



4-H Family News

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MACOMB COUNTY

Welcome new
4-H volunteer
Rachel Tibai!



Armada Fair 4-H Shred Sales, Exhibit Barn and Coffee Cart sign-up

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council needs help with its Shred Sales Fundraiser, Exhibit Barn coverage, and Coffee Cart during the Armada Fair. Macomb County 4-H clubs are asked to sign up for one or more shifts at <https://tinyurl.com/3f4u3yva>. The Armada Fair is August 17-23, 2026.

Pre-order shred/bedding for Fair

Pre-order your shred/bedding for the 2026 Armada Fair from the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council at <https://tinyurl.com/2up9c5ca> and pay only \$7.50 per bag! Each bag contains 9.75 cubic feet of expanded pine flake. Prices increase during fair week, so order early!



4-H Ice Cream Social

A Macomb County 4-H Ice Cream Social will be held for Macomb County 4-H'ers at the Armada Fair on August 17th at 4 p.m. in Barn 11. Sign up is required: <https://tinyurl.com/4mufwye3>.

1st place, Best of Show youth to receive prize buckets

New this year! The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council is putting together prize buckets for each of the 1st place showmanship winners in 4-H. Each bucket will contain two species-specific prizes, some 4-H swag and a Tractor Supply gift card. The craft projects that get Grand Best of Show will be receiving a gift card to Michaels.



Graphic does not show actual prize bucket or contents.

4-H Program Coordinator position open

Are you passionate about youth development and making a difference in your community? MSU Extension is seeking a [4-H Program Coordinator](#) to lead and grow local 4-H programs in Macomb County. This position will provide leadership for volunteer recruitment and training, youth program development, community partnerships, and expanding opportunities for young people throughout the county.

The position offers a starting salary of \$45,900, excellent benefit options (health, dental, vision, life & more), generous paid time off, tuition benefit programs, 10% employer match on 403b retirement program, and public service loan forgiveness. *NOTE: Some conditions apply. Applications are due August 11, 2026. Interested applicants can search for posting #1149391 on the MSU Careers website: <https://careers.msu.edu>

Help spread the word—or apply today—and join the team that is empowering the next generation of leaders in Macomb County!

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS & EVENTS

Creativity shines at the 4-H Culinary Workshop

Article and photos submitted by Avery S., 4-H Member



The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council held a 4-H Culinary Workshop at the VerKuijen Building in Clinton Township on July 7th.

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council hosted the 4-H Culinary Workshop at the VerKuijen Building in Clinton Township on July the. We welcomed 15 youth from five different clubs. The kids learned how to make charcuterie graze-boxes, participated in a chopped competition, and decorated fondant cupcakes. Overall, the workshop was a huge success, and we look forward to hosting more events similar to this in the future!



Annual Financial Summary Reports

Each 4-H club and committee is required to submit an [Annual Financial Summary Report](#) (AFSR) at the end of each program year (Sept. 1-August 31).

Please note that there is an AFSR form for clubs with funds, and different one for clubs with no funds. Leaders may either fill their club's form out electronically or use a printed copy.

Please submit forms to the Macomb County 4-H Office in Clinton Township between September 1 and October 1.

2026-2027 4-H Enrollment

Club Enrollment: Club enrollment packets will be available at the Armada Fair for new & returning 4-H club leaders to pick up. The information will also be made available on our web page by September 1st and will be emailed to administrative club leaders.

Member Enrollment/Re-enrollment: The 4-H Online enrollment system will be closing in late August and will reopen mid-September for 2026-2027 Member & Cloverbud enrollment or re-enrollment. The exact date will be announced when it becomes available.

Volunteer Enrollment: New volunteers need to apply and complete the Volunteer Selection Process through Volunteer Central and be interviewed by a Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator, then enroll in 4-H Online. Returning screened volunteers should only need to re-enroll through 4-H Online. If other action is needed of a returning volunteer, a Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator will contact the volunteer. Volunteers and volunteer applicants may check their status in Volunteer Central at any time, or contact the Macomb County 4-H staff.

