Treatment of Animals.** Treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.
- 8. Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.

Have fun!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!



Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit www.joann.com/4-h to learn more and enroll.

July 9-10: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024

July 15 – August 12: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024

July 15-19: 2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the

Great Lake State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18: Water Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 25: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

July 26: Discover 4-H

Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield

A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/discover-4-h





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