Questions: Please direct questions to the Macomb County 4-H staff at Macomb.4h@macombgov.org or 586-469-6431.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS & EVENTS

2026 4-H Exploration Days: Participant Perspectives

Submitted by Renate Nebel Bernard, 4-H Volunteer & Chaperone

Nadia B. and Vivian B. attended all their sessions and enjoyed the full experience that Expo days has to offer. As a chaperone, I too enjoyed attending and seeing it thru the eyes of all the children. I was helping in a session about training your animals by using a clicking device. Wow was that interesting. The speakers are so knowledgeable and good at interacting with our youth.

They enjoyed learning, growing, and meeting new friends on the campus of Michigan State University during 2026 4-H Exploration Days.

"Expo (Exploration Days) was a wonderful experience! I loved all my sessions and met tons of new people! There are many different options on what to do for your classes which I like. One thing I wish though, is that we could do maybe like one more class just a little shorter. The classes are three hours long which can be a lot. Still very fun. I tried acting for the first time and I absolutely loved it! Everybody was so kind and my teacher was hilarious! During free time I went to the gym across the street from our dorms and played volleyball and basketball with many of my new friends. Ice skating was also really cool because it was in a huge ice rink and not too crowded but enough people to make it fun! Food was good but for breakfast I wish it was a little later. Maybe like 8 a.m. or even 9 a.m. Not everybody is a morning person, especially me! I went with my cousin to Expo so I had somebody to hang out with all the time but even if you go by yourself, you are 100% going to make many friends! The campus is also pretty! Walking to different sessions is definitely an adventure. I got lost once but I got to see lots of different places. One thing I do recommend is having a phone or map with you to know where you're going. And bring water with you wherever you go too! I got really thirsty in my classes! Overall, 4H Expo was so fun and will 100% be doing it again and again! Can't wait to meet more people and make more memories!" ♥

— Nadia B.



"Expo (Exploration Days) was an amazing opportunity for me to learn all about all the activities and events Michigan State offers. I really enjoyed being able to feel what it was to be like a college student and even getting to sleep in the dorms. Everything was well organized and very thorough with where we had to go for activities and meetings with my county. Now that I know Michigan state much better it will definitely be an option for me to go there when it is time for me to go to college. But, in the meantime, I would love to continue Expo!!"

— Vivian B.

Mark your calendars! Next year's 4-H Exploration Days event is June 23-25, 2027.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS & EVENTS

Reflections on Upper Peninsula 4-H Camp

Article and photos submitted by Renate Nebel Bernard, 4-H Volunteer

We (Clinton Valley 4-H Club) had three members attend the Upper Peninsula 4-H Camp at the [Clear Lake Education Center](#) in Manistique from July 8-10. It was an amazing adventure.

We drove up I-75 Monday before camp, crossing the [Mackinac Bridge](#) and staying the night in St. Ignace. St. Ignace had a charming walkable downtown, a free history museum, and boardwalk along the water with views of [Mackinac Island](#).

The next day, Tuesday, we drove to [Tahquamenon Falls State Park](#). The kids had a great time exploring the trails, scenic views and getting into the water of the lower falls.

Tuesday afternoon we drove along the scenic [Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore](#), stopping along the way to hike and take in the many scenic stops, [Log Slide](#), [Miners Castle](#), [Miners Castle Beach](#), staying the night in Munising.

Wednesday AM was check-in day at camp. The camp is located inside the [Hiawatha National Forest](#), nestled along the inland lake, [Clear Lake](#). It is a beautiful drive into the camp. The process was well organized. The kids arrived excited and nervous, and when I picked them up, they were happy, full of stories and new friendships.

Friday, they had a fun paper plates awards ceremony for the campers, with adults in the audience before checking out. We headed down state after the ceremony and were home that evening.

I highly recommend this wonderful, uniquely *Upper Peninsula Michigan* experience.

Note: It is very important to have bug spray, and head/hat nets for when hiking. This was in the packing list and would point it out as very important to bring. It was also offered to us to stay Tuesday night at the camp since we drove a long distance, which I will consider doing next time.

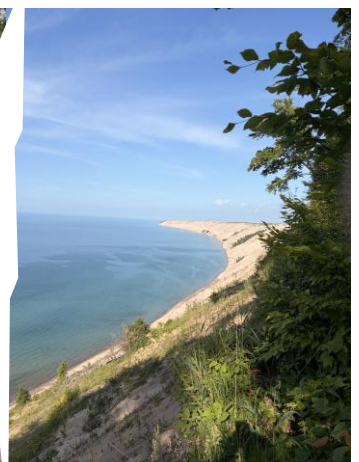
They were also in need of older 4-H teens to act as counselors. Extension Educator [Dave Radloff](#) was very helpful in answering all the questions we had and giving recommendations on what to see in the area.

Below are statements from the campers...

"This 4-H camp is one I will never forget it was so fun because all the activities and how they make the food homemade and the snorkeling was so cool but the most fun part was when we all went in the lake at once and playing football and the archery"
--Vaino B. (age 11)

"The U.P. 4-H Camp was so fun! Made many memories and new friends! I loved meeting new people and doing new things. I played tons of basketball and had a blast! Snorkeling and swimming were so fun! I can't wait to do it again in the future Some of my best memories that I'll have forever are from that camp!" --Nadia B (age 12)

"This was my first 4-H camp, it was spectacular. I loved all the fun activities like tie dyeing t-shirts and swimming, along with hiking and great views one of my favorite activities was basketball. You would always find me on the court making new friends. This was a great experience. I loved every second of camp and can't wait for next year!!" --Vivian B. (age 12)





OTHER LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Armada Fair updates

Armada Fair Clean-Up: The last Armada Fair Clean-Up date is August 9, 2026. We will start at 10 a.m. Come and help ready the Armada Fairgrounds (74280 Fair Street, Armada) for the 2026 Armada Fair season!

Advertise with the Armada Fair Livestock Committee: Advertising with the Armada Fair Livestock Committee during the Armada Fair benefits Macomb County 4-H youth by lowering their commission fees. Contact the Armada Fair Livestock Committee for more information: armadalivestock@gmail.com

Put your 4-H project in the spotlight: Now is your chance to highlight your 4-H livestock project! If you would like your project or anything 4-H related posted on the Armada Fair Youth Livestock Committee's social media pages, send it to armadalivestock@gmail.com.

Armada Fair Schedule: The complete Armada Fair Schedule is available [here](#).

Saturday, August 15

1-5 p.m. Still Exhibit Youth Judging (Barn 16)

Monday, August 17

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Youth Organizations Saddle Horse Show (Horse Arena)
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Open & Youth Organization Wool Breeds Sheep (Barn #16)
10 a.m.-Noon Youth Organizations Poultry Show (Barn #4)
5-6 p.m. Opening & Award Ceremonies (Grove Stage)

Tuesday, August 18

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Youth Livestock Hog Show (Barn #15)

Wednesday, August 19

1-3 p.m. Youth Organizations Market Lamb Judging (Barn #15)
2-3 p.m. Youth Market Goat Judging (Barn #15)
4-5 p.m. Youth Organizations Goat Show (Barn #16)

Thursday, August 20

9-11 a.m. Youth Organizations & Open Dairy (Barn #16)
9-11 a.m. Youth Organizations Market Beef & Prospect Beef Judging (Barn #15)
9-10 a.m. Youth Organizations Rabbit Judging (Barn #5)
1-3 p.m. Youth Organizations Miniature Horse Show (Horse Arena)

Friday, August 21

3-6 p.m. Silent Auction for Poultry & Rabbits (Barn #15)
4-8 p.m. [Armada Fair Youth Livestock Sale](#) (Barn #15)

Saturday, August 22

9 a.m.-Noon Youth Organizations Cavy Show (Barn #5)
10 a.m.-Noon Open & Youth Draft Halter Horse Show (Horse Arena)

Sunday, August 23

10-11 a.m. Open & Youth Draft Hitch Horse Show (Horse Arena)

Volunteers needed for Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in Warren

MSU Extension 4-H is seeking clubs and volunteers to help and support the City of Warren Cultural Commission's inaugural [Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration](#) on September 19, 2026 from 1-4 p.m. at Warren City Hall, 1 City Square, Warren.

4-H clubs are encouraged to host a demonstration, recruitment, or promotional table and help connect Hispanic and Latino youth and families with 4-H opportunities. If you or your club would like to participate, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at 586-469-6090 or duraneli@msu.edu.

The celebration will feature music, dance, food, art, educational displays and interactive activities that honor the rich cultures and contributions of the Hispanic community. Registration is encouraged by September 12, 2026. Questions? Contact Rhonda Hawe at 586-574-4521 or Olu Jabari at 586-574-4515.

Support 4-H youth through add-ons

The Add-On QR Code is available **July 19** through **August 19 & August 22** through **August 29**. To have an add-on announced during the livestock sale at the 2026 Armada Fair, contributions must be submitted by **August 19**.



Youth may also include the QR code in their buyer letters, making it easy for friends, family, and community members to support their projects without purchasing an animal.

Farm Bureau needs volunteers

Macomb County Farm Bureau IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer for a time slot and receive a \$50 Kroger gift card. Sign up today!



[Macomb County Farm Bureau](#) needs volunteers to man its agriculture trailer during Armada Fair week. Volunteers will receive a \$50 gift card.

Sign up:

<https://tinyurl.com/4x9n3kn9>.

Contact:

Kim Trpcevski
Phone: 586-727-0025
Email: ktrpcev@ctyfb.com



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Self-guided, interactive courses now available

Unlock real-world skills at your own pace with MSU Extension's 4-H free on-demand learning resources! From money smarts to career exploration, these self-guided videos and courses help teens and young adults build confidence for whatever comes next. Available 24/7 — learn when it works for you. Find them all here:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/career_preparation/index

4-H Alumni Reception – September 9th

Join MSU Extension for the 4-H Alumni Reception at Michigan State University on September 9th! If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, 1066 Bogue Street in East Lansing, from 5:30-7 p.m. for networking and a free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol – October 7

Mark your calendars and get ready to join Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan 4-H Foundation for [Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol](#)! For more than 115 years, Michigan 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities and today it continues to reach more than 139,000 Michigan youth, annually. To celebrate this program and bring awareness to its work, MSU Extension and the Michigan 4-H Foundation will host a reception-style event on Wednesday, October 7 at Heritage Hall - Capitol Visitor's Center, 323 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., visit educational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, alumni and staff. There will be a brief program at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments will be served. Registration is preferred by Oct. 3. Watch for the link!

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.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H State Awards

The [Michigan 4-H State Awards](#) Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during 4-H [Exploration Days](#) on June 24. Hosted by [Michigan State University Extension](#), the celebration took place on the campus of Michigan State University.

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, 56 4-H members from 22 counties submitted applications for this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 16 of the 22 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2026 awards are:

- Achievement:** Makayla King of Van Buren County
- Beef Science:** Claire Propst of St. Joseph County (junior) and Kylee Lantta of Gogebic County (senior)
- Birds & Poultry Science:** Edye Burdett of Alger County (junior) and Holly Mitchell of Lenawee County (senior)
- Career Development:** Emma Rasch of Kent County (junior)
- Companion Animal Science:** Madison Rehberg of Monroe County (senior)
- Dairy Science:** Kylie Smith of Ionia County (junior division) and Sophia Nielsen of Ingham County (senior)
- Equine Science:** Emery Velat of Oceana County (junior division) and Alayna Hammerle of Oceana County (senior)
- Goat Science:** Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior)
- Leadership:** Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Quinn Phillips of Hillsdale County (senior)
- Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Avery Mastej of Van Buren County (junior) and Lyla LaPaugh of Calhoun County (senior)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)
- Sheep Science:** Rachel Pollok-Newsom of Livingston County (junior) and Daisy Branham of Monroe County (senior)
- Swine Science:** Emma Verbeek of Delta County (junior) and Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (senior)
- Versatility:** Sophia Mason of Monroe County (junior) and Lariah Copi of Van Buren County (senior)
- Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts:** Liam Lower of Ingham County (junior) and Grace Schall of Monroe County (senior)
- Group:** Frankenmuth Pacesetters of Saginaw County, represented by Grace Pemble, Adeline Skidmore, Elliana Specht and Sydney Specht.

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 12 to 19 years old with two or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

Finalists in the senior (ages 16 to 19), achievement (18-19), and group categories then complete an interview using video conference technology. Completing a video interview provides an opportunity for 4-H members to practice real-world workforce skills.

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, group awardees received a \$400 cash award, and the achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the [Michigan 4-H Foundation](#).

To learn more about [Michigan 4-H Youth Development](#), contact your local [Michigan State University Extension](#) office or visit the [Michigan 4-H website](#).

Macomb County 4-H'er a State 4-H Awards finalist

Macomb County 4-H'er Levi A. was a finalist for the 2026 Michigan 4-H State Award Program's Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts-Senior award.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Adulting doesn't have to be hard—learn life skills with 4-H!

Join MSU Extension 4-H online for one or more of these [Adulting 101](#) sessions to learn important skills you'll need as an adult. Sessions are designed for teens and young adults, and they're free.

Roadmap to a Smart Used Car Purchase

Date: August 12

Time: 5 p.m. ET

Learn to buy a reliable used car on a budget! This workshop will provide tips, resources and strategies to help you make an informed decision with confidence.

Are You Ready?

Date: September 23

Time: 5 p.m. ET

Get ready for anything! This workshop will teach how to stay calm, make a plan, and handle emergencies with confidence and safety.

Mental Health Toolkit: Everyday Skills and Resources to Help Care for Your Mental Health

Date: October 7

Time: 6 p.m. ET

Learn ways to practice mental health supporting habits and explore resources to care for your mental health.

Paws, Claws, and Commitment: The Realities of Animal Care

Thursday, Nov. 12

7 p.m. ET

Explore the costs, responsibilities, and lifestyle considerations of caring for animals—from vet bills and training to choosing the right pet for your space and schedule.

All sessions will take place on Zoom and will last about an hour. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/42zz33eu>. For information, contact Kathy Jamieson - jamies13@msu.edu or Laurie Rivetto - rivettol@msu.edu.

Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters invited to get connected by the clover!

As a valuable member of the Michigan 4-H community, you already know the importance of the 4-H connection. We invite those age 18 and older to take that 4-H connection one step further by joining a new statewide community of 4-H supporters: Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends.

The Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends database will connect 4-H families, alumni, volunteers, supporters and others across Michigan with one another – connecting them by the clover! We hope you will take a few moments to sign-up for this free community and grow your connection.

As a member of Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends, you will receive information about opportunities to support 4-H youth and programs; 4-H programming and participants; upcoming events for the Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends community and more!

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends is open to anyone age 18+ who cares about Michigan 4-H: 4-H parents, staff members, volunteers, grandparents, supporters, partner organization representatives, donors and more. Learn more about Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends and find the link to join by visiting extension.msu.edu/Michigan4HA&F.

Other MSU Extension programs

For more information or to register for the MSU Extension programs listed below, visit www.mimoneyhealth.org.

Make a Spending Plan Work for You: Trying to stretch your money? Learn how to create and manage a spending plan.

Tips to Build and Protect Your Credit: This webinar will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

Savvy Tips for Starting a Small Business: This class provides financial tools to entrepreneurs and potential small business owners who are considering starting a new business.

Applying for Student Loans: This workshop will explore the financial options to pay for college.

The Informed Renter: This workshop will equip you with valuable information about the rental process that will help you navigate the technicalities and avoid costly mistakes. Learn your rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

Student Loan Repayment Options: Come spend an hour of your time to help increase your financial awareness regarding student loan repayment. This webinar will provide you with tips and tools to successfully navigate repaying your student loans including repayment options and how to avoid default.

Your Money Your Goals: How confident are you in your ability to: understand core financial management topics, such as budgeting, saving and setting financial goals, order and fix credit reports, or making decisions about repaying debts and taking on new debt? Complicated situations call for a proper toolkit! Come learn about the Your Money, Your Goals Toolkit in this 1.5 hour training!

Avoiding Predatory Lending in Housing and Other Loans: During this webinar, the topics covered will learn to recognize predatory loan tactics, learn to spot red flags, ask the right questions & watch for scams.



CALENDARS OF EVENTS

**Building work
readiness skills
through 4-H**



Beyond Ready

4-H programs create intentional opportunities for youth to build essential work readiness skills that prepare them for future success. Through structured, hands-on activities, young people practice communication, collaboration, problem solving and time management. Volunteers play a key role by guiding youth through meaningful tasks, helping them set goals, and encouraging personal responsibility and follow through.

As youth take on leadership roles, complete project work, and participate in real-world or simulated experiences, they begin to demonstrate growth in professionalism, work ethic and organizational skills. Every activity can help youth connect what they are learning in 4-H to what will be expected of them in the workplace.

How is your club helping youth build the skills they need to be work ready?

#BeyondReady

Macomb County 4-H Events

August 11

Deadline to apply for the Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator position

August 17

Macomb County 4-H Ice Cream Social
4 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds-Barn 11, Armada

August 17-23

4-H Youth Council Shred Sales Fundraiser
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada
Pre-order: <https://tinyurl.com/2up9c5ca>

MSU Extension – Macomb Program Guide
Read the current MSU Extension-Macomb Program Guide [here](#). [Subscribe](#) to receive it each month.

Other Local Events

August 9

Armada Fair Clean-Up #2
10 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 15

Armada Fair Still Project Judging
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 17-23

Armada Fair
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 24-October 10

Michigan Conservation Stewards Program
Macomb County
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/csp>

September 19

[Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration](#)
1-4 p.m., Warren City Hall Atrium, Warren

MSU Extension Advisory Council seeks members

Consider serving on the MSU Extension Advisory Council for Macomb County! The Advisory Council brings together community leaders, partners, and stakeholders who help guide our work by identifying community needs, providing feedback, serving as ambassadors for MSU Extension, and supporting our mission to improve the lives of local residents. Information about the council is available [here](#). The Council typically meets four times per year (two virtual and two in-person), with members serving a minimum two-year term. Your insight could help shape future programs, partnerships, and opportunities that benefit residents across the county. If you are interested, please complete this [qualtrics survey](#).

Statewide 4-H Events

Through August 7

[Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest](#)
Online

As part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase, youth ages 8-19 are invited to create a video or non-video promotional piece encouraging others to purchase the 4-H license plate.

Through August 7

[Michigan 4-H Business Pitch Contest](#)
Online

Participants may present a business they already own, currently operate or hope to start in the future, including product, service or community impact ideas. Youth will create a two-minute video pitch introducing themselves, explaining their business idea, identifying the problem they are solving, and sharing why their product or service stands out.

August 7

[MI State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase](#) entry deadline

August 12

[Adulting 101 – Roadmap to a Smart Used Car Purchase](#)
Online

Are you wanting to purchase a used car, but have no idea where to start? Learn tips, resources and strategies to help you make an informed decision with confidence.

August 13-16

[2025 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show](#)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, Mich.

This annual event brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate; spectators are welcome.

August 17-20

[4-H Garden Adventures Summer Camp 2026](#)
Traverse City, Mich.

Join us for fun adventures in nature, nurturing resilience, kindness, community and creativity. This camp is designed to encourage sustainability and growth from the inside out through a fun and engaging hands-on approach. Register by August 17.

September 9

[Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception](#)

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing, Mich.
Join MSU Extension for the ninth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

September 23

[Adulting 101: Are you ready?](#)

5 p.m., online
Learn how to stay calm, make a plan, and handle emergencies